



## DECEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

### Seasonal Greetings!

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a Joyous New Year and a Happy Chanukah



### Welcome to new mailing list members

We have a whole host of new members on the mailing list (the list currently stands at 65 members). It would be great if both old and new members could introduce themselves to everyone else with a short description of your branch of the Adamthwaites. You might find a new cousin out there to share your family research with! Please state which colour line you are linked to in the subject line of your email, and who your most distant Adamthwaite ancestor is. Just send your contribution to [adamthwaite@rootsweb.com](mailto:adamthwaite@rootsweb.com)

### Adamthwaite Archive

My apologies to everyone who has submitted information, photographs or corrections to the Adamthwaite Archive over the past three months. I have been 'in exile' in Wales for most of that time, as an elderly relative was seriously ill and subsequently died, so have not been able to do any updates to the site. However, I haven't been idle and have taken the opportunity to spend the time in transferring the pages of the Archive into a much tidier and more efficient layout. Once all the pages are completed, I will transfer them onto this existing web address, so apart from a very short period during the actual transfer the website will remain fully available. I will circulate everyone on the Adamthwaite mailing list when the change takes place.

### Useful websites

First of all – a super site of on-line books. They have recently added a copy of Volume I of '**History and Traditions of Ravenstonedale, Westmorland**' by Rev. W Nicholls. You can access it at <http://www.archive.org/details/historytrad00nichiala> select 'flip book' and you can browse through the whole thing (it takes a while to load, but all the pages arrive eventually). It also has a search function which is rather nice, if you put in Adamthwaite it comes up with an image of the book with little yellow markers on the pages where the word appears. Very neat.

**Lancashire BMDs** – well worth looking up your Lancashire ancestors at this helpful site <http://www.lancashirebmd.org.uk/>

A selection of **Australian newspapers** for the period from 1803 to 1954: <http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home>

Searchable images from a selection of **American newspapers** from 1890 to 1910.

<http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/home.html>

**Durham Records Online** - I may have suggested this site before, but they are adding new transcriptions all the time, so it is well worth another look <http://www.durhamrecordsonline.com/>

### Facebook

There is a new open access group on Facebook, called '[Adamthwaites around the World](#)' – which currently has 25 members, most of whom are – how shall I put it? – a little younger than the majority of the members of the Rootsweb Adamthwaite mailing list! You just need to sign up at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and then you can join the group too. Why not add a photo of one of your ancestors with a brief description and generate some enthusiasm for family history amongst the younger generation?

### First DNA results back

This month we have at last received back the results for the first two of our volunteers (a third set of results is expected early in the New Year). You can find details of the results at <http://www.familytreedna.com/public/Adamthwaite#results> and more information about these results will be available on the Archive shortly. The results received to date indicate that there is no likelihood of a shared ancestor between the branches tested of the OLIVE green line and the YELLOW line, so we await the results from our GREY line volunteer with anticipation! And of course, I hardly need remind you that we desperately need more male Adamthwaites to volunteer to participate in the study – especially in the BLUE, VIOLET and ORANGE lines. Please email me directly to check that you belong to one of the lines that we need to test and to find out how to claim your 30% contribution towards the cost of the test (and tests are currently on special offer until the end of December).

One very interesting fact emerged from the results for our YELLOW volunteer – it seems that he shares a similar pattern of yDNA markers (and a rare one in the UK at that) with a number of members of the SATTERTHWAITE and LANCASTER families – indicating that they could have been genetically linked about 800 years ago, possibly in the Lancashire/Westmorland area. This could tie in with our very first mention of an Adam de Twayt who paid fines to Alexander of Kirkby Ireleth in about 1250.

Finally, if YOU have a scientific mind and would be interested in helping me to disseminate our DNA results as they arrive, please get in touch as soon as possible, as I am finding the science a little beyond me

With festive wishes

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