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**CHAPTER VI  
EWING IN EARLY NEW JERSEY 1718**

**PROBABLE CHILDREN OF FINDLEY EWING  
Thomas, William, James and Robert**

**Thomas Ewing** who married **Mary Maskell**, is the first EWING proven to have established his home in America and is easy to trace through the New Jersey Records. His brothers and sisters have been a source of debate and some of the descendants continue to deny that any others came with him. However, early records and accounts indicate there were other members of his family close by.

Below are some of the writings-about this family-from 1910 to 1928:

“There is a record of one James Ewing who was born in Glasgow about 1650. His son, Findley, removed to Londonderry Ireland in 1690; and there married Jane Porter.” *Ewing Families* by Rev. Joseph L. Ewing, 1910 page 12.

“Findley Ewing had a brother, Thomas. By some he is thought to have had a brother William.” *Ewing Families*, ibid. page 44.

“Thomas and Findley Ewing, brothers, came to America about 1718, settled in New Jersey were sons of Captain Charles Ewing.” *Ewing Genealogy with Cognate Branches* by Presly Kittredge Ewing, 1919, page 15.

“Thomas Ewing, son of Finley and Jane (Porter) Ewing, came to America and settled and died in New Jersey in 1748. *Clan Ewing of Scotland* by E.W.R. Ewing, 1923 pages 117, 349.

In 1718 Thomas and Jane Ewing, son and daughter of Findlay Ewing came to Long Island.” *South Jersey, A History 1664 -1924*. A.M. Heston, ed. 1924, page 73.

“James Ewing of Glasgow had a son, Findley, who married in Ireland Jane Porter and ... (his son) ... Thomas came to America with brothers William and Robert.” *George Ewing Gentleman*, by Thomas Ewing, 1928 page 70.

“The earliest known ancestor of the OHIO EWINGS was Findley Ewing of Londonderry, Ireland. who took part in the Battle of the Boyne War in 1690 ... Findley and Jane his wife had three sons and one daughter. Findley and Jane both died in Londonderry.” *History of Ohio* Volume. VI, pp 3-4, Randall and Ryan.

Each of these was written almost 200 years after Thomas Ewing came to these shores. Surely some of his family came with him, surely some of the above are correct and some of the above are incorrect!

E.W.R. Ewing who wrote CLAN EWING documented information from the Burt Congregation outside Londonderry, Ireland. Most of the children born to Finley Ewing there were named in the articles just quoted. It is appropriate to name all those said to be children of Findley, Finly, Findlay, Ffinlay or Finley!

<u>DATE BAPTISED</u>	<u>INFANT'S NAME</u>	<u>PARENT</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
8 April 1677	Jean Ewing	Ffinlay Ewing	(Burt)
10 Appryle 1678	Jean Ewing	Finly Ewing	Inch Island
10 April 1680	William Ewing	Finly Ewing	Inch Island
10 May 1681	James Ewing	Finly Ewing	Inch Island
10 October 1690	Thomas Ewing	Ffinlay Yowen	FFahan (Fahan)
15 January 1692/3	Robert Ewing	Ffinlay Ewing	Ffawn (Fahan)
24 February 1694/5	Mary Ewing	Ffinlay Ewing	Ffawn (Fahan)
[1 January 1694/5 Ffinlay Ewing married Agnas Morison]			
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.	Ffawn (fahan)

Thus we have the probable descendants of Findley and Jane Porter? Ewing:

- Ffinlay Ewing, Jr. born about 1674/5 married Agnas Morison January 1, 1694/5, three children. No record in America nor in N.J.

- Jean Ewing baptised 8 April 1677. Obviously, she died for a second daughter was baptised next year see next entry.
- Jean Ewing baptised 10 Appryle 1678 (Inch). Surely the mother's name WAS Jean for Ffinlay Jr. named his first daughter Jean. Note baptismal date. She may have come to America but is not identified. Robert Porter married Jean 3/30/04(?).
- William Ewing baptised 10 April, 1680 (Inch). There is a will for a William Ewing two years after Thomas Ewing died in Cohansey, Cumberland Co., N.J. I say that it is this man. Two earlier quotations say so. (It is dated 1749.)
- James Ewing baptised 10 May, 1681 (Inch). There is a will for a James Ewing ten years later in Kent County Delaware just across the Delaware River from Cohansey. I say that it is this man. Only son was named Robert. (Note: His will was dated 1765.)
- Thomas Ewing baptised 10 October, 1690 (Fahan). There is a will for Thomas Ewing dated 7 January 1744/45 and proven 11 March 1748/49. It was witnessed by Robert Ewing who has been suggested as one of his brothers.
- Robert Ewing baptised 15 January 1692/3 (Fahan). One Robert Ewing witnessed the will of Thomas above. Note this is the first birth to Ffinlay Ewing not baptised on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month! We will present information on Robert below.
- Mary Ewing baptised 24 February 1694/5 (Fahan). We have been unable to find further information on Mary.

It is interesting to note that Findley had four children baptised consecutively on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Below are other sources consulted which produced the conclusions shown on the following pages. We recommend these for your reading:

*The Salem Tenth-genealogical Data in West Jersey* by H.S. Craig, 1926

*Cumberland County New Jersey-genealogical Data* by H.S. Craig, undated

*New Jersey Colonial Documents-Calendars of Wills*, all EWING with various spellings through 1800.

*New Jersey Colonial Documents-Index to Deeds* (Ewing all spellings) to 1800.

*New Jersey Colonial Documents-Index to Tax Records* (Ewing all spellings) to 1825.

*New Jersey past and Present* - John W. Barber ed., 1865.

#### **PROBABLE FIRST AND SECOND GENERATIONS OF CHILDREN IN AMERICA OF FINDLEY EWING of Burt Congregation, outside Londonderry, Ireland.**

- I. **Jean Ewing** (One was "baptised to Findley Ewing, 10 Appryle 1678, in Inch".) One Jean Ewing married **Robert Porter** in Burt Congregation on March 30, 1704.

She cannot be Jean Ewing daughter of Findley Ewing, Jr. If she is that Jean she would have been 26 years old. We have not searched out the Porters of New Jersey but there were many of them in Pennsylvania and in Maryland. Whether this Jean is a sister of Thomas cannot be proven at this time. A Robert Porter died in Lancaster Co., PA 1743 leaving a wife, Jeannette.

- II. **William Ewing** (one was "baptised to Findley Ewing, 10 April, 1680, in Inch".) William Ewing "of Cohansey in the county of Cumberland and Province of West New Jersey, Husbandman" wrote his will 7 April, 1749.

He would have been 69 years old. He leaves the sum of 5 shillings to "my brother James Ewing." To his "beloved brother-in-law Charles Dennis, Jr. I leave all the rest of my estate both real and personal." The will was witnessed by Nehemiah Craven, John Richardson and John Bee. Charles Dennis, Jr. was to "be sole executor." William Ewing signed his name quite well on an original copy of the will I have. "Charles Dennis, Jr. executor appeared 1 May 1749 being one of the people called Quakers upon his affirmation" (Quakers do not swear) "that he would make and exhibit in Prerogative Office in Burlington a proper inventory." It was signed by "Charles Dennis." The inventory was made by John Butler and Samuel Fithian on 1 May 1749. The estate was valued at £152.13.02 and was made at Greenwich twp. Cumberland Co., N.J. Samuel Fithian was, probably, the father of Sarah Fithian, born 1754, who married Dr. Thomas Ewing a grandson of Thomas Ewing, below, and Mary Maskell Ewing. The Fithian family were Quakers, also ... The Will of William is located in Liber 6, page 121. An abstract may be found on page 171 of *New Jersey Calendar of Wills 1730-17*.

Anne Kimball of Tulsa, OK and I have studied all the Calendar of Wills of N.J. that might help locate all the Fithian, Dennis, Craven and Richardson families connected to William Ewing. We have made some connections and theories, yet proof will

take much longer than we have to spend on this segment. Nevertheless, William Ewing of Cohansey lived in the same place, had the same associates and died about the same time as the other EWINGs who might have been his siblings.

III. **James Ewing** (one was baptised to Findley Ewing, 10 May 1681, of Inch Island “James Ewing of Kent County Delaware” in *Kent County Wills* Liber K folio 198-99 dated March 2, 1759 requests that “Daniel Finney be his executor” ... the date of the Administration is the same, March 2, 1759.

The Archives of Kent Co., DE Volume A-16 pp 233-4 show that Mary Ewing, widow of James, married Daniel Finney following the execution of the will. The names of the children were: Robert, Frances and Elizabeth. The will of one Elizabeth Smith in Kent Co., dated April 6, 1751 on page 144 of abstracts, shows Elizabeth Smith had a daughter Mary Ewing and a grandson, Robert Ewing.

- *Kent County Delaware Deed Book M-1:62*, dated 12 February 1739 shows that James Ewing “Joyner” purchased for £39 from Andrew Caldwell, Sr. 170 acres of land taken from two tracts – one called EXCHANGE and one called ROADS FOREST.
- *Kent County Delaware Deed Book N-1:117*, dated 12 November 1746 shows James Ewing purchased from Philip Kearney of Perth Amboy, N.J. 168 acres called ADDITION and was adjacent to the other property.
- *Kent County Delaware Deed Book Q-1:78*, dated 14 November 1761 shows “Robert Ewing of Philadelphia, PA Cooper” sold to Stephen Brown of Kent Co., Delaware for £45 “part of the land which his father, James Ewing, willed to him and lately in the possession of Daniel Finney.” Evidently Robert Ewing is now over 21 and has moved to Philadelphia to seek his fortune as a “cooper” which is the same profession his father had called “joiner”.

It is believed by your writer that Robert Ewing, of Hanover twp. Lancaster Co., PA is one and the same with the above. One by that name married Elizabeth Crain Espie widow of Joseph Espie. Robert Ewing died childless in Hanover twp. Lancaster Co., PA in 1782.

James Ewing of Kent Co., Delaware lived just across the Delaware River from Thomas, William and Robert Ewing of New Jersey. He is the ONLY James Ewing in the same time frame who could be the son of Findley Ewing. James Ewing of Hopewell twp. in Old Hunterdon Co., N.J., as of 1723 moved 1727 to Nether Providence twp. in Chester Co., PA as proven by deeds. James Ewing wrote his will in 1739 and died 1740 so he is not the brother, James, in the will of William Ewing, above, who died 1749.

IV. **Thomas Ewing** (one was baptised to Findley Ewing, 10 October 1690, of Fahan, Ireland yet still of Burt Congregation.) New Jersey Marriage Records indicate that Thomas Ewing married **Mary Maskell**, daughter of Thomas Maskell, on 27 March 1720.

In *EWING FAMILIES* by Rev. Joseph Lyons Ewing, 1910 page 14, he states that Thomas Maskell's daughter, Mary, received a marriage portion of 100 acres of land.

However, the Will of Thomas Maskell of Cohansey, Salem Co., N.J. dated 26 October, 1732 located in Liber 3, p.254 states: “To Mary Yeuens, daughter, 100 acres. To Maskell Yeuens, grandson, son Constant Maskell” other bequests were made. [Constant Maskell's will is located in Liber 4, p.41 and the Administratrix is Rachel Maskell, widow. Bondsman was Thomas Waithman whose name appears in many of the Maskell, Fithian and Ewing transactions. Interestingly, Constant and Rachel Maskell's daughter, Abigail Maskell, married 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_ Moore and had Enoch Moore and she married 2<sup>nd</sup>, Samuel Fithian. It was their daughter, Sarah Fithian who married Dr. Thomas Ewing, surgeon, son of Maskell and Mary Paget Ewing, see below. Constant Maskell's will is dated 5 January 1739 only 7 years after the death of his father, Thomas Maskell. Witnesses on the will of Thomas Maskell, 1732, were Charles Dennis (see William Ewing above, executor and brother-in-law, Charles Dennis, 1749) Richard Mills, Samuel Dennis. One of the appraisers was Charles Dennis. It was not sworn to but “affirmed” indicating that he was Quaker, 30 January, 1732/33.

The Will of Thomas Ewing was written 7 January 1744/5. It can be found in Liber 5, page 426 and was proved 7 April 1748. Witnesses were Thomas Maskell, possibly son of Constant Maskell, Robert Ewing and Richard Ball. According to his tombstone Thomas Ewing died 28 February 1747/8. The children named in his will are in this order: “**Maskell, John, Thomas, Mary, Joshua, Samuel and James.**” They had Mercy and Samuel (1) who died in infancy. Thomas Ewing was called “Senior” and was identified as being from “Cohansey, Salem Co., N.J.” He was a yeoman and the inventory valued his estate at £169.05.00. Thomas Ewing, Jr. was the executor. Inventory was made by Thos. Waithman and Thomas Maskell on 11 March 1747/8.

The will of Mary Maskell Ewing was written 14 February 1781. It is located in Liber 26, p.117. Witnesses were Thomas Remington, Sally Carl and Moses Platt. The executor was her son, Joshua Ewing and the inventory of £170.17.07 was made by Maskell Ewing and John Ewing, her two oldest sons. It is dated 20 December 1784 and, according to her tombstone, she died 17 December 1784. Those named in her will are: son **Maskell, Thomas, Poebe, Mary Diament, John, son Samuel's wife Mary, son James's wife, Mary, Son Joshua's daughter Palmis.** She was “of Greenwich, Cumberland Co., N.J.”

When Mary Maskell Ewing wrote her will in 1781 her son, Thomas, was already dead. Her son, Samuel, died 25 December 1783.

CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF THOMAS AND MARY (MASKELL) EWING as proven by Wills, Deeds, Military Records and gravestones:

- A. **Maskell Ewing, Sr.** born 3/31/1721, died 3/30/1790 married **Mary Paget** 3/31/43. She was born 5/15/25, died 12/17/1784 a daughter of Thomas Paget of Stowe Creek. Maskell's will is located in Liber 36, page 352 file 1090F and is dated 3/30/1790. He is of Greenwich, Cumberland Co., N.J. "wife, Mary, to have use of land on North side of street leading from Thomas Maskell's house toward Bacon Creek." He names daughters in this order: Abigail, Phebe, Amey, Mary, Sarah, Rachel and Susannah. His sons were Thomas, Maskell, Jr. and David.

Each daughter was to get 1/7 of the residue. Grandson, William B. Ewing (only living child of Dr. Thomas) £100 when 21. Maskell, Jr. all lands on North side of road bounded by Thomas Maskell, Thomas Ewing, Enos Ewing and Gabriel Davis. Maskell, Jr. paying to his brother David Ewing £20 per annum, and to Sarah wife of David, £6 per annum should she survive her husband (she did not).

1. **Abigail Ewing** b 2/4/1744 married **Isaac Watson** 2/25/1771
  2. **Phebe Ewing** b 5/13/1746 married **Abner Woodruff** 4/15/1776; 8 children
  3. **Thomas Ewing** b 9/13/1748 married **Sarah Fithian** 9/30/1770; (b 1750 daughter of Samuel and Abigail Maskell Moore Fithian), Surgeon. His will written 9 August 1782 located Liber 24, page 250 proved 21 February 1783, "wife and half brothers and sisters" indicated Sarah had siblings by name of Moore. Her half brother Enoch Moore was her guardian when Samuel Fithian died. Executors of Thomas's will were brother Maskell and uncle James Ewing.
  4. **Amey Hunter Ewing** b 1/20/1751, d 1845 married 5/9/1774 **Robert Patterson** who was Brigade Major of N.J. troops until 12/1799; prof. of Math U. of PA (d 7/22/1824). Eight Children: Thomas Ewing Patterson; Mary Patterson married Dr. Samuel Moore; Martha Patterson married Uriah Dubois; William Ewing Patterson; Emma Patterson married Samuel Fisher; Robert Maskell Patterson; Susanna Ann Patterson and Elizabeth Matilda Patterson married Dr. Wm. Harris.
  5. **Mary Ewing** b 4/26/1753 married 1<sup>st</sup> 12/16/1780 **Richard Caruthers** (he d 1790). One child Richard Ewing Caruthers born 1781. Mary married 2<sup>nd</sup> **William Findley**.
  6. **Sarah Ewing** b 4/19/1756 d 1834 married 5/12/1782 **James B. Hunt**, Esq. (d 8/5/1824): children, Thomas Ewing Hunt born 3/2/1783; Reuben Hunt, Sarah Hunt, James B. Hunt and Wm. F. Hunt.
  7. **Maskell Ewing, Jr.** b 1/30/1758 married 10/12/1787 **Jane Hunter**, children: Eleanor Hunter Ewing married George F. Curwen 1819, Mary Padgett Ewing married Daniel Elmer 1844, James Hunter Ewing (physician), Louisa Ewing married William Bell 1837) Maskell, (III) married Cornelia Lansdale.
  8. **Rachel Ewing** b 12/25/1759 married 12/9/1783 **Enos Ewing** (cousin, son of John and Hannah Bacon Ewing) 3 daughters: Amey (died infant) Mary Ewing married Charles B. Fithian 1/16/1805; Sarah Ewing was married 3/24/1813 to Ephriam Bacon.
  9. **David Ewing** born 3/18/1762 d 1830 in W. PA married 1<sup>st</sup> **Sarah Ewing** daughter of William and Sarah Ewing of Cape May, N.J. 4/26/1787 (2 children) married 2<sup>nd</sup> 12/30/1794 in Georgia, **Mary Conway** (two children).
  10. **Susannah Ewing** b 5/27/1764 d 10/27/1839 married 1<sup>st</sup> 4/2/1789 Major **William Ferguson** (d 11/4/1791) one child; married 2<sup>nd</sup> **Ercuries Beatty** three children. Ercuries Beatty moved to Lancaster, Fairfield Co., Ohio and practiced law there near Senator Thomas, son of George Ewing. My ancestor John born 1738/9 moved there and died 1806
- B. **Thomas Ewing, Jr.** born 10/6/1722 d 3/29/1771 married 1<sup>st</sup> **Phebe Sayre**, married 2<sup>nd</sup> **Rachel Dixon**, married 3<sup>rd</sup> **Sarah Vickers** 6/20/1751.

His will is dated 2/11/1767 at Greenwich twp. and is located in Liber 14, page 513: "wife, Sarah, 1/3 movable estate use of house and 12 acres hereafter given to son, Joel, and use of 16 acre lot hereafter given to my son, George. If she die then brother Maskell to be guardian. Son Dixon 8 acres bounded by Constant Waithman by land of James Dixon. George 4 acres of house lot. Joel house I live in and rest of lot (12 acres). Daughters, Rachel and Phebe, 7 acres along road to Bocan's (Bacon's) Neck. If wife has another child is to share with rest." Executor wife, Sarah, witnesses James Ewing, Abigail Ewing and Sarah Fithian. Inventory June 11, 1771 by Maskell Ewing and Ephriam Fithian.

Thomas Ewing, Jr. and Phebe Sayre had:

1. **Joel Ewing** (nothing further has been found about Joel).

Thomas Ewing, Jr. and Rachel Dixon had:

2. **Dixon Ewing** (nothing further has been found about Dixon ... However, we know that Rachel was a daughter of James and Rebecca Dixon. James Dixon wrote his will Jan 2, 1738/9 and that Rachel Dixon and Isabel Dixon each received ½ lot on Main Street in Greenwich twp. The executors of his will were Charles Dennis and Phillip Dennis.)

Thomas Ewing, Jr. and Sarah Vickers had:

3. **Hope Ewing** died in infancy;
4. **Thomas Ewing (III)** died in infancy and “line of Thomases was broken”;
5. **George Ewing**, born 3/18/1754 married 8/7/1778 **Rachel Harris** of Hunterdon Co., N.J., where MY EWING lived 1722-1727. She was born 1752. They moved to W. Va. then to Ohio. Their children are well documented in his biography. I still wonder if somehow they were related to MY EWING. The following further implies they may have been.

George Ewing's biography *GEORGE EWING, Gentleman, A Soldier at Valley Forge*, by Thomas Ewing c1928, gives us his children among whom was a son, Thomas Ewing born in West Liberty, Ohio Co., Virginia, now in West Virginia. The date was either 26 or 28 Dec 1789. The country was ravaged by Indians. On 15 August 1794 one, Abel Sherman, the grandfather of William T. Sherman, was killed by the Indians. The Ewing family was in the process of moving down the Ohio River to new land. Charles Robert Sherman was father of William T.

The births of the children of George Ewing tell us of his moves from Greenwich, N.J. to the Ohio Country. George Ewing, Jr., the eldest was born at Greenwich in 1779; Abigail born 1781 at Greenwich; Sarah born 1783 Greenwich married Workman in Lancaster, Ohio; Rachel born 1785 Greenwich; Hanna Harris and Thomas Ewing, born in West Liberty, Ohio County Virginia, now West Virginia. Jane Hunter Ewing was born 17 Apr 1792 in West Liberty also.

Thomas Ewing attended Ohio University at Athens, 1813-15 and on 7 Jan 1820 at Lancaster, Ohio, he married Maria Wills Boyle, daughter of Hugh Boyle, for many years clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Fairfield Co., Ohio. He recorded Deeds of my 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandfather John Ewing after he moved to Fairfield Co., Ohio ca 1802 and executed the Probate Records of John Ewing when he died 1806.

Thomas Ewing and Maria W. Boyle had 7 children the 3<sup>rd</sup> being a daughter Ellen Boyle Ewing born 24 Oct 1824 died 28 Nov 1888. She married William Tecumseh Sherman, who had been “sort of adopted” by Senator Thomas Ewing when Charles R. Sherman died. C. Sherman had been the “mentor of sorts” to Thomas Ewing during his years at the University.

The story of the Wedding of William T. Sherman to Miss Ewing is told in his *Memoirs of General William T. Sherman* by Himself, dated 1850-1855, Chapter III pages 84-85. He states:

“Having returned from California in January, 1850 with dispatches for the War Dept ... I applied for and received a leave of absence for six months. I first visited my mother, then living at Mansfield, O. and returned to Washington, where on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1850, I was married to Miss Ellen Boyle Ewing, daughter of the Hon. Thomas Ewing, Secretary of the Interior. The marriage ceremony was attended by a large and distinguished company, embracing Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, T.H. Benton, President Taylor, and all his cabinet. This occurred at the house of Mr. Ewing, the same now owned and occupied by Mr. F.P. BLAIR\*, Sr. of Pennsylvania Avenue, opposite the War Department. We made a wedding-tour to Baltimore, New York, Niagara, and Ohio and returned to Washington by the 1<sup>st</sup> July ... political struggle recommenced and Secretary Ewing was to be replaced by A.H.H. Stuart. Immediately he was appointed by the Governor of the State (OHIO) to succeed Corwin in the Senate.” (\*Now known as the BLAIR HOUSE where Truman lived during repairs on the White House.)

6. **Rachel Ewing** married **Benjamin West**;
  7. **Phebe Ewing** married **Remington Ewing** (his parentage unknown) on 1/30/1784 “her brother, George witnessed the marriage bond”;
  8. **Sara Ewing** b 1769, after Thomas Jr. will was written, married in 1787 Captain **John Morgan**.
- C. **Mercy Ewing** born 1725 died in infancy
  - D. **Mary Ewing** born 2/27/1726 married 1<sup>st</sup> **David Harris**. Issue: Ebenezier married Hannah Stathem; Lydia Harris married Urban Dixon; David Harris, Jr; Mary Ewing Harris married 2<sup>nd</sup> Jonathan Diament. Issue not found. The 1781 will of Mary Maskell Ewing, her mother, left to “Mary Diament, daughter, clothing.”
  - E. **Samuel Ewing** (1<sup>st</sup>) died in infancy
  - F. **John Ewing** b 6/7/1732 married 5/3/1755 **Hannah Bacon**. He died 1788. His father willed him 50 acres and 5 acres in Dick Marsh and 1781 was willed 7 shillings 6 pence by his mother. John Ewing and Hannah Bacon Ewing had: Abner b 1756 married D. Stathem; John Ewing, Jr. married 1/10/1786 Naomi Stathem; Enos Ewing born 1761 d 8/9/1834 married Rachel Ewing his cousin, daughter of Maskell Ewing and Mary Paget (see children); Thomas Ewing b 5/6/1768 married 1797 Anna Dare.
  - G. **Lydia Ewing** b 1734 nothing more known
  - H. **Joshua Ewing** born 11/18/1736 married **Hannah Harris**. His will in Liber 17, page 537 is dated 31 July, 1784 inventory made 21 June, 1785, will probated 15 August, 1785 in Cumberland Co., N.J. Joshua had inventoried and probated his mother's will on 20 December, 1784 and on 29 March, 1785. The two wills identify his children. “Land of brother Samuel, to be sold.” witness was Enos Ewing. Children of Joshua and Hannah Ewing: Palmis married Jno Donaldson; Joshua Ewing, Jr.; James Ewing; Robert Ewing; Elizabeth Ewing; Anna Ewing (she received land bought

of James Ewing, uncle of Anna.)

- I. **Samuel Ewing** (2<sup>nd</sup>) b 4/23/1739 married 2/19/1763 **Mary Miller** d 12/23/1783. He was Justice of the Peace and County Judge. Children: Samuel born 1764; Ephriam born 1766; William born 1770.
- J. **James Ewing** b 7/12/1744 d 10/16/1823 married 1778 **Martha Boyd**. He and his nephew, Dr. Thomas Ewing, participated in the "Greenwich Tea Party." James and Martha moved to Trenton, N.J. in 1779 and their son, Charles, was born 1780. Charles Ewing married El

leanor Graham Armstrong and became the Chief Justice of New Jersey. His family is well documented in numerous publications. He died while he was in office.

V. **Robert Ewing** (one was baptised to Findley Ewing 15 January 1692/3)

Findley of "Fahan" Ireland. This was the same residence given when son, Thomas Ewing, was baptised. One Robert Ewing witnessed the will of Thomas Ewing on 7 January 1743/4 in Salem Co., N.J. If he is brother to Thomas then he is about 52 years old. One Robert Ewing and Samuel Fithian inventoried the estate of John Dowdney (Downey) of Hopewell twp. Cumberland Co., N.J. on 15 March 1758. The above Robert would have been 65 years old. (However, MY ancestor John Ewing of Cumberland Co., PA inventoried the estate of his brother James Ewing in 1791 when he was about 60 years old!) The Downey will is in Liber 9 p. 89 N.J. Wills. Samuel Fithian is probably the nephew and namesake of Samuel Fithian the elder who died in 1751 and was the father of Sarah Fithian who married Dr. Thomas Ewing. Her mother, Abigail Maskell was a daughter of Constant Maskell. Abigail had married \_\_\_ Moore and had a son, Enoch, who was the guardian blood half-brother to Sarah Fithian the orphan!"

31 January 1747[48] Andrew Errickson, Sr. of Morrisee's (sic) Maurice's River, Salem Co., N.J. wrote his will located in Liber 5, page 482. He was a mariner and willed to his daughters Christiana Peterson, 200 acres, and to Sarah Huings (Ewing) 350 acres beginning at the Bay (Delaware) so on to the back line. Robert Ewing was indicated as son-in-law of Andrew Errickson. John Peterson son of Peter Peterson, Sr. was the other.

6 May 1762 Jacob Spicer of Cape May Co., N.J. willed that his "personal estate be sold to pay debts, and if needed, the 250 acres I bought of Robert and Sarah Ewing, except 10 acres, reserved, & the 200 acres I bought of Christiana Peterson (now Grover). My daughter Sarah Spicer Leaming." She is, probably the mother to Jonathan Leaming who married Sarah Ewing (the widow of William Ewing who died in 1779) in Cape May, N.J. Nov 7, 1780 abstracted in N.J. Calendar of Wills 1761-1770 page 403. Sarah Spicer & Christopher Leamyng of Cape May, N.J. had "marriage license, June 25, 1761." Robert and Sarah (Errickson) Ewing retained about 100 acres of the land willed to them by her father in 1747. We can find no Will nor Administration papers for him in N.J. There are no tax records available in N.J. until 1772. There is a Robert Ewing on the tax list for Cumberland Co., Greenwich twp. for the year 1773, only. It can't be Robert, born 1762 who is the son of Joshua Ewing and Hannah Harris! *Ewing Families* states on page 20 that after Joshua died in 1785 his wife, 3 sons and 4 daughters went west. If it is the brother to Thomas then he would have been 80 that year.

It is the carefully considered opinion of the writer that the William Ewing who died 1779 in Cape May, N.J. is Robert's son. He is never shown on the Deeds list as buying land yet his will leaves to his wife, Sarah, the use of the farm. Sons Thomas and Jeremiah, my homestead. "Sons William and James, and my daughter, Sarah Ewing, rest of my movable estate." The inventory made 30 Nov 1779 showed £6,917.14.11, one of the largest inventories we have ever seen. His son, Thomas, married Latitia Raney on the same day his mother remarried, Nov 7, 1780. Sarah Ewing, daughter of William and Sarah married 1787 David Ewing, born 3/18/1762 son of Maskell Ewing, Sr. and Mary Paget. She is mentioned in the will of Maskell Ewing, Sr. dated 30 March 1790, "son Maskell ... paying to his brother, David Ewing an annuity of £20 per annum and to Sarah (wife of said son, David), £6 per annum, should she survive her husband." (This was only 4 months after her father died.) Dr. Thomas Ewing lived for a time in Cape May, N.J. and his son, Samuel, is buried there. The two families obviously had connections!

VI. **Mary Ewing** (one was baptised to Finley Ewing of Fahan Ireland on February 24, 1694/5 at Burt Congregation Church.) We have no further information on one of this age. She may have stayed in Fahan and the Burt Church with her parents and brother, Findley Ewing, Jr. There is no record he ever came to this country. It is remotely possible she is the Mary Ewing whose daughter Jane Ewing married Ezekiel Calhoun in Little Britain twp. Lancaster Co., PA. (see page 169.)

There is not space nor time to list and clear up the various controversies nor the exceptional achievements of this proud **EWING** family. Much more information exists than has been briefed here. They were, all, a most creditable addition to America and are the earliest documented family I have been able to prove were here .

One controversy that needs to be pointed up is the birth date of Thomas Ewing "son of Findley and Jane Porter (?) Ewing." *EWING FAMILIES* by Rev. Joseph L. Ewing page 13 states that Thomas "was born in Londonderry Ireland in 1695." The tombstone of Thomas and Mary (Maskell) Ewing is 24" tall and was erected after she died 17 December 1784 at age 84. It says, as best it could be read, "Thomas died 28 February 1747/8 age 52 years." The stone was cut almost 100 years after Thomas was born and had been there over 100 years when Rev. Joseph L. Ewing saw it.

Your writer believes Thomas Ewing was born 1690 and that he was about 58 years old when he died. An examination of the script of that day shows that the figure "8" and the figure "2" are exceedingly alike!