



EDGAR EVENTS

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DNA Update

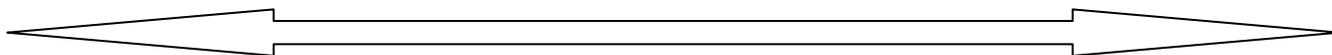
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Wow, did Steve and I have a wonderful trip! You've all read the journal we sent, so I won't bore you by repeating that here. A comment from one friend said it seemed like we were in a lot of pubs – that's right, because it's in pubs that you meet people, share stories (and the odd brew), and learn bits and pieces. That was the whole idea!

The DNA.Ancestry.com site is up and running – still in the beta-testing mode right now, but you can certainly visit if you like. Go to this site dna.ancestry.com/welcome.aspx. Scroll to the bottom and search in DNA Groups for "Edgar." You can request membership simply by clicking on the yellow button and follow the steps to obtain a MyFamily.com account (it's free and painless). We've already had one person submit his request for membership; plus he supplied his DNA test results, so we could fit him right in to the I1a Haplogroup. Now that's an interesting name — he goes by "Egger!"

Steve and I returned with seven DNA samples, which have been rushed off for analysis in Utah. He has another couple of kits to use in England, plus I obtained a sample in Wolseley, Saskatchewan, from a Don Edgar – we had ten kits in all, and they will all be used. Thanks to the many generous donations from far and wide, we were able to obtain these tests with no money worries. Thank you, all!



Steve Edgar discovered this lovely house during our travels in Dumfries. Isn't it gorgeous?



This is Colin Edgar's cafe in Saintfield, Northern Ireland.



And this is Colin (and me)

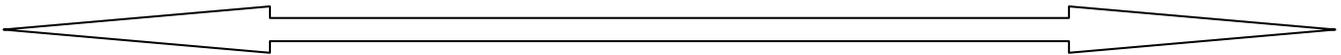


Someone looking at our pictures asked what was the importance of the ancient, crumbling castle at Sanquhar – the one that became the subject of many photos. Here's the scoop: Sanquhar Castle and half the Barony of Sanquhar was an Edgar holding for many years. We have this quote from The History of Sanquhar:

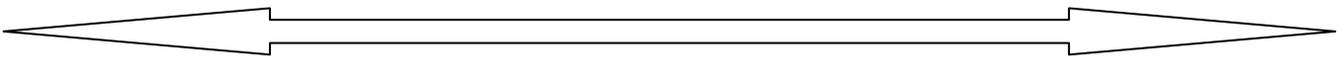
“One of Duvenald’s sons was Edgar, who lived in the reigns of William the Lion [1142-1214] and Alexander II [1198-1249]. The children of this chief adopted the surname Edgar for the family – one of the earliest recorded instances of the adoption of a surname in Nithsdale. One of his sons, Richard, owned the castle and half the barony of Sanquhar, together with the lands of Eliok, by charter from Robert Brus, the other half being owned by William de Crichton through marriage with Isabel, daughter of Robert de Rous.... The possessions of the Edgars in Nithsdale were very extensive, for we find that Affrica, the daughter of Edgar, in the reign of Alexander II, owned the lands of Dunscore, a place there still bearing the name Edgarstown. Edgar is still a common name in Dumfriesshire, and from this ancient stock some families in the neighbourhood of Sanquhar can still trace their descent, the common progenitor of all the Edgar having been the son of Duvenald, the Scoto-Irish chief.”

The Crichtons bought the Edgar half of the barony and it remained in that family's hand for many years.

Read more here en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sanquhar_Castle



A few issues back, we ran a series of photos of “**Old Geezers**” and we're planning in the next issue to show photos of all our **DNA donors**. Watch this space... If you are one of those DNA donors, please send me your picture so we can use it.



Here are some links to check out on the Web — all about Edgars, Scots, DNA, etc.

www.geocities.com/edgarwebsites

archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/index/EDGAR/2008-05

archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/index/SCOT-DNA/2008-05

boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.edgar/mb.ashx

archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/index/GENEALOGY-DNA/2008-05

www.ballynagarrick.net/ulsterancestors/townlands%20k.htm

www.irelandseye.com/irish/people/settlers/scots4.shtml

www.oz.net/~markhow/uksearch.htm

www.origins.net