

About Whiting-GLOBAL

BACKGROUND

Whiting-GLOBAL was created in 2012 as an extension of research done the previous decade by Mark Whiting and Douglas Whiting¹, which built on work done by others over the years. By early 2012 they had extracted individuals with the Whiting surname from the US censuses (1790 through the 1870) and had begun work extracting the 1871 English census. Their goal was to extract the names, document each individual, and then link them together into families. By 2012 they had extracted approximately 80% of Whitings listed in the 1850 census, including descendants listed in subsequent censuses. This work led to the idea of taking a new approach to the Whiting genealogy.

On May 25, 2012 a small group of individuals with a strong interest in Whiting genealogy met in Salt Lake City, Utah and formed Whiting-GLOBAL. This organization was formed to coordinate a group effort to implement a new, non-traditional approach – one that casts a wide net to include everyone with the Whiting surname in a given geographical area – and which will eventually result in a database of every Whiting for whom records exist in that area.

One-Name Study: The concept behind this approach is very similar to that taken by the Guild of One-Name Studies, a volunteer non-profit organization based in London, England that claims to be “...the world's leading organisation for one-name studies.” Their website describes a one-name study as “a project researching facts about a surname and all the people who have held it, as opposed to a particular pedigree (the ancestors of one person) or descendancy (the descendants of one person or couple).” Whiting-GLOBAL has registered the Whiting surname (and variants) as a one-name study with this guild.

OFFICERS OF WHITING-GLOBAL



L. Carvel Whiting, president: He has an interest in genealogy and over the years has supported the genealogical efforts of others. He is retired and currently spends most of his time as the unpaid volunteer president of BELIEVE International, a foundation dedicated to helping impoverished youth in the Philippines gain an education. Before retirement in 2004 he was the Chief Information Officer and Vice President of a major regional health care company.



Wendy Whiting Bentley, board member: Has been interested in family history since she was a child and loved to hear her mother tell stories of "when she was little." Wendy has enjoyed doing research in connection with two different family organizations and has worked in positions where she encouraged and helped others in their genealogical endeavors. She has deep beliefs about the importance of families. Her experiences have made her dedicated to not only identifying our ancestors but also learning their stories.



Mark Whiting, board member: Mark grew up living great distances from both sides of his family. Beginning at age nine he was fascinated with the family history his parents would glean from their annual vacations to visit extended family. From this he developed a passion for genealogy that has endured for his entire life. It has been his lifetime hobby and he is currently anxiously engaged in Whiting family research in the US and England.



James William (Jim) Whiting, board member: Over the years he was exposed to many Family Reunions and family activities because of his mother, Marie Jensen Whiting. He helped organize Edwin Whiting Reunions and has recently been catching up on extended family events, records, and people. With help from his daughter, Lynnae W. Allred, he “rebuilt” the Edwin Whiting Online Archives website (at www.edwinwhiting.com) and currently spends much of his time working on various Family History projects.

OTHER VOLUNTEERS



Douglas Whiting, British researcher: since about 2004 Douglas has dedicated himself to working on the Whiting and related genealogical lines. He is currently focusing on research in the British Isles.

¹ *Descendants of Edwin Whiting (born in 1809).*