



EDGAR EVENTS

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DNA Update

by James Edgar (Editor) (jamesedgar@sasktel.net)



Colin Edgar of Crewe has his DNA test results; we find he is in Haplogroup I2b1, and is closely related to several of the others in that group. Most particularly, he appears to share a common ancestry with **Jennifer Detta's** family; both had forefathers who were coal miners in the area around Lancashire – **Jennifer's** family in Makerfield and Warrington, **Colin's** in Barrow and Huyton Quarry. Both families have records back to Dumfries in Scotland in the mid-1800s. It seems more than coincidental that they share these similar stories.

Jennifer published her story in Edgar Events #34, November 2009, and we don't yet have a connection to **Colin's** family in the past, but, perhaps with persistence and more digging, we can find one.

We have taken advantage of the wonderful communications that now exist and have spoken to **Colin** and his wife in Crewe, England, from here in Saskatchewan, using **SteveUK's** laptop and his Skype connection. They were just as amazed as it is amazing! Colin doesn't own a computer, so **SteveUK** is the primary means of communication.

SteveUK, my wife, **Jodie** (a.k.a. **Mrs. Poirot**), and I speak regularly on Skype (almost every day!!), delving into our common interest of Edgar genealogy.

We still wait for results from **Stewart Eggo's** test – the swabs haven't yet been received in Utah.

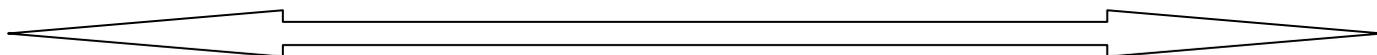
But wait, there's more... We've had several new people join us on our Ancestry.com site, most particularly, some with the name **Adair**. We welcome **Ashley Adair**, **John Adair**, **Mathew Adair**, and **Thomas Adair**. Steve and I have long suspected that the name is a corruption of **Edgar**, and we're hoping we can find some connection to one of our many families, or possibly to find links by obtaining DNA tests (or two!) from them.

We also welcome **Bruce Edgar**, **Missy Edgar**, **Jon Allan**, **Rickey Bobbitt**, **Kate Martin**, **James Edgar**, **Gill Watson**, and **Roger Edgar**, all of whom recently joined our group.

Lastly, we have new test results from **Mike Edgar** in South Africa and **Graham Edgar** in Melbourne, Australia — **Mike** is an R1b, and **Graham** is an I2b1.

We have another **Graham Edgar** in Bristol, England, descended from a **Robert Edgar**, who emigrated from Northern Ireland with some of his family to Huntingdon, Québec, around 1822. We have probably found the connection to the elusive **Gordon Edgar** of Brampton, Ontario, who has researched his Northern Ireland roots for many years.

If you haven't already joined us on our Ancestry.com site, please consider taking the small leap to get on board – it's quite painless, and at no cost. It just requires registering with MyFamily.com, so that you have an identity and a password. If you feel a bit intimidated by the process, send me your phone number so I can call and talk you through registering. Give it a try.



Wall Plaques

by Steve Edgar of Weston, Crewe (steven-edgar@sky.com)



As an addition to the Edgar family badges, I have been in contact with a local potter, Anne Rodgers of Alsager Pottery. Anne is a highly qualified and experienced worker and produces traditional slipware products.

I commissioned a trial run of our Edgar Crest, which, as you can see, turned out rather well. Everything is done by hand, with no automation at all; each one is unique and can be customized to suit individual tastes, size, colour, *etc.*

Unlike the badges, we do not have to get moulds made and order a batch. To place an order, you would need to contact Anne directly, and get a price including postage to your specification and location. The plaques make wonderful presents, and are a real talking point. They are glazed and fired to withstand exposure to the atmosphere.

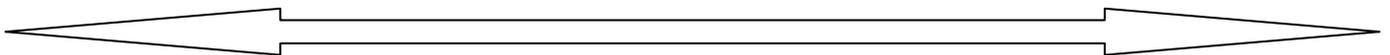


To view the Web site, go to www.alsagerpottery.co.uk
Or email mail@alsagerpottery.co.uk.

(If you ask James nicely, he will make you a wooden plate stand to go with it!)

The reverse can be hand lettered to mark the occasion. If you are stuck for a birthday/Christmas present for someone, this could be the answer!

If you would like another family crest, other than Edgar, email me at steven-edgar@sky.com, and I will locate a crest for you.



Pewter Buttons

by James Edgar (Editor) (jamesedgar@sasktel.net)



Some time ago, I suggested that we could get buttons made in the same or similar style as the very popular badges (over 80 have been sold!). Our craftsman, Mark Wells, is busy creating the mould for said buttons. Please let me know if you are still interested, and, if so, how many you think you might order. That way, I can advise Mark of his projected workload.

Price chart

Quantity // Price per button

10-49 // \$1.75

50-100 // \$1.60

101+ // \$1.45

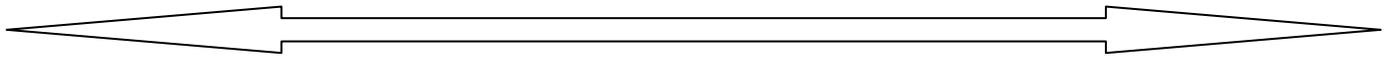


Photo time

To celebrate the arrival of spring, enjoy these rhododendrons taken by the roadside at the foot of the Mountains of Mourne, Co. Down, Northern Ireland.

