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## WHITESIDE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

### DIGITAL MEETING

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The WFA Board of Directors held its fall meeting at the Chester County Historical Society in West Chester, PA on October 14, 2015. One item of business was a decision about the next general membership meeting. The WFA Constitution provides two options for these meetings—an actual meeting at an assigned place or a digital meeting. The board chose to exercise the digital option for 2015. All active members should expect to receive an email or hard copy notice of this event in late October. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect four board members for two year terms.

An actual ballot will be sent on November 30, 2015. Be looking for these documents or email messages.

Other items of business on the director's agenda included reports from all officers and directors. The group discussed at length the development of the DNA projects and their impact on the purpose of the WFA.

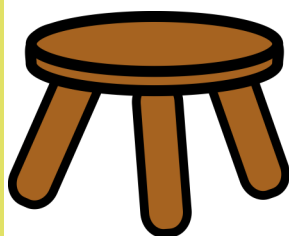
The nature and purpose of the WFA annual general meetings was discussed at length. Low attendance at the last few meetings seems to indicate little interest among the general membership. Places for a 2016 gathering were brainstormed. A definite time and place will be decided at the spring board of directors meeting.

### WFA Position & Purpose

As the various activities of the WFA grow and mature, the organization finds itself in an interesting position. It is like a three-legged stool which stands on the legs of **TRADITIONAL GENEALOGY, SOCIAL GENEALOGY, AND TECHNICAL GENEALOGY.**

The members of the organization have joined for a variety of reasons. Some are seeking information about their ancestors following the **Traditional Genealogy** paths. Those who are part of the WFA Facebook group are primarily interested in socially connecting with their family, so they are exploring **Social Genealogy**. Still others are very involved in the research and statistical data that is a part of the DNA project. These people are focused on **Technical Genealogy**.

The WFA has something for everybody! The directors are very aware of the need to keep this 3-legged stool balanced and KISS (keep it simple stupid). Please help us keep this stool standing upright and strong.





## ROYAL FAMILY HEREDITY DISPUTE

Even the Queen herself has experienced the kind of problems that DNA evidence can introduce into a family. She has ordered Britain's most senior judges to settle a dispute over a hereditary title. This move could have far-reaching consequences for the British aristocracy.

The feud was unexpectedly sparked by an innocent family tree project involving a distinguished lineage dating back to the 13th century. DNA analysis revealed that the last baronet came from a different bloodline than his relatives suggesting that there may have been an illegitimate child in some previous generation.

The two rival branches of the family have spent thousands of pounds on a legal battle over which is the true lineage. The peerage authorities were called upon to decide if genetic material could be used to determine the inheritance of the Pringle of Stichill baroncy. The Queen herself had to order the little-known court of top judges to make the ruling. If they agree that the DNA material can be admitted, it can then be used in any future claim to the peerage. This could have huge implications for the whole of the British aristocracy—possibly even the Royal Family itself.

This very difficult case will pit modern genetic science against hundred of years of tradition. It could easily "open a can of worms" which will affect all these sorts of disputes. Keep watching for the results. Could be quite interesting.....

## DID YOU KNOW??

WFA reaches people of Whiteside in many different ways: The following groups show you the ways we reach out and the number of people involved.

**FTDNA** Sept 20, 2015

yDNA—100; Big Y—3; mtDNA—18; Autosomal—22; Gedcoms—12

**TNG** Sept 20, 2015 have 28 family trees representing over 66,000 people

**Facebook** 282 friends; 40—50 of these are WFA members

**WFA** Active & inactive members—382; 136 are active as of Sept 2015

**Norfolk Marriage Index 1801 - 1837 Letter W****Brides Name First Name D M Y Grooms Name First Name Parish Parish**

WHITER Jane 3 2 25 BURCH Collison Elmham, North 189  
 WHITER Mary 13 7 1 GOOCH John Caston 128  
 WHITERED Elizabeth 1 10 11 RUDD James Norwich St Giles 404  
 WHITEROD Maria 27 4 32 SHINN Thomas Bridgham 88  
 WHITESIDE Ann 1 7 31 SCOTT Thomas Beeston next Mileham 45  
 WHITESIDE Mary 2 5 8 WILSON Charles Gorleston 717  
 WHITESIDES Ann 4 12 18 SCOTT William Sparham 536  
 WHITESIDES Ann 11 11 24 STURMAN Juby Stibbard 545  
 WHITESIDES Elizabeth 31 1 13 EGGLESTONE Robert Ryburgh, Great 487  
 WHITESIDES Elizabeth 12 2 24 CLARKE John Sparham 536  
 WHITESIDES Margaret 23 9 22 WATSON Joseph Ryburgh, Great 487  
 WHITESIDES Mary 5 11 5 DREW James Raynham, East 456  
 WHITESIDES Mary 25 12 30 BETTS James Ryburgh, Great 487  
 WHITESIDES Mary 20 9 32 TANN Benjamin Bawdeswell 40  
 WHITESIDES Mary Ann 21 5 20 BLYTH John Tolhurst Yarmouth, Great 703  
 WHITESIDES Sarah 25 12 36 BREESE William Bawdeswell 40  
 WHITESIDES Sophia 23 5 31 HUDSON John Sparham 536.

If you have  
 family with  
 History in  
 Norfolk, England,  
 These marriage  
 Records may be  
 Of interest.

**THE NEXT GENERATION: WFA's Newest Research Tool**

The WFA recently christened a new research tool for you. The WFA website now includes a powerful tool called TNG or The Next Generation. It can be found under the "Research" tab on the home page of the members' only section after you log on. The mouse path is:

*Research >Members research >TNG Genealogies.*

Even though it looks like TNG resides on the website, you still need to set up a log on/password for TNG on your first visit. I use my WFA log on/password for my TNG account.

The WFA has provided the tool, but its growth and benefit is up to all members. That's the fun part of the project. Each of us now has a way to make our organization an even more powerful research asset. Here is why. TNG is a program that integrates all the GedCom files that members submit. Imagine the research opportunities we can all realize if every member's tree were integrated into one tree. Imagine the research opportunities you can provide to others and all the opportunities that participating members can offer you.

Don't imagine anymore, just do it!! All you need to do is make a GedCom of your Whiteside line and email it as an attachment to Dan Boucher.

He is waiting and his email is: [danboucher7@gmail.com](mailto:danboucher7@gmail.com)

Jim Whiteside

## Traditional or Technical Genealogy?

### Highways or Forks in the Road

I have been trying to figure out where DNA technology fits into my traditional genealogy research methods. Perhaps you have too. Well, I found a place for it, and here is my story.

I began my Whiteside research in the late 1990's after some good results with other family lines built my confidence. I found a contact on the Internet of the 1990's who referred me to Bill R. Whiteside, a Whiteside researcher who predates the formation of our WFA. Bill is still very active, now serving as the WFA family historian. We started the project knowing only that my dad's grandfather's name was John Edward Whiteside and he was a cotton mill superintendent in Orangeburg, SC and died in the early 1930's in North Carolina. He had two sons, my grandfather and another son, John Edward Jr.

Now that is not much to build a case. Bill Whiteside was not on the Internet yet, so he and I traded several letters thru snail mail. He would send me suggestions, and I would try to run them down. I would report my results to Bill, and soon I would receive another letter with better hints based on my earlier results.

After about five iterations, the search field was really getting small. Bill sent a letter suggesting that I should look for a book published by the 3400 Whitesides family, titled "The History of the Family of James and Martha Crawford and John and Isabella Whitesides" I found the 1939 edition in the stacks at the Wisconsin Historical Society. There was my great grandfather and his family. Through traditional genealogy, Bill had helped me worm my way back to John Edward Whitesides, and the book in front of me showed John Edward's family from about 1785 forward to 1939 including his great-great grandfather, with all his aunts, uncles, and cousins. Thank you Bill Whiteside!!!

So traditional genealogy research gave me excellent verification that I was a member of Whiteside family 3400, and it identified cousins and uncles, aunts and grandparents I never knew. But could I be sure? I found that the family has met in annual reunions since sometime in the 1920's. After I made the connection, I began attending reunions. Elliott Whitesides, from a different Whitesides family and a founding member of the WFA, attended a reunion and convinced me and two other family male members that we should have the "Y" DNA test done. I thought, "This would be a good opportunity to learn a little about DNA and to really sew up my membership in the 3400 family."

I proceeded with the test. I remember kidding my dad that this better play out or he would have some explaining to do. After all, I did find one big skeleton in the closet up to this point. The test results verified that the three family members who submitted DNA samples were exact matches at the 25 level. So the DNA did show that I was indeed a member of the 3400 family. Traditional research verified the DNA research and vice versa.

From my experience, traditional genealogy (paper trails) and technical genealogy (DNA) work at different levels. Traditional DNA is the only way you can put names on ancestors, reconstruct families, discover the history of their migrations, life events, how families were formed and how you fit in. If you like to fly over the Whiteside landscape at 50,000 feet to see how your family evolved over centuries and eons, DNA can offer many clues and cut to the quick in short time. But you will never find the names, relationships, places or history.

The WFA supports both forms of research. It has strong footings in both. So pick your poison, the WFA is there either way.

Jim Whiteside



## The WFA Needs You!

The WFA has several important tasks for which volunteers are needed. Please carefully consider each and step up to the plate to help us work efficiently.

- ♦ The webmaster is working to index all of Don Whiteside's state family tree charts. Help with this very large task is needed. If you would be willing to help, contact Bob Whiteside [bob@whitside.org](mailto:bob@whitside.org)
- ♦ Remember: If you have a new email address, please contact Jim Whiteside with this information.
- ♦ A new webmaster to relieve Bob Whiteside. It should take about 5—6 hours per week. Again contact [bob@whitside.org](mailto:bob@whitside.org) if you are interested.

## WEBSITE WANDERINGS

Have you searched the Whiteside Ancestry Website? The WHOLE website? Probably not, but here's a suggestion.....

- In the top right corner there is a box titled **SEARCH**. Beneath it is "Site & Docs" and below that is KEYWORD.
- Type your search word in the **KEYWORD SPACE**, hit the enter key and wait for the results. As a Member it will take you through all our documents. Try a maiden surname, the more uncommon, the better. Try a combination of first and second names. I have an uncle Samuel Marmaduke and he gets great results.
- You can even try specific dates such as 18 June 1822. Results will depend on how the site donor entered their dates.
- You can request "All Words" or "Any Words" or "Exact Phrases."

Try some of these ideas, you might be pleasantly surprised.

[www.whitesideancestry.org](http://www.whitesideancestry.org)

## *A Family's Cemetery Adventure*



Recently, I made quite a wonderful discovery on [FindaGrave.com](http://FindaGrave.com). I was going to be in Columbus, Ohio for an art exhibit and thought that I should take the time to look for some old family graves since a number of my family lines came through that part of the country soon after the War of 1812.

One of the Cemeteries I found was Kempton Cemetery. Some of the people buried there were 3, 4 and 5 times great grandparents. It is very small and has only about 60 graves. Many of the stones were broken and badly eroded, but I was amazed to find some well-known names. Now, none of the names at Kempton was Whiteside, but they were all connected to my Whiteside family.

When I got home from Columbus, I found myself thinking about that little cemetery and those old and broken stones. On a hunch I contacted the Franklin County Genealogical and Historical Society to learn more about the “care and feeding” of this cemetery.

Sue Snapp, a volunteer, not only offered me suggestions, she also put me in touch with Boy Scout Troop #295. These fabulous young men and their wonderful scoutmaster, Doug Edginton, were looking for a community service project. Before I knew it, the troop was spending Monday evenings cleaning up, repairing stones, and generally giving Kempton Cemetery the makeover it deserved.

I then contacted my sister, and 7 cousins and assorted spouses. We set a day to meet in Columbus and on October 3<sup>rd</sup> that meeting took place. We came from California, Oklahoma, Colorado, Virginia, Illinois and Wisconsin and gathered with the Boy Scouts, their leaders, family members and Sue Snapp who got this all going. The Scouts did a wonderful presentation on the work they had done and then I spoke a bit about the importance of all of this to our family as well as some information about just who those folks buried there were.

This entire experience was absolutely amazing and made me think of a friend who long ago referred to the “Psychic School of Genealogy.” That was what she called the looking and looking for people until they are ready to be found. I’m just glad that I kept looking. Nancy Torphy

**Remember WFA membership renewal comes in January 2016!** Just go to Paypal or send a check for \$10.00 to Jim Whiteside , 106 Anne Hutto Rd., Anderson, SC 29625

**Have questions about WFA projects and activities? Want to know who to ask??**  
Go to the WFA website front page and scroll down. Everything you ever wanted to know is right there!