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An Insight into the St. John Family of Highlight



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Why a family newsletter

By Suzanne St. John

The St. Johns of Highlight, Glamorgan, Wales are *lost* in Modern History. The individuals of this family, their ancestors and descendants have been merged, confounded, and obliterated into non-existence by well-meaning researchers, heralds, and family before us. It is our responsibility and right to honor our ancestors based on the primary records that have been left for us. We owe it to them as genealogical preservationists to correct the historical record and the public's understanding.

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St. Johns of Highlight
A founding family of Colonial America

A commentary by Suzanne St. John

Have you figured out that everyone is so confused because we are being force fed incorrect information by those claiming to be experts? At the expense of highly respected and protected reputations, I will supply the facts as found in the primary records.

The St. Johns of Highlight, Glamorgan, Wales and Colonial America were a clan family that intermarried with other families within their clan community. They descended from Knights Templars and were Knights Hospitallers until about 1540-1650. They were avid and professional seaman, military soldiers, merchants, explorers and adventurers. They were planners, investors, planters, colonists, and risk takers not only in Colonial America but other areas around the globe. They built manor houses, castles, parishes, and communities. They risked everything to give us this future we know today!

especially by self-purported experts on this family, no matter where in time they may exist.

The St. Johns we directly descend from did not accomplish all that they did in order to be ignored, forgotten, or to falsely credit another. I believe they were too honorable for such a goal.

From this issue forward, I hope together we can let the primary records speak for themselves and work in harmony to honor them and their rightful contributions to History, our family, our heritage, and our origin.

I have spent the last decade researching this family and have collected hundreds of factual details about them. I will use this forum to share my research, my impressions, my opinions, and my assistance in helping any interested descendant know and understand their lineage.

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I will also not back down and accept the incorrect and misleading claims of others

Write for us >>>

Submitting articles for future publications

The articles will be sent in Word Format to: stjohngenealogy@gmail.com

Focus

We seek articles on the St. John families that are direct ancestors or descendants of the St. Johns of Highlight, Glamorgan, Wales. This forum encourages descendants and avid researchers with any level of writing skill to participate. We can always find persons to help edit and improve submissions. The familytree at www.stjohngenealogy.com is the primary tree we use, update, and correct.

Writing Guidelines

- Microsoft Word, 12-point type
- Citations for each statement of fact that is not common knowledge. Each should be cited to one or more reliable sources; primary sources preferred.

Submission Guidelines

- Submit a description of your article in advance.
- Limit to 6000 words or less
- Consider including digital copies or scans of original documents
- Do not submit articles that have been published before
- Do not submit articles you are submitting elsewhere
- Include author's direct lineage up to Christopher St. John 1547-1616 of Highlight, Glamorgan, Wales if known.
- A PDF digital copy of your article once published will be attached to your person record on our website

Types

- Immigrant origins with a genealogical summary.
- Problem solving articles with genealogical summary.
- Genealogical accounts of families, especially families for which no genealogy now exists.
- Source Material
- Current Events
- Common Bonds
- Brickwalls
- Help requests
- DNA discoveries
- Phonetic variations
- Newly discovered branches
- Persons or Events of Interest
- Biographies

Primary records >>>

Primary Records and Documents for Genealogy

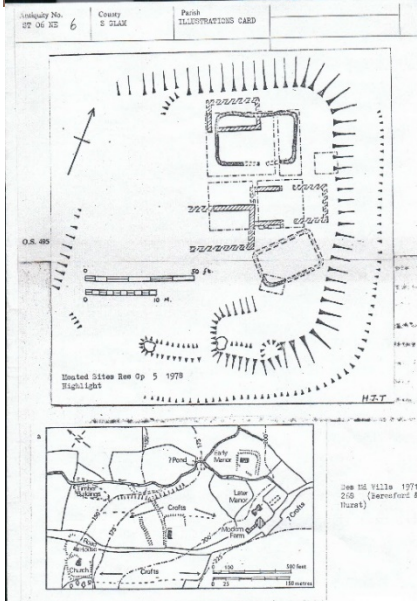
Primary source materials include such resources as vital records (birth, marriages, and death), abstracts of wills, court records, town records, city directories, church (parish) registers, census, newspapers, land deeds, military lists, passenger list, heraldry trees, Visitation reports, tax rolls, archeological reports, and family folklore.

Evaluate the Evidence

- How helpful is the evidence
- How reliable is the evidence
- Is it valid for meeting the research objective and does it produce some level of proof
- Is it objective evidence
- Does it answer questions
- Does it stand on its own merit
- Do others interpret it differently



Remember all records are not equal



St. John Genealogy & DNA

Social Media is a great way to connect with other St. Johns, share information, ask questions, and learn. In addition to this newsletter, we have a facebook page and group!




www.facebook.com/groups/stjohngenealogy



Preserve your DNA for the future



We are looking for DNA test subjects with a documented and provable St. John lineage to participate in our ongoing Genealogical and DNA study. Collections kits obtain saliva for testing. They are non-invasive, painless and private.

Groups Insights

64 +3.1K% New Members Last 28 Days	590 +37% Posts, Comments and Reactions Last 28 Days	 Julie Kaufman, Jeff St John and others are top contributors.
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Events Calendar Settings + Create Event

September 2017

-  **St. John Family Reunion**
Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 11 PM CDT
Jason J St. John and 74 other guests You hosted.
-  **International Talk Like a Pirate Day 2017**
Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 12 AM
1 guest You hosted.

ask the experts >>>



Q: *Are Ancestry Trees reliable?*
A: *Generally speaking, sometimes they are and often times they are not.*

Regardless of where you find genealogical information, you want to evaluate the evidence that is used to support the claim(s) made in a family tree, a website, a book or other publication. As a rule of thumb, we recommend relying on primary records and only using secondary works as research opportunities and clues for furthering more investigation.

Volunteer Job Role openings

- Writer:** A writer is someone who uses descriptive and engaging written language to create historical profiles and summaries of our St. John ancestors.
- Technical Author:** A writer that specializes in explaining genealogical and other technical processes in a simple, easy to understand, manner.
- Copy Editor:** makes sure that published or soon to be published works are free of spelling and grammar errors.
- Editorial Assistant:** helps with the general running of the newsletter, from administrative to editorial.
- Art Editor:** creates an overall look of the newsletter, making sure it's both attractive and easy to read.

If any of these VOLUNTEER job roles interest you, please submit a brief resume and portfolio sample to stjohngenealogy@gmail.com



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DNA isn't just for scientists

The St. John Genealogy & DNA project has been an ongoing DNA effort since 2002. Suzanne St. John became the volunteer administrator for the project in 2013.

In this role, she documented the lineages, where known, of each test subject. She has compared DNA results, compiled reports, and documented genetic family trees. Test subjects are identified by kit numbers not names.

FTDNA projects:

St. John Family DNA Project: 123 members.
<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/st-john/about/background>

Glamorgan Wales Cousin Project: 386 members.
<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/glamorgan-wales-cousins/about/background>

AncestryDNA share results with THEPOETZ

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coming soon >>>

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- *Sir William St. John, Knight*
- *Mathias & Mathew St. John were not the same man*