



EDGAR EVENTS

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Happy New Year!



DNA Update



by James Edgar (james@jamesedgar.ca)

We have two tests completed at www.Genebase.com.

Carter Edgar of Three Brooks, New Brunswick, is my cousin! His test results show that he is an I1, as did my test from them. We're not closely related—in fact, I would have been surprised if we were. Nonetheless, we have the same DNA type and the same surname.

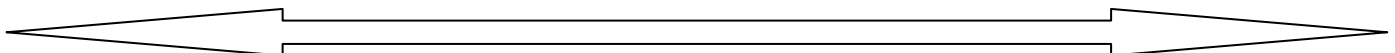
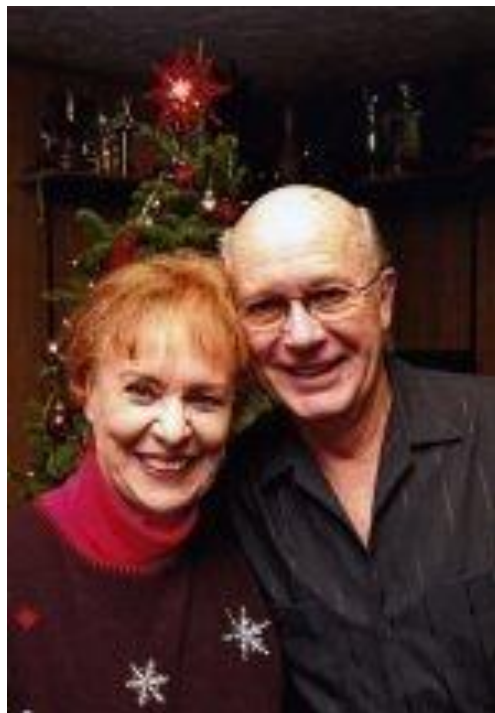
That's close enough for me! The test results also mean that **Carter** is related to the group we discovered in Halifax/Dartmouth, Nova Scotia (see www.edgargen.ca/EDGARNEWS_81.pdf). Which means he's also related to the **Edgars** around Petrolia, Ontario—**Eric's** family.

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Recall from last issue that **Mark Edgar** led us to **Jacob Edgar**, of radio and music fame? I wrote to **Jacob's** aunt **Beth**, and she put me onto her cousin **David Edgar** in California. A DNA test has been ordered for **David** through Ancestry.com, and we'll hear or see the results in the New Year.

I've spoken to **David** on the phone and he's shared his tree with Jodie and me. His family distant ancestor, **James Edgar**, was born in Port Glenone, Co. Londonderry, Northern Ireland, in the early 1800s and emigrated to the USA in 1849. I'll wager a Guinness that he's in Haplogroup R1b.

In the meantime, while we wait for the test result, **David** supplied this photo, as he put it: *Myself and wife of 53 years, Winnie.*



## Another answer



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

Back in July I published a quiz, asking questions about the Edgar family, I received a number of replies—thanks to all who took the trouble.

In early December, I received another from Robert Gentilli.

The question was, “What was the connection to H Samuel Jewellers and the Edgar family?”

*I came across your "Edgar Events" issue No.78, July 2013 while doing some Googling on my family history. While I cannot answer all of the competition questions for the \$10 cash prize (doh!) I can tell you that I am a great grandson of Gilbert Harold Samuel Edgar.*

*Gilbert's father was called Edgar Samuel (1861 - 1933), but he decided (for whatever reason) that "Samuel" was far too Jewish a name, so he stuck his first name on the end and became "Edgar Samuel Edgar". As a result, his children also took on the surname "Edgar".*

*Given that name-change we are probably not related - but you never know ;)*

*Kind regards,*

*Robert Gentilli*

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Anyone interested in learning more about DNA testing?

The Genebase site has some valuable information, worth taking the time to read. For example:

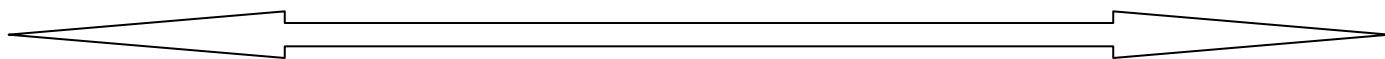
[Discovering Ancestry with Y-Chromosomes](#)

[What is a Y-DNA Haplotype?](#)

[Understanding the different types of Y-DNA STR Markers](#)

[How is genetic distance calculated for Y-DNA STR markers?](#)

There are plenty of articles to keep your interest up, so dig in.



Picture Time

Now, here's a true-blue Seattle fan... Mario is the son of Peter Edgar of Issaquah, Washington.



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## Pewter Badges

Having trouble finding that special gift for your loved one? How about a solid pewter Edgar Crest? At \$18, plus shipping, they're a great way to say "I love your family!" (Pewter buttons also available.) Email me [james@jamesedgar.ca](mailto:james@jamesedgar.ca)

**From SteveKS (Kansas)** (*steven.edgar@verizon.net*)

In response to a Tweet on Twitter, **Steve** sent me this...

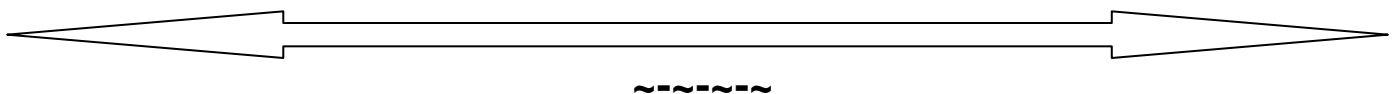
Dad made a lot of small decorative items suitable for display on the bookcase shelf. We wanted to bury his ashes in one of his wooden vases, but wrong size. One very cool thing he did was to make a crib similar to this one...



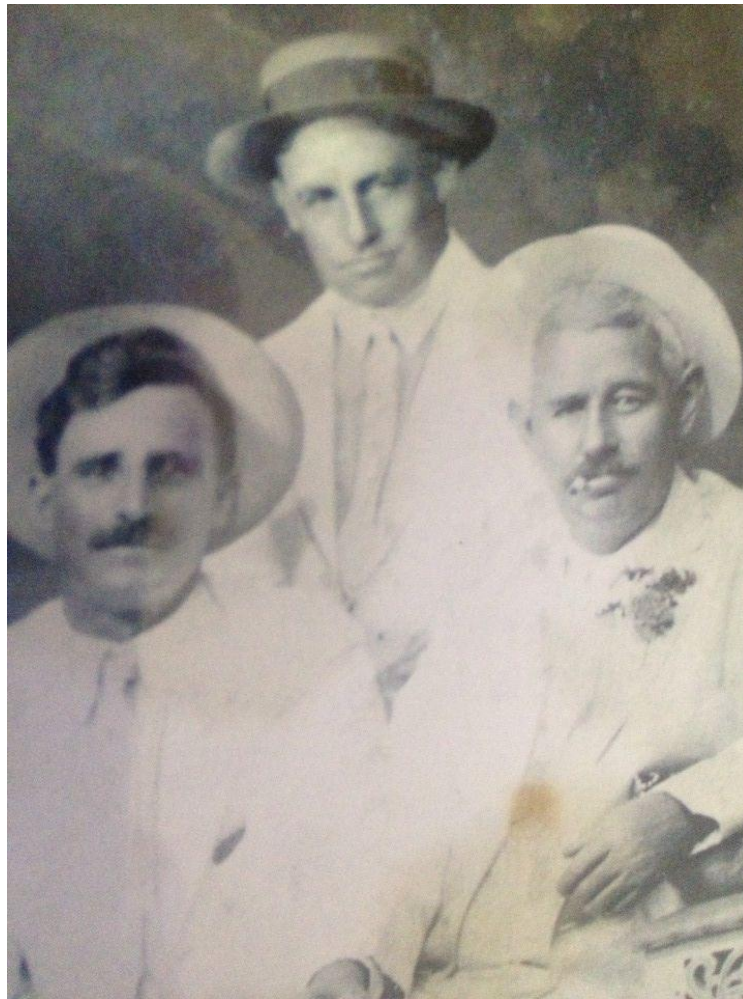
It was initially used by first grandchild, a boy (now thirty years old). My sister signed the bottom and passed it to the next grandchild, a girl. And so on, and each signed and dated. By now the list of names is getting pretty long. in 1988, the same sister (my only sister) was pregnant with twins. That meant Dad had to make another, right? The twins were born premature and Jessie never left the hospital. She never slept in "her" crib. Twin sister, Elizabeth is doing great. This heartbreaking episode was recounted at Dad's impromptu memorial service. Of course that second crib is making the rounds now.

Because we live so far away\*, neither of my boys ever slept in Grandpa's crib.

[Ed: \* **SteveKS** lives in New York.]



**Debra Edgar Bocobo's** photo of her father, in the last issue was mis-labelled. The photo duplicated here was of her grandfather, and two of his brothers. She assures us she will get us names for the three shown here.



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We have 282 members on the Edgar DNA Group site on Ancestry.com. Why not come and join us? It's as simple as asking to join, establishing a username and password (to keep the spammers at bay), and logging in. There are pictures, stories, trees, and the all-important DNA results posted there.

Go to this link, <http://dna.ancestry.com/groups.aspx> type in "Edgar," in the **Search for Groups** box, and click **Submit**. Select "Join" on the Edgar Group (the one with 282 members), and **SteveUK** or I (the administrators) will approve your request.

