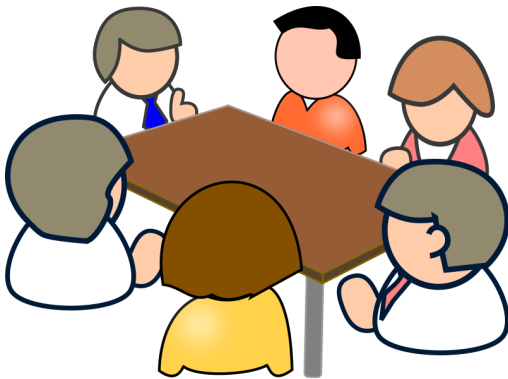


WHITESIDE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

September 2019



WFA DIRECTORS FALL MEETING

October 23 & 24, 2019
Comfort Inn & Suites
Gastonia, NC

All WFA members are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting to discover how your organization works.

WHERE: Comfort Suites, Remount Road
Gastonia, NC
704—865-6688

TIME: 9:00 AM in meeting room

A block of rooms has been reserved in the name of Whiteside Family Association. Call the hotel if you want to participate in this benefit which will close on October 1.

Contact Barbara Olson at bholson@earthlink.net for more info.

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IN MEMORIAM

Ernest Wallace Whiteside

“Wally”

Wally Whiteside was an elder statesman among Whitesides. He was the second person to contribute his DNA to the Whiteside project after Warren. He has been a strong supporter through all the years of WFA development. His moral support will be missed by all.



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

These are positions that the board has recognized, but if you have a skill set not mentioned here that you are willing to share with the organization, please contact William G Whiteside at wgwhiteside@gmail.com

At its meeting last spring the WFA Directors decided that its members should be introduced in the coming editions of the newsletter so that all WFA members could know something more about their leaders and decision –makers.

NANCY TORPHY

Board Secretary



Nancy Torphy comes by her Whiteside roots via her mother's mother. Lucia Whiteside Thrasher was known by one and all as Gaga. She was from the little town of Onarga in Iroquois County, Illinois. Nancy was born and grew up in Chicago and moved on to Milwaukee after marriage. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois and earned Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

Nancy's love of history and genealogy comes from growing up sitting in the backseat of a Chevrolet and visiting historic sites and family cemeteries. She also loves needlepoint, counted cross stitch, volunteering for Historic Milwaukee, Inc. and following the Milwaukee Brewers, the Milwaukee Bucks and the Green Bay Packers.

Nancy's life has been truly enriched by making that connection with the Whiteside Family Association and the wonderful friends she has made there.

STATUS OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The WFA Board of Directors has struggled for several years developing programs and doing activities that would interest WFA members enough to attend a general meeting. Nothing has been successful.

From this point on, the general membership will be reached by email with the opportunity to vote on all necessary elections, and they will be notified of all election results by email and the newsletter. Every board meeting will be completely open to all members to attend. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate.

Check the front page of this newsletter for the information about the upcoming meeting in October. We hope to have some members in attendance.

The article below is based on information written by Roberta Estes earlier in 2019.

REASONS TO TEST YOUR MITOCHONDRIAL DNA

Your mitochondrial DNA is a treasure trove of information about one specific line of your genealogy—your matriarchal line. It provides refined information that autosomal tests just can't provide.

BUT I ALREADY HAVE MY HAPLOGROUP

People who have autosomal tests done receive basic haplogroup information from both 23andMe and LivingDNA for their matriarchal line—but that is just the tip of the iceberg. Here are some reasons why you might want more information.

HOW DOES MITOCHONDRIAL DNA WORK?

Mitochondrial DNA (MtDNA) follows the matrilineal line directly, which means that your mother's mother's mother's mother's line on up the family tree until you run out of mothers. It is not mixed with the DNA of various fathers, so what you are seeing is what your ancestors have carried for many generations.

WHAT INFORMATION DO I RECEIVE WHEN I TEST?

- **Matching**—The number one reason for this testing is matching. Your results are matched to the results of other testers. This gives you the means of finding distant cousins who share direct matrilineal ancestors. The author found 71 full matches about half of which had entered an "Earliest Known Ancestor." This test helped her break through previously seemingly impossible brick walls in several cases.
- **Your Full Haplogroup** - Autosomal testing "target tests" a few haplogroup defining locations, but they can't test every location needed for a complete haplogroup.
- **Identifying Origins**—MtDNA haplogroups give a periscopic view into origins, such as a Native American, European, Asian, African, or other groups.,
- **Periscope Through Time**—MtDNA permits you to look behind the veil of your brick walls in a specific line. You can view the origins of that ancestor, where her ancestors originated even hundreds of thousands of years before surnames.
- **Your Actual Results**—The actual test results, including mutations, often hold interesting info such as genetic locations where you have insertions or deletions and unusual extra or missing mutations. These are the sources of your differences from other testers. Mutations are "genetic filters" which mean that the more matching mutations you have with someone, the closer your common ancestor.
- **Haplogroup Origins**—These are geographic areas where your group is found and how many matches are found there.
- **Ancestral Origins**—Places where your matches indicate the earliest MtDNA ancestor lived.
- **Match Maps**—These show you the locations of your earliest known ancestors.
- **Migration Map**—The path your ancestors took when migrating out of Africa to whatever location you find them occupying.

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INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MtDNA TESTING

- **Haplogroup Frequency Map**—Gives the frequency by percentage of the people from a particular location that carry a particular haplogroup.
- **Projects**—Testers can join numerous projects at [Family Tree DNA](#) that are administered by volunteers showing specific interests. One example would be for people having Native American Ancestors could choose the [American Indian Project](#).
- **Mitochondrial DNA Haplotree**—Here you see your haplogroup in its pedigree format as it descends from its main branch. It shows you the countries where your group is found. This may also include not just people who match your group, but also includes people who have joined projects.
- **Haplogroup Country Project**—This breaks down the information behind all the little flags on the haplotree talked about above. The author thought that most of her ancestors were from Sweden, but was surprised to find that her earliest known ancestor was from Germany.