

WHITESIDE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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APRIL WFA BOARD MEETING

The WFA Board of Directors met on April 10 & 11 in Hagerstown, MD. As always the agenda was filled with reports from various projects and plans for the future. At other places in this edition you will find several of these reports outlined in detail.

Other topics discussed at length were the progress on the Celtic Project which is being administered by Charles Peter Langley after the death of Warren Whiteside; the various family research projects being implemented; plans for the WFA to work with Bill R. Whiteside to assume oversight of his research..

ANNOUNCING

WFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

PLACE: Gastonia, NC

DATES: October 23 & 24, 2019

VENUE: Comfort Suites Hotel, Remount Road



**Jenkin Whiteside
Prominence to Pickle Barrel
1772 Chester Co PA – 1822 Russellville AL
Family 4000**

Jenkin Whiteside was the 3rd child of ten born to Dr. Thomas Whiteside ca.1745 Ireland -1823 Chester Co PA and Mary Junkin. Around 1800, Jenkin and his brothers William b.1777 and Thomas Jr. b.1783 migrated to Grainger Co TN. William married Blanche Shelton around 1808, farmed there till 1820, moved to Sumner Co TN, they had eight children, he died 1844. Thomas Jr. built the Whiteside Inn 1811 and in 1813 built the Bean Station Tavern & Inn. About 1810, Thomas had an affair with Polly Ann Sword and fathered Henry Sword, my gg/gf. Between 1824 & 1849 Thomas fathered 13 more children to two mistresses simultaneously; he legitimized them in his will, he died 1851. Court records indicate he fathered others who are unnamed.

Jenkin Whiteside b.1772 was a TN land speculator, renowned real estate attorney, US Senator from TN 1809-1811, was a soldier in War of 1812, and an entrepreneur. After Grainger he lived in Knoxville and Nashville. In 1813 he loaned the money and possibly the land to Thomas Jr. to construct the Bean Station Tavern & Inn. In March 1819 Jenkin became a financial partner with Jacob Heslip, an Iron Master from Chester Co PA, to operate the first iron furnace in AL on Cedar Creek near Russell's Valley, the soil rich in iron ore. Joseph Heslip died ca.1821 and Jenkin moved to Russell's Valley to manage the iron furnace. Tragically Jenkin was killed in an accident at the foundry September 24, 1822. His body was preserved in a barrel of vinegar or wine and transported back to Columbia, Maury Co, TN where he is buried in Greenwood Cemetery next to his brother Abraham. Both their names are inscribed on a magnificent obelisk marker. At the time of his death, Jenkin, a lifelong bachelor, was reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in Tennessee.

Alabama's First Iron Furnace <http://buildingthepride.com/tvhs/files/2013/07/Shoals004-copy.pdf>

Contributed by Richard Soard, family 4000, ggg/gs of Thomas Whiteside Jr.

WFA BOARD MEMBERS

At its April board meeting the Board of Directors decided that they should introduce themselves to you over the next few newsletter editions.

DAVID WHITESIDE

David is the director from the United Kingdom and has served in this position for a number of years. He spends lots of time reaching out to all those of the Whiteside clan “over the pond” as Americans like to say. The board welcomes David to their meetings via skype. David brings lots of levity to the meetings.



He is enjoying retirement at this time, but his years of work were varied and quite interesting. Born on March 24, 1947 in Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire David spent his childhood there in Preston and at age 15 started work as an Apprentice Joiner at a building and civil engineering contracting firm. This apprenticeship gave him the opportunity to work closely with his father who was a wonderful mentor. At age 21 he ended his apprenticeship and began real work in his trade. The next few years found him doing contract work all over the Northern UK.

Meanwhile, David had gone to school with Elizabeth Jean Carr whom he married in 1969 at Gutteridge Methodist Church. Later he became the proud father of two daughters.

Looking for a new avenue in life led to his appointment as a police constable. This required the family to move to Seaforth near Liverpool. There he became a policeman which started David observing people's attitudes, pains, and ideas on how a policeman should perform his duties. All of this gave him a greater awareness of family and just heightened an earlier interest in researching his Whiteside family links.

From the earliest beginnings of the organization David has been part of the WFA and he supports people around the world with their family research. His retirement “work” and hobby is family research.

MANY THANKS!

Later in this newsletter you are going to see an announcement that the WFA website has a brand new edition. This is the result of untold hours of work by our webmaster Arliss Whiteside.

On behalf of the entire organization we say a huge “**THANK YOU**”. We are so lucky to have you as one of our volunteers!

WFA DNA PROJECT

The WFA DNA Project is one of its longest lasting projects and has done more to connect our many families than almost anything else.

What's new in the genetic genealogy world? April 2019

In a word LOTS!

If you have done your BIG Y there is a closed Facebook group run by Bill Woods. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ftdna.big.y/>. Member interchange is helpful and Bill's research suggestions are useful for SNP creation dates and TMRCA. I recommend the article on DNA Convergence.

FTDNA BIG Y 500 has now been upgraded to 700. This means three things:

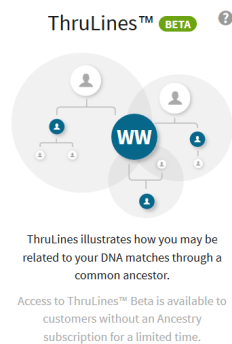
- You may **not** match people you did before, or vice versa, on some markers
- You may have results for markers you did not have results for before
- Your matches to people who have also taken the Big Y-700 test will likely be **more accurate** than to people who took a Big Y-500 test. Apples to apples, so to speak.

FTDNA has increased the Family Finder (autosomal) chromosome browser to 7. Not a big deal but certainly more useful

BIG Y FTDNA has incorporated Alex Williamson's BLOCK TREE into the BIG Y presentation. This is important today and will become more in the future as more SNP's become named.

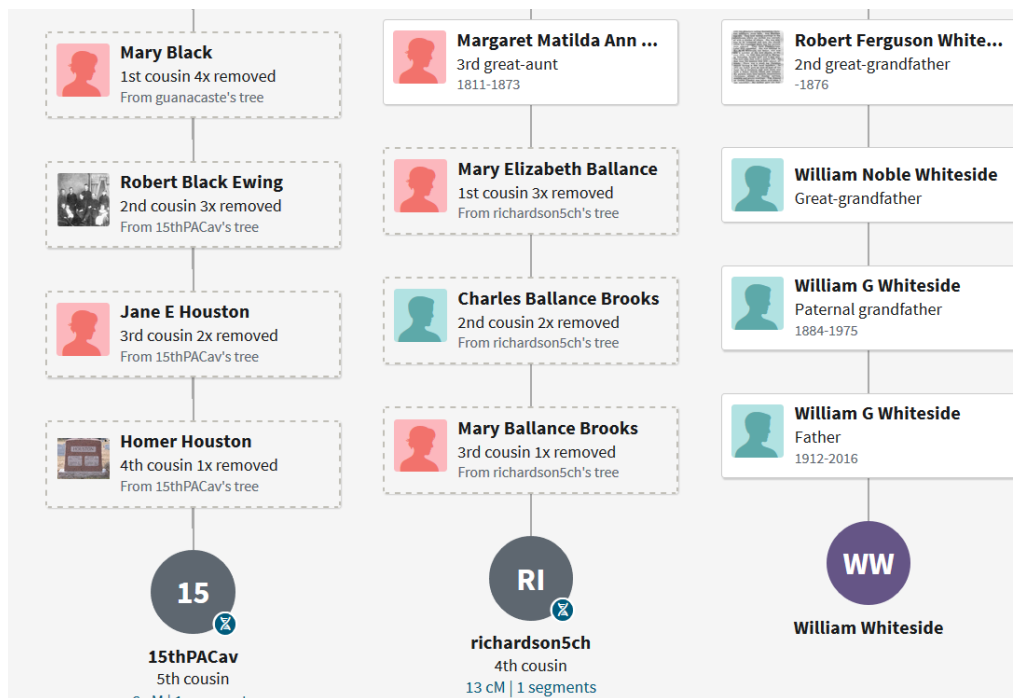


Ancestry.com has introduced ThruLines, it is on their beta selection. You have to



switch to beta on your home page.

This is an algorithm that matches your tree with all other trees in the Ancestry.com system to identify cousins that share a common ancestor. In one sense this is an amazing development and really does present you with cousins you did not know about. In another sense CAUTION is required because of careless and erroneous information on trees of other members. Net net however it is a wonderful tool.



Ancestry.com has expanded the “star” facility to now allow groupings by family by color coded dots. Another helpful tool

Information provided by WG Whiteside



The WFA needs volunteers to do some important tasks. Several are listed below:

1. **DNA Manager**—work with Bill G. Whiteside to oversee the Whiteside DNA project; recruit individuals to participate in the project
2. **Website Editorial Support**—help to write articles for the website; work in cooperation with Arliss Whiteside, webmaster
3. **Leadership for the Celtic/Parisi project**
4. **Assist with editing** Dan Boucher's work in preparation for placing on the website
5. **Backup treasurer** to support Jim Whiteside and cosign on the bank accounts

ATTENTION

NEW VERSION OF WEBSITE

On May 23 the new version of the website “went live” after a year’s work. For more information, see the Website Transition Notice on the home page leading to procedures for editing passwords, etc.

I created this new version of the WFA website using the latest Joomla! 3.9.6 software, instead of the old Joomla! 2.5.28 which has not been supported for several years. The new website also uses newer versions of other software, including DocMan for documents and CommunityBuilder for memberships. The newer software versions have better capabilities for privacy and have permitted me to construct a visually and structurally “cleaner” website.

Arliss Whiteside 4000