



EDGAR

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DNA Update

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Remember last month when I wrote this? *“We have a test result from David Edgar in Guildford that raises an interesting question. David is an R1b, and he claims descendancy from the Wedderlie Edgars.”* And *“We have another test result coming along that may put this to rest; Ron Edgar of Lincolnshire claims **his** ancestor was born at Wedderlie!”*

Ron’s test, while not totally definitive (meaning there are still other possibilities), puts the damper on us Haplogroup I1 types—he’s also an R1b!

Here’s what I am thinking: The Wedderlie Edgars, possibly descended from King Crinan are the Celts. Some people on the ScotsDNA site [www.scottishdna.net] claim Crinan is an R1b. (How they arrive at that, I have no idea!) The Sanquhar and Dumfries Edgars are Haplogroup I2b1—all the tests we’ve had done around there are of those two Haplotypes.

Where does that leave us I1 people? Well, there is still that other branch of the family, the Keithock Edgars. SteveTO claims descendancy from the Keithock Edgars, but mixed into his story are snippets from the Wedderlie family and possibly even the Sanquhar branch.

This gets a bit dicey, puncturing other peoples’ stories, especially when we don’t actually have proof. This is purely a conjecture—not even deserving of the tag “theory,” since a true theory is supported by proven facts. It does make sense, though, that a couple hundred years ago a person in the Keithock Edgar family adopted the juiciest bits of the Wedderlie story, and also the other parts about being related to the witness to Robert the Bruce’s second marriage (or was that his third marriage?) in 1302 to Elizabeth de Burgh.

The important thing to remember is that nobody then could contest such a concoction—they didn’t have a way of proving anything one way or the other. But, we do! That’s the power of the DNA test. Let me know your thoughts—I’d like to hear them.

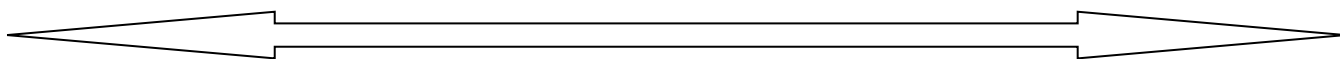
At this writing, we have three new tests under way—report with results will follow promptly.

REPEAT

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you haven’t done so already, please submit at least a simple tree, a “bare bones” tree in a PDF to the Edgar DNA Project Web site. You can easily put a file on the DNA site—upload your tree, elaborate and detailed, or bare-bones. We assure you this information will remain in the Edgar project for our use only.

Bill Edgar of Melbourne, Australia, has enhanced his “One-name Study” details, plus he re-worked the project results. They’re both on our Web site and Ancestry.com for your ready access jameswd.sasktelwebsite.net/One_name_list.xls
jameswd.sasktelwebsite.net/new_format_results.xls

Bill says “The red markers, in the heading line, are said to be faster mutating. It is worth visiting their site.” The site he refers to is the Blair DNA project, from where he borrowed the format www.blairdna.com.



Edgar Researchers Report



by Sharon Edgar, Wayne MI (onsims@aol.com)

Dear Edgar Family, I am often asked, "Where did you find that Edgar information?" so for this Edgar Researchers Report I would like to share my favourite, free Web sites that I use on a daily basis. I am especially excited about the new Family Search 2009 website, and this is a must for everyone! I am very excited to see that many of our members are conducting their own research in Ireland and Scotland, based on their DNA connections. Location — a town, an area, a civil parish, or a church diocese — is critical and many of these Web sites will guide your research for the correct area of your Edgar ancestors. These Web sites will also guide your research in finding the right records in the right period in the correct location, and where the records are found. Lastly, I included my very favourite source of information and history, and that is Google Books, a free, worldwide library. I also maintain a lengthy list of Web sites for very specific locations in the US, NI, and Scotland, and please do contact me for details, I am always willing to help.

Family Search 2009 World Wide

The Church of the Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:

<http://labs.familysearch.org/alpha/?link>

Australia

National Library of Australia:

<http://www.nla.gov.au/>

Canada

Library and Archives Canada:

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/index-e.html>

THE UNITED KINGDOM

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/>

National Archives of UK:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

Ireland

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland:

<http://www.proni.gov.uk/>

Ulster Ancestry:

<http://www.ulsterancestry.com/ua-free-pages.php>

Griffiths Valuation 1848-1864:

<http://www.failteromhat.com/griffiths.php>

County Armagh, NI:

<http://www.igp-web.com/armagh/records.htm>

County Armagh, NI:

<http://armagh.brsgenealogy.com/index.php>

County Down, NI:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rosdavies/>

County Down, NI:

<http://www.raymondscountydownwebsite.com/>

The Belfast Newsletter Index Database

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/louisiana/cgi-bin/belfst/QueryForm1.cgi>

The Scotch-Irish in America by Henry Jones Ford:

<http://www.libraryireland.com/ScotchIrishAmerica/Contents.php>

Scotland

Scotlands People: The Official Govt. Source of Genealogical Data for Scotland:

<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

Gazetteer for Scotland:

<http://www.geo.ed.ac.uk/scotgaz/gaztitle.html>

Edinburgh Marriage Register 1595-1800:

http://www.scotsfind.org/marriages_access/marriages.pdf

Edinburgh Register of Apprentices:

http://www.scotsfind.org/apprentice_access/apprentice.pdf

United States

Daughters of the American Revolution Library:

http://grc.dar.org/dar/darnet/grc/grc.cfm?Action=New_Search

Google Books:

<http://books.google.com/>

An account of the surname Edgar: and particularly of the family of Wedderlie...

By James Henry Lawrence-Archer

Genealogical collections concerning the Scottish house of Edgar

By Andrew Edgar, Charles Rogers, Grampian Club

Note: Both of the above Edgar publications are found at Google Books.

Newspaper Abstracts Northern Ireland

The Armagh Guardian

Armagh, County Armagh

March 25, 1845

DIED.

On the 11th inst., Mrs. Stewart, of Hillhall, near Lisburn.

The deceased was the daughter of the late Rev. S. Edgar, of

Loughagery, and sister to the **Rev. S. Edgar, of Armagh.—**

July 20 1845 RIOTS IN ARMAGH—CORONER'S INQUEST.

EDGAR, Moses; son of, engaged in riot

The Portadown Weekly News

Portadown, County Armagh

1st June, 1859.

NEW TURNIP SEEDS

EACH KIND WARRANTED TO BE SAVED

from selected Bulbs, on sale by

RICHARD EDGAR,

PORTADOWN.

July 30 1859

Constable **Thomas Edgar** deposed that the crowd comprised from 4,000 to 5,000 persons, and that they fired pistols, and had some old swords, and some sticks, and thirty drums with them. They fired repeatedly as they went along, and they marched in a body. He arrested the prisoner, who was subsequently rescued by the mob.

After some further observations for the prosecution, Mr. M'Meehan addressed the jury on the part of the prisoner.

His Lordship having charged the jury, they retired, and, after remaining some time in consultation, returned a verdict of "Not guilty."

Connaught Journal
published Galway, Ireland
Monday, June 30, 1823

MARRIAGES.

John EDGAR, Esq. to Miss Anne HORT; daughter of the REverend W.J. HORT, both of Cork.

Belfast Weekly News October 7 1893: Missing Friends

EDGAR: **Hamilton Edgar** is anxious to find the whereabouts of his two sons in America - William and Samuel. Last heard of about four years ago. William was in Brooklyn, New York, baker to trade. Samuel was in New York in a hotel. Any information will be thankfully received by Hamilton Edgar, No. 4, Well Street, Belfast. American papers please copy

The Belfast News-Letter,
June 7, 1918

HALL-EDGAR - June 5, at Richhill Parish Church, by the Rev. A. Wade Johnstone, LL.D. rector of the parish, assisted by the Rev. R.H. Bryan, B.A., of Tandragee - Norman Edmund, eldest son of Mr William Hall, Ivy bank, Tandragee, to Mary Evlyn, fifth daughter of Mr David Edgar, Mountpleasant, Armagh.

Cavan Observer
Published in Cavan, county Cavan
May 7, 1864

SUPPOSED ARREST OF MICHAEL HAYES, THE MURDERER--On Sunday evening, Constable **EDGAR**, of the Newry police, arrested in Sugar Island, a man giving his name as Thomas MOORE or RYAN, on suspicion of his being the far-famed Michael HAYES, the murderer of the unfortunate Mr. John Waller BRADDELL, agent of Colonel HARE, which murder took place on the 30th July, 1863, in the town of Tipperary. MOORE states he is a native of Thomastown, county Tipperary, and left it a year ago to go to England, whence he has returned about six weeks. Of course, he stoutly denies his supposed identity with the murderer, but has an ill-favored look and his description pretty nearly answers that given to Michael Hayes in the "Hue and Cry," only that Moore is not bald on the top of the head. His appearance is, however, suspicious enough to warrant his arrest and subsequent detention, and Mr. J. L. M'CANCE, the resident magistrate, has instructed Constable Edgar to communicate at once with the authorities in Dublin, in order, if possible, to elicit further information. Moore or Ryan has been remanded for the present.--"Newry Telegraph."

THE CONNAUGHT JOURNAL
Galway, Monday, October 4, 1824

Several accidents are reported to have occurred last night near the Canal. The body of an elderly Gentleman, whose name we understand as **Edgar**, was taken out of the canal this morning near Portobello Bridge. He was returning to his house, in Charlemont-street, when he was swept by the force of the wind.

Newspaper Abstracts USA

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE 1730

Captains and Ships Arriving and Leaving Philadelphia

Saturday, April 2nd, 1730, The Pennsylvania Gazette

- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Custom House, Philadelphia:

John, Charles Edgar, West Indies,

Tuesday, December 13th, 1730, The Pennsylvania Gazette

- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Cleared out:

Brigt. John, Charles Edgar, to Barbadoes



Figure 1 Mournie Presbyterian Church in Kilkeel

[Ed. This has been a busy summer — what with trips away, star parties, visits from children and grandchildren, and numerous other events attracting my attention, this is one of the shortest Edgar Events for a long while, following the largest last month!! October will fill up fast, especially if we have more submissions from our readers. Tell us your story and we'll include it here. Thanks to Sharon for the bulk of this issue!]