



WHITESIDE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

It's Almost Here!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- > **ANNUAL MEETING PLANS**
- > **Things to See & Do in Lexington**

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WHAT: WFA Annual Clan Gathering & Meeting

WHERE: Lexington, Virginia

WHEN: September 13 & 14, 2014

WHAT'S HAPPENING??

- **Board of Directors Meeting—Friday, September 12**
- **Annual Meeting—Saturday, September 13**
- **Reunion w/our Cousins—Sunday, September 14**

This beautiful town in the Virginia mountains is home to the famous “Wagon Road” that many of our Whiteside ancestors followed as they moved farther south in the US. We’ll see a great documentary about this road as part of our meeting. We’ll also join our “kissin” cousins in this part of VA for their annual reunion on Sunday.

The WFA “Gathering Place” will be at the following location:

DAYS INN, 2800 North Lee Highway, Lexington, VA.

Telephone: 540-463-9164

A block of rooms has been reserved in the name of “Whiteside Family Association” with a nightly rate of \$89 plus tax. Call and make your reservations today!

The Saturday morning meeting will be in the **Rockbridge County Library** in downtown Lexington at 10:00 AM. A family dinner will be held at a local restaurant on Saturday evening.

There’s a long list of “**things to do in Lexington**” later in this newsletter. Make your plans now to come and enjoy the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of VA and meet your cousins all in the same weekend.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The WFA Board of Directors will hold it fall meeting in Lexington, VA on Friday, September 12 in the Rockbridge County Library. There is a full agenda of items relating to our organization. As always, these meetings are open to any and all WFA members. You are welcome to come!

AN INTERESTING DEFINITION

Within the world of genealogical research there are many acronyms used which most of us do not understand. A commonly used one is **GEDCOM**. What is this? GEDCOM is an acronym for **GE**nealogical **Data** **COM**munication which is a proprietary and open specification for exchanging genealogical data between different genealogical software. GEDCOM was developed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church) as an aid to genealogical research.

A GEDCOM file is plain text containing genealogical information about individuals, and meta data linking these records together. Most genealogy software supports importing from and/or exporting to GEDCOM format.

MEMBERSHIP/TREASURY INFO

Thanks to all our new members over the past quarter. You have helped me learn quite a bit about navigating the 'back end' of our website that is used to administer and manage the functionality of the site. If your membership status seems to have a snag or it seems the dog ate your check, I am the one to come to.

We have several new members this quarter, so I wanted to let everyone know that if I seem slow in getting checks to the bank, that's because I am. Most of the membership pay through PayPal, but for you that send me a check, I wanted to let you know that I do make a conscious effort to take membership checks to the bank once a month. Sometimes, the deposits are rather small, so I stall awhile, and sometimes I don't get into town for some time. But don't worry, I have not forgotten you. We really appreciate your membership and dues payments.

Don't forget that the annual dues cycle for 2015 will soon be here. We will send out an email, probably in October, to those with email addresses to let everyone know to mark their calendars. The official notice should be our next newsletter..

See you at the September Annual Gathering!!

Jim Whiteside, Treasurer



REMEMBER!

The WFA needs YOUR help. These volunteer positions need willing workers:

- Webmaster
- Board Member
- Data collector

CONTINUING FAMILY RESEARCH

Members of the WFA are engaged in a constant search to verify our earliest ancestors. A recent finding includes a deed dated 1636 in which property is exchanged between a Thomas Whiteside and William Husketh. The following is an analysis of information we know about this Thomas Whiteside as done by William G. Whiteside:

References to DW mentioned in the analysis refer to the work of Don Whiteside.

CHRONOLOGY THOMAS OF CARLETON

C 1545 ENG

Thomas born (Assume date is estimate)

1571

Thomas Whiteside bc1571 d- source

Thomas included because of references to Thomas Sr in DW-76 and Thomas Jr. in DW-77

1582 ENG

William Whiteside c1582- source

1607 2 Dec William Whiteside b. c1582 d m 2 Dec 1607 Agnes (Garlike)

DW-77 contains two references to William Sr. of Great Carleton.

WILLIAM Sr. in Carleton

Possible children of William Sr.

Thomas Whytsyd 1611-Of Lower House of Great Carleton bp. Sep 03 1611

Thomas, s/o Willm Whytsyd of the lower howse in great Carlton DW-76

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Lower house of great Carleton Baptism

Sep 03 1611 Thomas, s/o Willm Whytsyd of the lower howse in great Carlton DW76

7. An item of interest:

Thomas Whytesyde: Conveyance, February 28, 1609, of tenement and lands in Carleton, Lancashire, England, from Lawrence Lyvesey, Sutton, Lancashire, gentleman, to Thomas Whytesyde, Great Carleton, Lancs., husbandman. P.R.O.N.I., T 1802.
(NB: this document is very hard to read. It is located in the same collection as are the Whitesides of Killycolpy and Magheramulkenny, which are near Stewartstown and Cookstown, Co. Tyrone).

Burials St Chads

Mar 01 1620/1 Willme, s/o Willme Whiteside, sen, of great Carlton

Oct 06 1671 Thomas Whiteside of Carleton

PLAN AHEAD FOR WFA SEPTEMBER IN LEXINGTON!!

We hope lots of you are planning to join us in Lexington, VA, for the annual Clan Gathering and General Meeting of the WFA on September 13 & 14. Here are some ideas of interesting places to visit during your stay in the Shenandoah Valley. It's so beautiful!

Lexington sits at the intersection of I- 81 and I- 64 and Route 11 and Route 60

Route 11 and/or I-81 are basically the route of the **"Wagon Road"**

Lexington:

Carriage tour of Lexington, VA; or walking tour of Lexington

Lee Chapel museum and grounds of Washington and Lee University

Stonewall Jackson House

Stonewall Jackson Statue in Stonewall Jackson Cemetery

Virginia Military Institute grounds and museums; Cadet Drill on Friday afternoon

Downtown Lexington shopping – small shops

Two large antique malls 2 miles north of Lexington on Route 11

Virginia Horse Center – 1 mile out of town on Rt. 11 West to Rt. 39 - Weekend shows

Buena Vista, VA – 6 miles east of Lexington on Rt. 60:

Glen Maury Park – Golf course, magnificent vistas and photo ops

Southern Virginia University

Timber Ridge, VA – 10 miles north of Lexington and five minutes from DAYS INN on Rt. 11:

Old Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church – est. 1756 – where Moses and Thomas Whiteside worshipped

Birthplace of Samuel Houston – marker and picnic table

Raphine, VA – 15 miles north of Lexington on Rt. 11:

"Walnut Grove," Cyrus McCormick farm; inventor of the reaper; displays & picnic tables

Natural Bridge, VA – 12 miles south of Lexington on Rt. 11:(currently being turned into a state park)

Natural Bridge (215 foot natural wonder in stone); walk under the bridge

Natural Bridge Caverns and Wax Museum

Natural Bridge Safari Park – auto tour – feed the animals, the giraffe is sure to lick you!

Staunton, VA – 30 miles north of Lexington on Rt. 11:

Woodrow Wilson birthplace

Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library

Frontier Culture Museum of VA – Irish, German, etc. homes of the earlier settlers to the Shenandoah Valley

Charlottesville – 60 miles northeast of Lexington on I-81 to I-64:

Monticello – home of Thomas Jefferson

University of VA – grounds and Edgar Allen Poe's room

Bedford – 60 miles southeast of Lexington on routes 501 to 130 to 122:

National D-Day Memorial (WWII memorial; the book "The Bedford Boys")

Thomas Jefferson's oval home retreat called "Poplar Forest", undergoing renovation

"When you're on Route 11, you're on the Wagon Road."

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