

CHAPTER III

EWING IN IRELAND

In 1688, William of Orange, Prince of Holland, and his lovely wife, Mary, were made King and Queen of England. Mary's father, King James II of England, was so unpopular that he was forced to flee from England to France. The next year, 1689, James II came to Ireland with a small army of French soldiers and took command of all the Catholic Armies who were trying to get the throne from William and Mary, who were Protestant. James II was a Catholic, as has been stated, and William of Orange, a Protestant, was now William III, King of England.

The Protestants of England and Scotland, as well as Ireland, were for the most part loyal to William of Orange and were known as "Orangemen." The Catholics who were loyal to James II were called "Jacobites."

Thomas Babington Macaulay in *The History of England*, Volume III, gives one of the best written and most thoroughly researched accounts of the Siege of Londonderry, Ireland on the River Foyle that has ever been recorded. The Protestant stronghold was there, and in March, 1689, the Jacobites tried to take the walled city. The gates were, of necessity, closed and the defenders inside the city walls were starving to death. The Jacobites threatened to let them all die unless the city surrendered. After 105 days, on July 29, 1689 King William's ships sailed up Loch Foyle into the River Foyle and ended the Siege of Londonderry. We know from two old poems that there were men named EWING there. One is an anonymous poem that Dr. Elbert William Ewing quotes in his book, *Clan Ewing of Scotland*, Cobden Pub. 1922, Ballston, Va. page 129:

"Hindman fired on Antrim's men,
When they with wild Maguire,
Took flight and off thro' Dermott's glen
Thought proper to retire;
Dalton, Baker's right-hand man,
With Evans, Mills and EWING
And Bacon of Magilligan,
The foe were off pursuing."

The second poem is an older one and called "Londeriades" and is quoted from Hampton's "Siege of Londonderry," Section V and is on page 130 of *CLAN EWING OF SCOTLAND*:

"James Roe Cunningham and Master Brooks
Gave great supplies, as are seen by their books,
EWIN and Wilson, merchants, gave the same,
And forty merchants which I cannot name,
Horace Kennedy went into Scotland,
And moved the Council some relief to send."

These surnames are repeated in early deeds to land in Maryland and Pennsylvania and other early settlements in America to which these families came in the early 1700's.

Macaulay's *History of England Volume IV* tells of William III's triumph at the Battle of the Boyne River in Ireland, July 1, 1690. [Because of Calendar change it is also referred to as July 12, 1690. The Roman Catholic nations of Europe adopted the Gregorian Calendar by 1600 but Great Britain did not change until 1752. The change still causes confusion as the Julian Calendar new year did not begin until March 25th and the months of January, February and the first 24 days of March use both the old and new year designations, i.e. 1690/91.]

Senator Thomas Ewing of Ohio whose ancestors came to America about 1718 and settled in southern New Jersey was descended from one EWING who was in the battle of the Boyne. He makes the following statement:

"You trace your name back to the siege of Londonderry and the Battle of the Boyne, where a Captain EWING, your grandfather's great-grandfather, performed an act of valor for which he was praised by King William and honored with a sword."

That statement is quoted by Clement L. Martzloff in his "The Autobiography of Thomas Ewing" from Vol. XXII of *Ohio Archaeological And Historical Publications*, Ohio University Athens, Ohio. March 24, 1912, page 127.

The statement was made to Senator Ewing's children and grandchildren. He did not name the recipient of the sword but many have claimed to have been descendants of the person who received the sword. It is true, however, that a grandson of an earlier Thomas Ewing and Mary Maskell had the sword stolen from him during the Revolutionary War. It was melted down for its silver content. The immigrant, Thomas Ewing, has been proven to be a son of a Findley Ewing (various spellings) of Burt Congregation just outside Londonderry walls. Thomas Ewing was born after the Siege and was an immigrant to Salem, Cohansey, N.J. in 1718. His son was, also, a Thomas Ewing, whose second son was George Ewing

the father of Senator Thomas Ewing of Ohio. It is my considered opinion that Findley Ewing was the man who received the sword from William III.

Following are lists of EWING births, marriages and some deaths. They were extrapolated from *CLAN EWING OF SCOTLAND* pages 115-119. They were carefully copied on cards and arranged by location then by Parent name. Records in Ireland of this church were burned in 1923. I was told that those given by the book *CLAN EWING OF SCOTLAND* were verified there in Ireland.

**IDENTIFYING LONDONDERRY (ST. COLUMBA'S) CATHEDRAL
and
BURT CONGREGATION (PRESBYTERIAN)**

St. Columba was born in 521 A.D. and died in 597 A.D. He was from a noble Irish family and founded numerous Christian Monasteries and Abbeys in Ireland. He went to the Western Island of Iona in 563 A.D., where he remained for 34 years and where he Evangelized the area. (This is quoted from the *Oxford Dictionary of The Christian Church*. Oxford University press 1974. Oxford England)

From the *Encyclopedia Britannica* Volume VI pages 311-312: **St. Columba** established a Monastery on the site of present day **DERRY** (Londonderry) in the middle of the 6th Century (ca. 550 A.D.). It was destroyed by Norse invaders who reportedly burned it down seven times prior to 1200 A.D.

From a *Guide Book to Ireland* undated (but recent as of 1993): Today there is **St. Columba's Protestant** Cathedral on the site of the earlier Monasteries and was completed in 1633. It contains many relics of the 1688-89 "Siege of Londonderry." A Memorial Window depicts the lifting of the siege. The terms "St. Columba's Cathedral" as it is known today and "Londonderry Cathedral" are one and the same.

The term "Parish of Templemore" indicates Episcopal not Presbyterian terminology. Parish is also a term used for the Catholic Diocese Cathedrals of **St. Eugene** built in the late 19th Century and **Long Tower Church** built in 1785 just outside the S.W. city Wall.

Burt Church (Presbyterian) is described in the *Guide Book to Ireland* as being five miles west of the City.

"A striking circular church designed by Derry architect Liam McCormick who drew his inspiration from the nearby Grianan of Aileach." [This is a modern day church; not the original church.]

"Grianan of Aileach is a remarkable stone fort built about 1700 BC, yet virtually intact today. It is just off the N.W. road across the Foyle from Londonderry to Letterkenny."

Burt Church is across the Foyle River and off the N13 Road toward Letterkenny near the town of Bridgend.

Those who attended the Cathedral and were baptised there could, also, be buried in the Cathedral grounds. They could have been Episcopal, and most probably were, but Presbyterians were not prohibited from worship and baptism there after 1633. The fact that Nathaniel Ewing and Rachel Porter are listed as being married in the Parish of Templemore suggests they might have been Episcopal. Some of their children/grandchildren seemed to have embraced that denomination.

**REGISTER OF DERRY CATHEDRAL (ST. COLUMBA'S)
PARISH OF TEMPLEMORE, LONDONDERRY, 1642-1703**
"PRINTED 1910, and verified by Jeannie L.M. Stewart, Asst. Secy. 13 Feb, 1947"

Miss Stewart stated "I hereby certify above records are true extracts from the printed copy of above Register ... Mr. Kernohan's correspondent was Mr. E.W.R. Ewing, Counsel, Department of the Interior, United States Reclamation Service, Washington, D.C. The first letter was addressed to Rev. Dr. Woodburn under date of 15 Dec 1917, which was handed over to Mr. J.W.K. Dates of other letters were: 6 Nov 1918, 24 Jan 1919, and 19 June 1919."

Thus it can be noted that we can depend on the records as given in *Clan Ewing of Scotland*, by E.W.R. Ewing pages 113-121 as being correct! However, we must **NOT CONFUSE** "Derry Cathedral", in Derry, with "Burt Congregation", just outside the walls of Derry. Miss Stewart added the following to the records included in the above pages 113-121 Derry Cathedral Records:

"The marriage of John Davis and Margaret Claughty was solemnized before John Hanfford, Mayor, in presence of WILLIAM EWING, and John Wilson, and others at London Derry July 17, 1655. Published before the Congregation at London Derry [Cathedral] three several Lord's days.

"Marriages in December 1685: JOHN EWING and Jennet Wilson, both of this parish, married by Licence by Mr. Seth White, clark [sic] cleric, the 3rd.

Births in December, 1653: FRANCES, the daughter of WILLIAM EWIN of this city and parish, merchant, was borne the first instant, 1653.

Births and Baptisms in May 1655: WILLIAM, the son of WILLIAM EWING, borne and bap. ye 27th.

Births and Baptisms in October 1656: ALLEXANDER, son of WILLIAM EWING, born Octo: 3th, bap. 9th.

Births and Baptismes in November 1657: PATRICKE, the son of WILLIAM EWING, born 11th, bap. the 12th.

Burials in December 1655: FRANCES, the daughter of WILLIAM EWING, bur. the 8th.

Burials in July 1701: Jane, the wife of WILLIAM EWING, sergent bir'd the 13th.

Burials in September 1691: MARTHA, the daughter of JOHN EWING and Jenet his wife, buried ye 30th.

Burials in October 1693: SARA, the daughter of JOHN EWING and Jenitt his wife, buried the 17th.

Burials in Aprill 1697: James, the son of JOHN EWING and Jenitt his wife, burd ye 13th.

Burials in March 1700: JOHN, the son of JOHN EWIN & Jenatt his wife, burd the 13th."

Many have mixed the records of the Cathedral with BURT CONGREGATION outside Londonderry. However, they should be taken ONLY as registered! Children baptized there, would be buried there. John Ewing married Jenet Wilson in Derry Cathedral, married 2nd Jennet McIlvenny in BURT CONGREGATION.

LONDONDERRY CATHEDRAL RECORDS BEGINNING 1642

EWING begins as shown previously and includes also:

born 1654 **ROBERT EWING** son of Alexander

baptised May 27, 1655 **WILLIAM Ewing**, son of William

born Oct 3, 1656 **ALEXANDER EWING**, son of William and was baptised Oct 9, 1656

born Nov 11, 1657 **PATRICK EWING**, son of William and was baptised Nov 12, 1657

Married Nov 18, 1658 **John Ewing** and Isabell Nelson

baptised Jan 1658/9 Isabell daughter of John Ewing

Notation March 25, 1664 "**John Ewing**, Isabell Ewing and Katherine Hackett, gossips."(godparents)

buried 1682 **JOHN EWING** son of Alexander and Margaret

Married Oct 1683 (This is possibly date banns posted)

Married Nov 1683 **WILLIAM EWING** and Agnes Anderson

buried Nov 1683 **WILLIAM PORTER** son of John Porter and Margaret

buried May 1683 **ELIABETH EWINE** daughter of John Ewine and Katherine

buried Oct 1684 **KATHERINE EWINE** wife of John Ewine

born 1684 **NATHANIEL EWING** son of Samuel and Catherine

buried 1691 **NATHANIEL EWING** son of Samuel and Catherine

buried July 13, 1701 Jane, wife of William, "Serjent"

It is important to retain these records as they were burned in a fire in Dublin, Ireland in 1922 following their acquisition by E.W.R. Ewing.

A RECORD OF INFANT BAPTISMS IN BURT CONGREGATION REGISTER EWING

If no residence given then they are listed under BURT

The following names were furnished by J. W. Kernohan, Secretary of the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland during

the years 1917-1921. This information was verified on 17 February 1947 by Jennie L.M. Stewart, Assistant Secy. of the Parish of Templemore, Ireland, indicating "these were sent by J. W. Kernohan to E.W.R. Ewing for inclusion in his book *Clan Ewing of Scotland*."

In 1982 the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland informed the writer that those records were not available to them for transfer to me. They further stated that they were, probably, destroyed in a fire in 1922. That as "far as they knew the report of J.W. Kernohan was correct as represented in the book CLAN EWING."

Subsequent to the publication of *Clan Ewing of Scotland* by E.W.R. EWING some Genealogists mixed the Marriages, Baptisms and Deaths of members of Londonderry Cathedral and Dublin Cathedral (given on pages 115-116) with the information regarding the BURT CONGREGATION members. That fact has caused much confusion and many inaccuracies.

One example is that a John Ewing married and had children recorded as buried from the Londonderry Cathedral. He was married a second time in the BURT CONGREGATION where some of his children were baptised. We have been able to "fill in" other children from Deeds, Wills, Administration Bonds and Court Records. Also, very capable genealogists have had family information, carefully researched with years of effort, and this family is now fairly well documented. I report some of their findings.

The process used to list the EWING births was to make cards from pages 116-119 of CLAN EWING. Each name written and carefully checked on them. The cards were, then, arranged by location and then by name within the location. They have been triple-checked!

It should be remembered that the record at BURT did not begin until 1677 and ends with 1714. Those born before and after this period cannot be identified. It should, also, be remembered that a residence of BURT could also be a residence elsewhere, later, and that as the church membership grew that persons may have moved to another location.

<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE BAPTISED</u>	<u>INFANT'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENT</u>
BURT	8 April 1677*	Jean Ewing	Ffinlay Ewing
BURT	18 March 1686/87	Jenat Ewing	Humphrey Ewing & Jean Temple
BURT	6 November 1679	Mary Ewing	James Ewing
BURT	6 June 1680	John Ewing	James Ewing

* Earliest record

<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE BAPTISED</u>	<u>INFANT'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENT</u>
BURT	9 January 1680/81	John Ewing	James Ewing
BURT	8 October 1682	Samuel Ewing	James Ewing
BURT	19 September 1680	Elizabeth Ewing	John Ewing
BURT	6 February 1680/81	William Ewing	John Ewing
BURT	27 August 1704	Sam: Ewing	Patrick Ewing
BURT	26 March 1678	Margaret Ewing	Robert Ewing
	[Note: it is said she married Josias Porter.]		
BURT	14 November 1703	James Ewing	Robert Ewing
BURT	24 February 1680/1	George Ewing	William Ewing
BURT	2 April 1682	Francis Ewing	William Ewing
CARNSHANAUGH	1 July 1694	Jean Ewing	John Ewing
CARNSHANAUGH	14 October 1703	John Ewing	John Ewing
CARNSHANNAGH	20 January 1705/6	Helener Ewing	William Ewing
CARNSHANAGH	12 July 1696	Mary Ewing	John Ewing
CARSHANAGH	14 August 1704	Elizabeth Ewing	William Ewing
CASTLE HILL(BURT)	4 June 1699	Sarah Ewing	Patrick Ewing
CASTLE HILL(BURT)	2 March 1700/1	George Ewing	Patrick Ewing
CASTLE HILL(BURT)	25 June 1702	Joshua Ewing	Patrick Ewing
CASTLE HILL(BURT)	15 December 1706	James Ewing	Patrick Ewing
CASTLE HILL(BURT)	25 December 1709	Anna Ewing	Patrick Ewing
CASTLE HILL(BURT)	14 March 1711/12	Elizabeth Ewing	Patrick Ewing
CASTLE HILL(BURT)	24 May 1713	Esther Ewing	Patrick Ewing
CASTLE HILL(BURT)	19 October 1686	Elizabeth Ewing	Widow Ewing (Ell)
CASTLE QUARTER OF			
ELAGH	24 December 1682	James Ewing	John Ewing
ELAGH	29 October 1682	James Ewing	James Ewing
ELAGH	10 March 1694/5	Jean Ewing	James Ewing
ELAGH	26 September 1697	Kathren Ewing	James Ewing

ELAGH	23 October 1700	Umphra Ewing	James Ewing
ELAGH BEG	17 November 1678	Elizabeth Ewing	Robert Ewing
ELAGH BEG	18 January 1679/80	Alexander Ewing	Robert Ewing
[Note: see children of Robert Ewing of BURT]			
ELAGH MORE	11 September 1703	JA: Ewing	James Ewing
ELAGH MORE	21 June 1706	James Ewing	James Ewing
ELAGH MORE	26 August 1713	James Ewing	Samuel Ewing
ELAGH MORE	15 July 1711	Rachel Porter	Josias Porter
[Note: It is said she was born 1706 and had a brother James born 1699 (J.W. Kernohan).]			
FFAHAN*	10 October 1690	Thomas Yowen	Ffinlay Yowen
FFAWN (Fahan)	15 January 1692/3	Robert Ewing	Ffinlay Ewing
FFAWN (Fahan)	24 February 1694/5	Mary Ewing	Ffinlay Ewing
FFAWN (Fahan)	12 March 1695/6	Jean Ewing	Ffinlay Ewing, JR.
FFAWN (Fahan)	20 March 1699/1700	?	Ffinlay Ewing, JR
FFAWN (Fahan)	18 March 1701/2	?	Ffinlay Ewing, JR
FAHAN	22 October 1710	Anna Ewing	George Ewing
FAHAN	30 August 1712	Sarah Ewing	George Ewing
FAHAN	12 July 1694	William Ewing	Umphra Ewing
FAHAN (Tooban Church)	18 March 1686/7	Kathrin Ewing	William Ewing & Mary Boggs
[Note Evidence of various churches within "congregation" of BURT]			

* Fahan is described as being in INISHOWEN PARISH, just north of the present parish of INCH in Lough Swilly (E.W.R. Ewing, CLAN EWING page 349.)

<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>DATE BAPTISED</u>	<u>INFANT'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENT</u>
FAHAN	6 March 1709/10	?	William Ewing
INCH	12 January 1693/4	William Ewing	Alexander Ewing
INCH	9 May 1714*	William Ewing	Alexander Ewing
INCH	10 April 1678	Jean Ewing	Finly Ewing
INCH	10 April 1680	William Ewing	Finly Ewing
INCH	10 May 1681	James Ewing	Finly Ewing
INCH	24 May 1697	Esther Ewing	James Ewing
INCH	22 January 1698/9	John Ewing	James Ewing
INCH	11 August 1701	Henry Ewing	James Ewing
INCH [twins?]	11 August 1701	Samuel Ewing	James Ewing
INCH	5 November 1704	Thomas Ewing	James Ewing
INCH	2 March 1712/13	Thomas Ewing	John Ewing
INCH	16 April 1693	Jean Ewing	Patrick Ewing
INCH	26 May 1695	Rebekah Ewing	Patrick Ewing
INCH	17 May 1693	Mary Ewing	Robert Ewing
INCH	22 June 1701	JA: Ewing	Robert Ewing
INCH	27 April 1704	Janet Ewing	Robert Ewing
INCH	15 May 1709	Sarah Ewing	Robert Ewing
INCH	18 July 1686	Jean Ewing	Thomas Ewing & Helen McNitt or McNutt
LUDDAN	23 December 1712	Martha Ewing	William Ewing
MOLEY (MOLENAN)	23 November 1686	John Ewing	Patrick Ewing & Jenat Mitchell
MOLENY (MOLENAN)	26 March 1693	Sarah Ewing	" "
MOLENY (MOLENAN)	31 March 1694/5	Josias Ewing	" "
MOLENEN	21 May 1704	Rachel & Leah Porter	James Porter
MONESSE	27 May 1683	Elizabeth Porter	James Porter & Jean Ewin

* latest date of baptism

A RECORD OF MARRIAGES IN BURT CONGREGATION REGISTER FOR THE NAME EWING
[as found on page 117 of EW.R. Ewing's *Clan Ewing of Scotland*]

1691	March 2	Patrick Ewing and Elizabeth Ewing
1692	May 24	Richard Porter and Helen Ewing
1694/5	January 1	ffinlay Ewing and Agnas Morison [surely "JR"]
1697	August 12	Patrick Ewing and Margaret Cocheran
1698	November 22	Daniel Smith and Kathren Ewing
1701	September 4	John Ewing and Janet Micklevenny
1704	March 30	Robert Porter and Jean Ewing
1704	October 19	William Ewing and Janet Culbert
1706	April 28	James Desart and Elizabeth Ewing
1709	August 11	John Ewing and Anna Craige
1709	December 15	George Ewing and Elinor Gibson
1711	July 3	Samuel Ewing and Mary Thompson
1714	November 25	Mr. Joshua Ewing and Mrs. Sarah Ferguson

EWING CHILDREN BAPTISMS
BURT CONGREGATION REGISTER OUTSIDE LONDONDERRY, IRELAND
INCH ISLAND ONLY

<u>DATE BAPTISED</u>	<u>INFANT'S NAME</u>	<u>CHILD OF</u>
12 January 1693/4	William Ewing	Alexander Ewing
9 May 1714	William Ewing	Alexander Ewing
10 April 1678	Jean Ewing	Finly Ewing*
10 April 1680	William Ewing	Finly Ewing
10 May 1681	James Ewing	Finly Ewing
24 May 1697	Esther Ewing	James Ewing**
22 January 1698/99	John Ewing	James Ewing
11 August 1701	Henry Ewing	James Ewing
11 August 1701	Samuel Ewing	James Ewing
5 November 1704	Thomas Ewing	James Ewing
2 March 1712/13	Thomas Ewing	John Ewing
16 April 1693	Jean Ewing	Patrick Ewing
26 May 1695	Rebeckah Ewing	Patrick Ewing
1 June 1701	Humphrey Ewing	Patrick Ewing
17 May 1693	Mary Ewing	Robert Ewing
22 June 1701	Ja:	Robert Ewing
14 November 1703	Janet	Robert Ewing
15 May 1709	Sarah	Robert Ewing
18 July 1686	Jean	Thomas Ewing & Helen McNutt

Today, 1993, there are two villages on Island of Inch, One, simply called "Inch" and the other spelled CARNAGHAN. In 1795: CARNAUGHAN! Is that where John lived?

*It is believed by the writer this Finly Ewing is one and the same with the Ffinlay Yowen and Ffinlay Ewing of Fahan as well as the early one identified only as belonging to the Burt Congregation (as all others were), and that Ffinlay Ewing, Jr. of Fahan was his son.

**It is believed by the writer that these children of James Ewing all came to America and settled in East. Nottingham twp., Chester Co., PA.