

## CHAPTER IV

### EWING COMES TO AMERICA

It has long been held that the earliest EWING to settle in the new land of America came about 1718. No grants, deeds nor tax records have been located by the writer that are earlier than this. There are, however, other records of some very early **EWING** in this country.

Reid Ewing of Winter Park, FL, who has shared so very much, sent a copy of EWING men and women leaving Ireland between 1600 and 1800 to various American Ports of entry. The list follows this page. We have included those prior to 1776 only.

There is a record of Oliver Cromwell's sending one Robert Ewing to Virginia prior to 1658 but to date no one has traced his descendants nor determined if he acquired land and remained here.

On September 9, 1643 William Ewins was granted land in James City County, Virginia. (See *William and Mary Quarterly* Vol. IX p144) The actual grant and what happened to the land has not been found.

John Ewing had vast holdings in Baltimore County Maryland and in what became Harford Co., Md. He seemed to be a lawyer from the Isle of Wight in England. He died in 1709 leaving one daughter but no sons.

Susannah Ewing was buried at Christ Church, Philadelphia, PA in 1713. She was the widow of one John Ewing according to Egles *Notes And Queries*.

In Essex Co., N.J. John Ewing's Intestate Bond of £200 was dated 5 June 1715 in "First year of the Reign of our Lord King." (i.e George I made king in 1714). Inventory is to be made by the Administrators and his wife's name seems to be Margaret. No orphan Court Report nor Inventory was made. So his children, if any, remain a mystery.

Mary Ewen, widow of Joseph Ewen of Germantown, PA married 2<sup>nd</sup> George Gray and they had Mary Gray born 29 March 1717 (she married David Syng 10 Aug 1733), and George Gray born 26 October 1725 in Germantown, PA. George Gray married Martha Ibison and had 13 children. Elizabeth was the daughter of Joseph and Mary Ewen and was born 24 Aug 1712. Elizabeth Ewen married Capt. James Coultas of Whitby England on 13 March 1735. They had no children. No son of Joseph and Mary Ewen has ever been located. (From *Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine* Vol. XXIX #4 page 400 and from *Genealogies of Pennsylvania Families* Vol. III pp 829-830)

A diligent search of all Ships Passenger Lists in the Library of Congress failed to reveal any EWING from Ireland prior to 1772. There is a record in the *Scottish Genealogist* of a John Ewing, an indentured servant, coming to Chester Co., PA in 1698 having been born in Scotland in 1691. No more information. HE could be the John Ewing who died in Chester Co PA in 1730.

Numerous Ships have been indicated as possibly bringing EWING to these shores. So far none has actually been proven and so we leave that for future researchers to prove.

<b>RECORDS IN IRELAND OF EWING EMIGRANTS TO AMERICA</b>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHRISTIAN NAME</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Compiled by Rev. D.H. Allen of Coleraine, Londonderry County, Northern Ireland, in 1985, for Reid Ewing	EWEN	Nicholas	Virginia	1638
		Sarah	America	1680
		Will	Georgia	1734
Rev. Allen listed about 50 persons who came here after 1798 but they can be found in any list of ships' passengers.	EWENS	Ann	Virginia	1642
		Clement	Virginia	1642
		John, Senr.	Virginia	1642
		Richard (with servants)	Barbados	1679
		William	Virginia	1626
	EWIN	Jo	Georgia	1737
		John	America	1761
		William	Virginia	1626
	EWING	John	Philadelphia, PA	1764
	EWINS	Elizabeth	Virginia	1663-1679
John		Virginia	1623	
Robert		Virginia	1623	