



# EDGAR EVENTS

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## DNA Update



by James Edgar ([jamesedgar@sasktel.net](mailto:jamesedgar@sasktel.net))

We have heard from **John Murray Edgar** in South Africa—his test results are in. John is an I2b1, with a history going back to the mid-1700s. And, he closely matches numerous of our previous tests:

I2b1 The Saxons		
John Murray Edgar (I2b1)	-	I2b1
Wayne Edgar (I2b1)(Mi...)	1	I2b1
John V. Edgar (I2b1)(...	1	I2b1
Jason Edgar (I2b1)(No...	1	I2b1
Mike Edgar (I2b1)(Mon...	1	I2b1
Jim Edgar (I2b1)(Kyle...	1	I2b1
John Edgar (I2b1)(BC)	1	I2b1
Leslie Edgar (I2b1)(M...	1	I2b1
Ian Edgar (I2b1)(Belf...	1	I2b1
John Edgar (I2b1)(Ill...	2	I2b1
Corey Edgar (I2b1)(To...	6	I2b1
Robin Edgar (I2b1)(Mo...	6	I2b1
Jim Edgar (I2b1)(GA)	6	I2b1
John D. Edgar (I2b1)(...	6	I2b1
David W. Edgar (I2b1)...	6	I2b1
Roland Edgar (I2b1)(C...	6	I2b1
Joseph Edgar (I2b1) PA	6	I2b1
Philip Edgar (I2b1)(M...	6	I2b1
Alfred Edgar (I2b1)(A...	6	I2b1
Colin Edgar (I2b1)(Cr...	6	I2b1
Jack Edgar (I2b1)(Dal...	6	I2b1
James M. Edgar (I2b1)...	9	I2b1
James Edgar (I2b1)(Ni...	10	I2b1
Brad Edgar (I2b1)(Lit...	10	I2b1
Bill Edgar (I2b1)(Per...	14	I2b1
Robert A. Edgar (I2b1)...	15	I2b1
Christopher Edgar (I2...	15	I2b1
Terry Edgar (I2b1) Ad...	18	I2b1
James Edgar (I2b1)(Th...	19	I2b1
Richard Edgar (I2b1) ...	19	I2b1
James D. Edgar (I2b1)...	19	I2b1
Steve Edgar (I2b1)(Ka...	19	I2b1

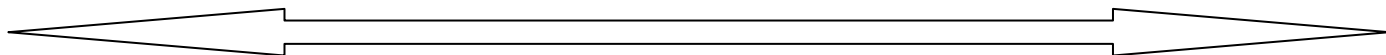
Using some details **John** provided, we've put together a tree for him leading to **Thomas Edgar** in Mouswald, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and his father, **John Edgar**, birthplace unknown. Unless things have changed appreciably over the centuries, Mouswald is, and has been, a small village a short distance southeast of Dumfries. We find that same Mouswald in a couple of other trees in our database. I'm not saying we know exactly how those others from the same village might be related to **John Murray Edgar**, but the path narrows appreciably when the village is so small.

All those "1"s at left indicate a very close relationship, but we have to temper our excitement. A "1" suggests they all have the same grandfather, and we know that isn't factual. So, we have to suppose that there were very few mutations in their particular DNA over the years, and the connection is much further back. Similarly, the "6"s are probably much more distant than that. Nevertheless, they're still closely matched.

To make sense of the possible connections, we have to look at who those close matches are, their trees and roots. For instance **Wayne** (and his son, **Tim**) and **Jason** are close cousins, and they seem to share an ancestry with **John** in Illinois, all three of whom lead to Maybole, Scotland, and then Ireland further back.

We also have another test waiting in the wings: that's for **Gordon Edgar** of Saffron Walden, Essex, England. He's been in touch with us for just over a

year, and just recently decided to do the DNA test. The kit was mailed on February 13, he received it on the 21st, and it should be on its way back already. **Gordon** has already given us a hint of his ancestry, so he figures he'll be an I2b1 out of Ayrshire, Scotland. We'll know soon.



We (**Mrs. Poirot** and I) have been doing some sleuthing to see if we could tie some loose ends together in the trees that converge on Caerlaverock, Scotland, in the early 1800s. We believe we have found a true link between the families of **Brad Edgar** of Littleton, Colorado, and **Robin Edgar** of Moniaive, Scotland. We first met **Robin** while **SteveUK** and I were cruising around the area northwest of Dumfries in May 2008. We found **Robin Edgar** in the phone book, so decided to make a little side trip to visit him. He owns The George Hotel in Moniaive. Nothing would please us better toward the end of a long day than to sit and have a pint, and **Robin** was ever so eager to please. While we sipped and explained our quest, we convinced our publican host to do the DNA test, and we got out the swabs right then and there! We've visited him again on a subsequent trip, and enjoyed a fine meal at the pub.

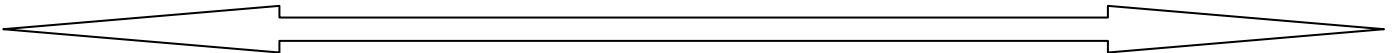


*Robin Edgar of Moniaive, Scotland*



*Robin's pub, The George Hotel in Moniaive*

Fast forward to December and we have **Brad** in Littleton doing his test. He's provided us with some of his details, with some help from an uncle, **Bob Roy**. When we were piecing these details together, **Brad** and **Robin** (see them on the list above) converged on **James Edgar**, who was married to **Susan Briggs** in Scotland in the early 1800s. Their two sons, **John** and **James**, are the ancestors of **Robin** and **Brad**, respectively. What a great find!!



*Market Harborough, near Leicester – a school house on stilts!*



## Edgar Ministers in Ireland



by Steve Edgar ([steven-edgar@sky.com](mailto:steven-edgar@sky.com))

I recently purchased a book, the "Fasti of Seceder Ministers Ordained or Installed in Ireland 1746-1948" published by the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland, as I wanted to go to the "horses-mouth" with regards to what has been written about the Ministers, rather than what has been extracted and revamped by other publications (with possible errors). Below are the basic facts as to who was who, who they were related to, and their dates and locations. I have avoided the religious connections and a lot of other information for clarity.

**(1) Samuel Edgar**, 3rd son of John Edgar, farmer Lisbane. Ordained Loughaghery 1771. Died 9 May 1785. Rev Samuel Oliver Edgar, (3 ) Armagh was a son and Rev Samuel Edgar, Brookvale was a grandson.

**(2) Samuel Edgar**, born Gilford 1767, Ordained Ballynahinch 1793 Married cousin Elizabeth dau of Hugh McKee of Poagstown, Saintfield and sister of Rev David McKee (6), Anaghlone. Died 17Oct1826 buried Killaney. Rev. John Edgar, Alfred St Belfast, and Rev. David Edgar, Ballynahinch, were sons. Rev. John Smith Brown, Rev. John Henry, and Rev. William Wallace were sons- in- law.

**(3) Samuel Oliver Edgar**, son of Rev. Samuel ( 1) born 1783 ordained Armagh 1811, died 3 June 1850

**(4) David Edgar**, 3rd son of Rev. Samuel Edgar, Ballynahinch (2) ordained Ballynahinch 1829, married firstly a daughter of William Graham, and secondly a daughter of Robert Smyth. Rev. John Edgar (5) was his bother

**(5) John Edgar**, eldest son of Samuel Edgar (2) born 3rd June 1798, ordained Alfred St Belfast 1820. Married daughter of Thomas Grimshaw. David Edgar (4) was his brother, and Rev. John Smith Brown was his brother-in-law.

**(6) David McKee**, born 1777, son of Hugh McKee of Poagsburn married firstly daughter of James Martin, secondly a cousin of his first wife. Died 1867, Rev. David McKee was a son and Rev. William Wright was a son-in-law.

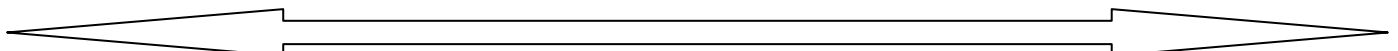
**(7) John Smith Brown**, son of Joseph Brown, born 1828 married youngest daughter of Samuel Edgar (2) 1830, died 1880. Rev. Samuel Edgar Brown and Rev. William Wallace Brown were sons and Susan A. Brown was a daughter. Rev. John Edgar (5) was a brother-in-law.

**(8) William Wallace**, married firstly daughter of Samuel Edgar in 1813 (2), and secondly Miss Hill in 1829.

**(9) John Henry**, son of Brice [sic] Henry born 1807, married daughter of Rev. Samuel Edgar (2). John Edgar Henry and Samuel Rae Henry were sons.

I know of a lot of other marriages within the ministry in later years that have not been recorded in this publication, but the above does seem to clarify who was who, who was married to who, and various other relationships.

There is a lot more detail I can pass over to anyone interested.



# Convict Records

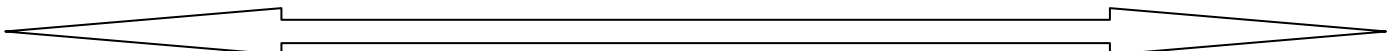


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**ConvictRecords.com.au** allows you to search the British Convict transportation register for convicts transported to **Australia between 1787-1867**. Information available includes name of convict, known aliases, place convicted, port of departure, date of departure, port of arrival, and the source of the data.

Sharon's note: This is just the index listing, if you visit the Web site, you will find more info.

<a href="#">Edmund Edgar</a>	Edmund Edgar, one of 200 convicts transported on the Marquis of Huntley, 10 May 1826	Middlesex Gaol Delivery	10th May, 1826	NSW
<a href="#">Elizabeth Edgar</a>	Elizabeth Edgar, one of 171 convicts transported on the Planter, 29 October 1838	Cumberland Quarter Session	29th October, 1838	NSW
<a href="#">George Edgar</a>	George Edgar, one of 176 convicts transported on the Manlius, 16 July 1828	Edinburgh Court of Justiciary	16th July, 1828	TAS
<a href="#">Henry Edgar</a>	Henry Edgar, one of 280 convicts transported on the Ramillies, 25 April 1854	Central Criminal Court	25th April, 1854	Western Australia
<a href="#">James Edgar</a>	James Edgar, one of 145 convicts transported on the Mariner, May 1816	Glasgow Court of Justiciary	May, 1816	NSW
<a href="#">John Edgar</a>	John Edgar, one of 300 convicts transported on the Randolph, 24 April 1849	Scotland. Glasgow Court of Justiciary	24th April, 1849	Port Phillip [convicts did not disembark at Port Phillip, but were sent on to Sydney]
<a href="#">Robert Edgar</a>	Robert Edgar, one of 140 convicts transported on the Globe, September 1818	Norfolk (Norwich City) Assizes	September, 1818	NSW
<a href="#">William Edgar</a>	William Edgar, one of 220 convicts transported on the Westmoreland, 03 March 1835	Dumfries Court of Justiciary	3rd March, 1835	NSW
<a href="#">William Edgar</a>	William Edgar, one of 149 convicts transported on the Lord Melville, July 1818	Leicester (Boro) Quarter Session	July, 1818	TAS
<a href="#">Edward Edgar</a>	Edward Edgar, one of 150 convicts transported on the Sesostris, 23 November 1825	Oxford Assizes	23rd November, 1825	NSW
<a href="#">George Edgar</a>	George Edgar, one of 345 convicts transported on the Sir George Seymour, 04 November 1844	Cumberland Assizes	4th November, 1844	TAS
<a href="#">Thomas Edgar</a>	Thomas Edgar, one of 266 convicts transported on the Theresa, 05 October 1838	Surrey Assizes	5th October, 1838	NSW



Picture time!



*The old City Gate in Drogheda, Republic of Ireland*

If you have a story, a tree you'd like to share, or some old photos, please send them along.

Some (many) issues back, we ran a series called "old Geezers" – photos of your ancient relatives. Send us some of those, as we'd like to reprise that subject. The further back, the better!

Finally, a big "Thank you!" to all who have contributed to our **Edgar DNA Trust Fund**. Having this fund allows us to help others (who can't afford it) get tested, plus it allows us the freedom to do random tests by knocking on doors or through phone calls.

Incidentally, the fund is partially replenished from sales of the pewter badge and button castings. I have some of both left for sale, and we may even have to do another run of the badges, as I have only eight left. For info on the castings, see Edgar Events #57.