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IN MEMORIAM BARBARA J. WHITESIDE

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On January 4, 2013 the WFA lost its first president and one of its chief cheerleaders. Barbara Josephine Whiteside of Fleetwood, Lancashire, UK was a remarkable personal-

ity with an infectious laugh that brightened many WFA gatherings and board meetings.

Barbara came to the US in 2003 and participated in the very first gathering of those of Whiteside at Elliott and Joann's home in Kingston, TN. The memories shared by those present at that gathering relate Barbara as a pivotal personality in the creation of the WFA. Barbara was an entertainer by trade. She traveled the world singing including a stint for the troops in Vietnam. She provided the vocal closure for that first meeting in Kingston.

Another of her talents was that of a researcher. She was skilled and thorough in her work researching her Whiteside family. She was always willing to help anyone and was an authority particularly on Catholic Whiteside history.

Barbara joined with David Whiteside in arranging a Whiteside Gathering at Garstang, which was the first of its kind in the UK. Two years later they arranged a seminar at Myerscough College, Bilsborough.

Barbara has been the UK director on the WFA Board of Directors since 2009. She has actively participated in meetings via Skype.

The WFA recognizes the contributions that Barbara has made to the organization and sends its condolences to her family. Barbara, RIP.

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2013 CLAN GATHERING AND MEETING

The WFA will have its annual meeting on June 8, 2013 at the Holiday Inn in Uniontown, PA. This location was chosen because of its accessibility to the general Pittsburgh area and the village of Whitsett, PA.

Many exciting new activities are planned for this weekend. You have received in a separate communication the information about a special day of sightseeing and family fun in Pittsburgh on June 7. This is too good to miss! See the city without the hassles of traffic and parking! Send in your reservations soon.

WHEN: June 8, 2013

WHERE: Uniontown, Pennsylvania (approx. 40 miles south of Pittsburgh)

LOCATION: Holiday Inn and Conference Center, 700 West Main St.,
Uniontown, PA 15401
724-437-2816

(A block of rooms has been reserved at the \$109 per night rate; mention the WFA when making reservations to get this special rate.)

SCHEDULE:

Thursday, June 6 Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, June 7 "Field Trip" Day to Pittsburgh

Saturday, June 8 Annual Business Meeting in the AM
Lunch at the Hotel
Afternoon Field Trip to Whitsett, PA
Family Dinner at Uniontown Restaurant

Make your plans now to join your Whiteside "cousins" for a grand weekend in western Pennsylvania. In addition to the sights of the city, there are many places of interest within a few miles of our meeting location.

LOOK FOR THE FLYER ABOUT THE DAY IN PITTSBURGH . MAKE YOUR PLANS TO JOIN US FOR AN ENTERTAINING AND EDUCATIONAL TIME!

NEWS FROM "DOWN UNDER"**Where does the kid get it from?**

The following article appeared in the Blenheim, New Zealand Sun newspaper on November 7, 2012. Les & Katrina Whiteside are the owners of this paper and the author of the article which is excerpted here was Bruce Whiteside, father of Les Whiteside.

I smiled as only a father can upon reading "A decade....thank you Marlborough" below the masthead of the Blenheim Sun. I knew where the lad who owns this paper came from. Les Whiteside quit school in 1972 and worked in the Sockburn Christchurch Toyota factory long enough to earn one paycheck. It was then that I marched into the plant and frog-marched my son back for the last 12 months of his schooling days.

When Les finished school he applied for a job at the old Cjhrstchurch Star newspaper in February 1973. He was a lad with a purpose and progressed well until he had a stint in Brisbane. After nearly 12 months he returned home and returned to the Star. He did well, but he was never a follower; he was restless to lead. At the ripe old age of 28 he announced that he was going to buy the old Ellesmere Guardian newspaper in Leeston, Central Canterbury. "A kid buying a newspaper....Who does he think he is? Rupert Bloody Murdoch!" This is where fate played its hand.

Les' grandfather Bill Whiteside started out as a cadet with the long since defunct Lyttelton Times. Writing was in his blood and the tragedy was that his father pulled him out of the paper saying "no son of mine is going to be a scribbler!" What followed was a life of being a painter and paperhanger for 40 years. During the great Depression he often wrote poetry which was featured in the old Standard and Mirror newspapers. When his wife became ill he began writing cricket reports for the Rotorua Post. Through this work he was offered a job as a "proof-reader" at the Bay of Plenty Beacon. Many years later he was offered the job of editor, but declined opting to train someone much younger.

Re-enter Les when he fronted the then owner of the Ellesmere Guardian. The gentleman, thinking him much too young, told him to go away for a couple of years. Les handed him his business card and said "I'll be back." The owner spotted his name, called him back and asked if he knew Bill Whiteside. Les responded, "He's my grandfather." The man responded "Your granddad taught me all I know about newspapers." Thus the passion that Les talks about today was put in motion. Today, 10 years later, Les and Katrina Whiteside, are the proud owners of The Blenheim Sun.



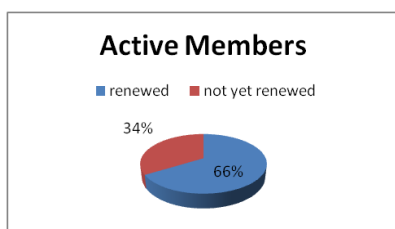
MEMBERSHIP



Memberships is in the plural in the WFA because we have a variety of ways that Whitesides can have fun, do research, and communicate with one another.

In the WFA itself we are almost at the extended end of fiscal 2012. At this point, on a base of 154 active members, 2/3rds have renewed. If you have not, there is still time. We have 26 NEW members during the past year, some of whom came through Facebook. Included in the total are 27 LIFE members. Unfortunately, we have had 4 members deceased in the last year.

Our worldwide diversity has remained about the same—75% from the US; 18% from Canada and UK; the rest are from Oceania.



Whiteside Family Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/3516335528197341>) has 123 members, of which only about 1/3 are also active WFA members. The Whiteside facebook trade pictures, stories, and family histories.

DNA PROJECT

Our **DNA program** is active <https://www.familytreedna.com/login.aspx> we now have 106 participants who have purchased analyses at various levels.

The mtDNA has 14 members, 4 have done Full Sequence, 9 have done mtDNA Plus. In the yDNA program there are 89 at the 12 marker level, 77 at 25, 63 at the 37 level and 25 at the 67 level. Of significance 4 have gone to the 111 marker. This new level is a strong tool for predicting our common ancestor. Two of the Whitesides who have done the 111 level are from family 9000 and 2500 respectively. In the past we would not have thought of them as closely related. FTDNA now states, based on statistical analysis that there is a 98.4% probability they are related at 12 generations and a 100 % probability at 24 generations. Research continues at the documentation level as well as the DNA level to get a clearer picture of our origins. We plan to have more analysis available at the "Gathering" in June

In Memoriam

Anne Whitesides Alexander

COUSIN BOB

Robert Leroy Whitside (notice the spelling!) was born in Simcoe, Ontario , a small town about 100 miles Southwest of Toronto. He married Barbara, a nurse from nearby Brantford, and raised four kids. Bob graduated from University of Western Ontario in Business Administration and worked briefly for Ontario Hydro.

His brother Bill coaxed him to join the small family business, Simcoe Mitt and Glove Co., which produced work gloves around 1950. Bob took on the job of sales and marketing while Bill headed up production. They were great partners and friends as well as brothers.

They adapted to changing markets and steadily grew the company. When the glove market shrank, they took on the production of industrial clothing and rainwear. Eventually the company—now called Ranpro Safety Products—grew to almost 200 employees. A new plant with more modern equipment and processes soon followed.

With this success, Bob was able to retire in the mid 1980s. He and Barbara were then able to spend time traveling by RV around North America. They spent time at their winter home in Florida and their summer cottage on Georgian Bay.

Even while still working Bob was an avid boater on Lake Erie. Summer weekends and holidays were spent gunkholing around the sandy bays of Long Point. In winter Bob built and restored boats. He built two cruisers and a dinghy. He was also a boat handling instructor for the Power Squadron. In his spare time he used to fly his own private plane around North America. Golfing continues to be a favorite pastime. He says it is now getting easier to play his age!

Community service was always a part of his life. He was instrumental in building two swimming pools and a recreation centre in Simcoe.

When he became interested in family histories, he joined the WFA and the Norfolk Historical Society which operates Simcoe 's museum and archives. Bob joined the WFA very soon after the first inaugural meeting in Kingston, TN and has been a major contributor ever since. He has had a major influence on making WFA what it is today.

Bob always believed, and he told everyone that a Whitside was NOT a Whiteside until he had his yDNA done. We are very happy that "Those of Whiteside" have a family number 0701.

Perhaps not seen by most members, Bob' s business acumen has been of great benefit to the Board of Directors through the years. What members do see is the WFA web site which ranks as one of the best family history sites on the Internet. This is the result of collaboration with many members and 20 hours a week of indexing and creative writing.

WFA says a big "THANK YOU " to Bob for dedication beyond description by mere words!

MEMORIAL FUND

Just a reminder.....

In 2012 WFA Board of Directors created the **WFA Memorial Fund** to honor members who are deceased. Any person can contribute any amount of money to this fund payable to WFA. The proceeds will be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors to further WFA projects. Please send all contributions to treasurer Jim Whiteside, 106 Anne Hutto Road, Anderson, SC 29625. Be sure to indicate the name of the person being remembered. Donors and families will be notified of all contributions.

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE WHITESIDE

James Whiteside was born in Delgany, County Wicklow on August 12, 1804, and was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and the Inner Temple. In 1830 he was called to the Bar and in 1842 rose to Queen's Counsel. After a successful law career, he was elected Conservative member of Parliament for Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, and for Dublin University in 1859. In the same year he became a Judge. He was a Solicitor-General from 1852-1853 and Attorney-General from 1858-1859. In 1866 he became Lord Chief Justice. He died in Brighton on November 25, 1876.

Another example of a Whiteside ancestor who made a name for himself!

Posted on Whiteside Family Facebook Group by Dan Boucher

HELP WANTED!!

For personal family reasons two WFA Directors cannot stand for re-election. We welcome volunteers to help run the WFA. Time commitment is elastic, it is what you make it. Please consider getting involved, contact Bill Whiteside

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It's Never Too Late!

If you have not renewed your WFA membership, it's not too late! Either go to PayPal or send your \$10.00 check to Jim Whiteside, WFA Treasurer at 106 Anne Hutto Road, Anderson, SC 29625.

Check out the WFA Website at
www.whitesideancestry.org

**Make your plans now to join
your "Whiteside Cousins"
In Uniontown, PA
in June 2013.**

