

CHAPTER XXIII

ALEXANDER EWING (1676/7-1738)

of "THE LEVELL" OCTORARO HUNDRED,
Cecil County, Maryland

On page 16 of this work "Alexander Ewing, son of Robert Ewing was baptised on 18 January 1679/80, Burt Congregation" and also, "Margaret Ewing baptised 26 March 1678, daughter of Robert Ewing of Burt Congregation." It is said she married Josias Porter and they had a daughter, Rachel, baptised 15 July 1711 (but had been born in 1706). The I.G.I. records that "Rachel Porter married Nathaniel Ewing 2 March 1721 [1721/22] in the Parish of Templemore in Derry (Londonderry) Ireland." We have no reason to dispute this. If it be so, then Rachel is a niece of the above Alexander Ewing called by some "cousin" to Nathaniel. First Nathaniel on American Shores. Rachel Porter "had a brother James Porter born 1699," was also reported. And, an Alexander Ewing, (Sr) is shown paying tax in 1729 in East Nottingham twp. Chester Co., PA next to one Alexander Ewing, Jr. Not necessarily son and father as, in that day Jr. and Sr. were used also to designate a younger and older person by the same name. This has been verified numbers of times. The "Jr." there has been traced, somewhat, in Chapter XV.

"THE LEVELL" was surveyed 3 March 1687 for Casparus Herman/Harman described as being a 900 acre tract on the S. Side of the Canawango (sic) [Conowingo] Creek running into the Susquehanna River, beginning at a bounded Beech Tree on a hill near the Creek Side. Benjamin Allen purchased 900 acres from Hermann's son in 1714. On 18 September 1729 William Vestall purchased 190 acres from Allen and on 26 October 1731 Alexander Ewing purchased 290 acres from William Vestall. William Husbands received 450 acres of "THE LEVELL" from Harman Kankey (his father-in-law) in 1729 and 160 acres from him in 1732. These transactions are recorded in LAND OFFICE Rent Rolls which took the place in early Maryland of Deeds. The Deed Books follow the changes in ownership but the first recorded is in 1750 (see below).

The will of Alexander Ewing is dated 10 April 1738. It was probated March 15, 1738/9. The old calendar was still being used and the new year did not begin until March 25th. So probate date is actually 1739. The "Porter Bible", descendants of Alexander indicates that Alexander Ewing died May 1, 1738. We wonder why, then, did his wife and children wait a year to probate? A puzzle. The Inventory was taken August 10, 1739. I have a copy of what seems to be the original hand-written will; a copy, hand written, entered into the records at Annapolis and a copy of the original hand-written Inventory. A very important revelation was it was "Approved by KIN Patrick Ewing and Andrew Porter; taken by William Husbands and John Has, appraisers, and Nathaniel Ewing and James Porter made affirmation that this is a just appraisal of the goods and chattels of Alexander Ewing." THE WILL, below, states that Samuel Ewing, Nathaniel Ewing, James Porter and Andrew Barry are his executors.

The INVENTORY of Alexander Ewing is located in Cecil Co., Md Inventories page 74. Patrick Ewing "KIN" along with Andrew Porter, whom we can identify, MAY be a brother to Alexander Ewing and may be the 1729 Constable in Drumore twp. became Little Britain twp. in Lancaster Co., PA.

Alexander Ewing's Will

Recorded in Cecil Co., Maryland Wills Liber AA Vol 1 page 360. Copied in Maryland Hall of Records Prerogative Court (Wills) #22, pages 52-3. Dated 10 April 1738. Probated March 15, 1738/9

In the name of God Amen. I Alexander Ewing being sick of body at present, but perfect of mind and memory ... Blessed be God therefore calling to mind that it is appointed for all men to die doeth make this my last Will and Testament in the method and manner as follows:

1st I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my execters and touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I bequeath in the method following:

2nd I appoint all my just and lawful debts to be discharged and paid as soon as it is possible and my execters shall see cause.

3rd My well beloved wife to have one third of all my moveables after the debts is paid with her proportion of the Plantation as the law directs.

4th I appoint that my son, James, shall have the half of the Plantation with the house and orchard and all improvements belonging to that half and the other half to my sons John and William equally. William Husbands to make the lines betwixt them.

5th I appoint that my son James shall pay twenty pounds more or less to my daughter Margaret at the discretion of my execters when she arrives to the age of sixteen and that John and William shall pay unto my son Samuel when he arrives at the age of sixteen years the sum of twenty pounds more or less at the discretion of my execters.

6th I appoint that my son-in-law Andrew Porter shall have given him by my execters the first day of November next the old brown horse and six sheep together with what he hath already gotten.

7th If any of my sons incline to sell their part of the land it shall be to their brother or brothers he or they paying as much for the same as a stranger is willing to give.

8th I positively appoint that my sons James and John shall be bound to trades at or against next fall at the discretion of my executors and that William and Margaret be likewise bound out at the executors discretion.

9th I appoint Andrew Barry Esq., James Porter, Samuel Ewing and Nathaniel Ewing to be my executors and lastly I do revoke disallow and disannul all former wills and testaments made by me in any ways and doeth only confirm ordain and appoint this to be my last will and testament. As witness my hand and seal 10 day April 1738.

Witness present

William Mitchell

Robert Gillespie

Rachall Ewing

“X” her mark

/s/ Alexr. Ewing (SEAL)

[Note: On original seemingly

handwritten the “g” in Ewing is written over

the “n” so that it looks like Ewig]

“On the back of the afore going Will was thus written VIZ -- Cecil County March 15, 1738 [1738/39]. William Mitchell and Robert Gillespie two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will being duly and solemnly sworn of the Holy Evangel of Almighty God depose and say they saw that they saw the testator Alexander Ewing sign the foregoing will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament. That at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their respective names and Rachel Ewing set her mark as witness to the same will in the presence of the said testator and at his request which oath was taken by the said witnesses in the presence of James Ewing eldest son of the deceased who made no objection to the probate of said will.”

Sworn before me

Wm. Rumsey, D. Com. TY.

As we saw in the last Chapter (XXII) many of these people are on the Record of the Court of Common Pleas in Lancaster Co., PA just across the border. Here are a few facts gleaned:

Rachall Ewing who witnessed the will is the wife of Nathaniel Ewing and, probably, the niece of Alexander Ewing the Testator of the will.

Samuel Ewing is, probably, the brother of Nathaniel Ewing who did not go to Amelia/Prince Edward Co., Va. until about 1745.

Andrew Porter was, in fact, a son-in-law of Alexander Ewing not a step son as some have suggested. This is proven by the wills of the four sons of Alexander: James, John, William and Samuel as will be seen on the following pages.

Robert Gillespie who married Franke (Frances) daughter of Mary Ewing owner of the tavern in Lancaster Co., PA is the same one who witnessed the will of Alexander Ewing. They too can be found in Amelia/Prince Edward Co., Va. by 1745.

James Porter one of the executors would be brother to Rachel Porter Ewing, and also, a nephew to Alexander Ewing, Testator. Nathaniel Ewing is husband of Rachel and half-brother to those who came, early, to Cecil Co., MD.

Andrew Barry, one of the executors went, also, to Amelia and Prince Edward Co., Va. with others from Maryland.

The will gives us a little insight into the ages of the children of Alexander. The “Porter Bible” is fragmentary and cannot be depended upon for exactness.

James was the eldest son but still young enough to be put to trades in 1738 so, probably, not considered an adult.

John seems to be the next son as he was grouped with James in being put to trades. Yet a daughter is married and she is probably 16 or more and her name is found in the wills of the four brothers, being Eleanor wife of Andrew Porter.

William is old enough to be put to trades as is

Margaret but is not yet 16 (tho James, John and William seem to be 16 and over already).

Samuel the youngest but even on the 1750 Deed he is not mentioned as an adult though the will indicated brothers should approve of sale. Samuel was the first to die in 1786; John next in 1788; James in 1791 and William in 1793. (Wills of these men are included later in this Chapter.)

Because of the repetition of names among ALL EWING families I have purchased more than 75 Deeds in Cecil Co., MD alone. I have also purchased from HALL OF RECORDS in Annapolis copies of RENT ROLLS and DEBT BOOKS. Either or Both can suffice for Deeds that might never have been recorded. RENT ROLLS were kept by the Lord Proprietors for each tract of land. Even tho it were bought and paid for the owners must pay on it each year. The RENT ROLLS were listed by Tract Name then by who the owner was or “renter” so that each piece of land paid its share of tax. THE DEBT BOOKS were lists of PERSONS owning Land, and/or to whom it was willed or rented. As was mentioned before I have a copy of the original Patent of THE LEVELL 900 acres surveyed 3 March 1687 for Casparus Herman and the sales up to and including October 26, 1731 to Alexander Ewing and 450 acres and 160 acres in 1729 and in 1732 to William Husbands.

The following Deeds in Cecil Co., MD are abstracted to show what happened to Alexander Ewing’s part of THE LEVELL. (not all of the purchases of the sons are shown. They enjoyed leasing/mortgaging/ buying and selling numbers of pieces of land. We had tried to get the name of the wife of John Ewing but she was never mentioned on any deed to which we had access. There may be one missing!

March 7, 1750 Cecil Co., MD Deed 7 folio 181

James Ewing sold to George Gillespie, both planters, of Cecil Co., MD for £24.10.0 paid by George Gillespie for 145 acres of a tract called "THE LEVELL" part of a tract of land purchased of William Vestal in the County of Cecil on the East Side of Susquehanna on Octoraro Creek near a branch called "Green's Branch." Rebeckah Ewing, mother of the said James Ewing, John Ewing and William Ewing did at the same time acknowledge all her rights of dower to the within land and premises to the said George Gillespie. [Terms of Alexander's will indicated that the brothers must approve sale and so they did.]

March 7, 1750 Cecil Co., MD Deed 7 folio 183

James Ewing sold to John Ewing and William Ewing, planters, 56 acres for £42 part of a tract of land called "THE LEVELLS ADDITION" on the West Side of the Octoraro Creek on the west side of Green's Branch. Beginning at the east corner of a tract called "THE LEVELL" where it intersects a line that is the division line between James Ewing's part of THE LEVELL and William Husbands part. "ADDITION" may be the 11Mar1728 "very good certificate on a branch of Conowingo" (PA, 2, 19, page 755)

April 2, 1761 Cecil Co., MD Deed 9 folio 310

John Ewing to Richard Guy, blacksmith, for £350, 98 acres part of 2 tracts called THE LEVELL and LEVELL'S ADDITION in Octoraro Hundred on the West of a branch called Green's Branch to William Gillespie's line East on William Husband's division line. John Ewing son of Alexander Ewing. William Ewing, his brother, approved.

December 12, 1759 Prince Edward Co., VA. Deed Book 2 page 17

William Ewing, Jr. of the province of Maryland, Cecil Co. gives Power of Attorney to one Andrew Porter of Prince Edward Co., Va. to act in his behalf in the settlement of the estate of Samuel Ewing [who died prior to 10 October 1758] who is the father of Jane Ewing, wife of William Ewing, Jr. [This Andrew Porter is the husband of Margaret Ewing sister to above William Ewing, Jr. The Jr. acknowledges the presence of William Ewing, Sr. eldest son of Nathaniel Ewing and Rachel Porter Ewing.]

September 12, 1767 Cecil Co., MD Deed 11 folio 54

John Ewing to William Ewing sons of Alexander Ewing dec^d, 121 acres of THE LEVELL situated in Octoraro Hundred for £ 8.10.0. John hath already received his part.

March 28, 1768 Cecil Co., MD Deed Book 11 folio 176-9 (lengthy)

William Ewing to Richard Guy, blacksmith, both of Cecil Co., MD 121 acres of THE LEVELL for £500. Situated in Octoraro Hundred on a branch called Green's Branch. Jean Ewing wife of William Ewing signed her dower right. William is called, farmer, no longer planter.

[Note: At some point before William Husbands died he bought back from everyone THE LEVELL, 900 acres and had it Patented. Then he returned the land to the owners. William Husbands will was probated 30 March 1768. He left his part of THE LEVELL to his son, Thomas Husbands. He had a grandson, William Porter but we are unsure which Porter.]

November 7, 1769 Cecil Co., MD Deed Book 11 folio 478

John Ewing to William Gillespie (farmer or tanner-unclear) 10 ½ acres of THE LEVELL on the south side. [William Gillespie is the owner of the 145 acres that James Ewing sold to George Gillespie, father of this William (bought from mother!) William Gillespie bought 208 acres of 3 tracts THE LEVELL, NORTH LEVELLS ADDITION and MOUNT PLEASANT from David Price the son-in-law of William Husbands on 22 May 1773.]

We now have the name of the wife of Alexander Ewing, Rebeckah. His sons seem to be listed in order of birth are James, John, William, (who is married by 1759 to Jane/Jean Ewing the daughter of Samuel Ewing who died in Prince Edward Co., Va in 1758) Margaret, Samuel and a daughter who was married before 1738 to Andrew Porter. The wills of these four sons have been preserved and follow.

James Ewing's Will**Recorded in Wythe County Virginia Will Book 1 page 15****Dated 31 March, 1783 and probated 8 November 1791**

In the name of God, Amen, I, James Ewing of Montgomery County and colony of Virginia, being through the abundant mercy and goodness of God though weak of body yet of sound and perfect understanding and memory do constitute this my last will and testament and desire it to be received by all as such.

First of all I give my soul into the hands of the Lord, I will and positively order that all my debts be paid and the remainder I give bequeath and dispose of in the following manner and form. I give and bequeath unto my brother Samuel Ewing and to his heirs lawfully begotten of his body, all my estate both real and personal forever, he allowing Euphemy Purnel one breeding mare to the value of ten pounds, but in leave of issue lawfully begotten by him the said Samuel Ewing, I give and bequeath the whole and remaining part, after Euphemy Purnall gets her mare, the one moiety to Robert Porter's children to be equally divided amongst them and the other moiety to Andrew Porter's children and their heirs lawfully begotten

forever ratifying and confirming this and no other thing to be my last will and testament. Lastly I do constitute and appoint my brother, Samuel Ewing, and Mineter Jones Executors and trustees of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 31st day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and eighty three.

/s/ James Ewing SEAL

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us

/w/ James Newell, Jr.

/w/ William Porter

/w/ Lewis Fotner

At a court held for Wythe County on Tuesday, 8th of November 1791 the last will and testament of James Ewing, dec^d, was exhibited in court and proven by the oaths of James Newell Jr., William Porter and Lewis Fotner, the witnesses thereto and thereupon it is ordered to be recorded.

Teste D. McGavock D.C.
A copy - Teste: J. E. Crockett, Clerk

I have a copy of the hand-written will. I cannot tell whether it is in James' own hand or not ... probably NOT.

Samuel Ewing's Will
Recorded in Montgomery Co., Va. Will Book B page 81
Dated 3 June 1783 and Probated 23 May 1786

Montgomery County in the State of Virginia. In the name of God Amen, yeoman, I Samuel Ewing of a rite mind and Disposing Will I will and do ordaine this my last will and Testament

I first desire that my land on Cumberland River in the State of North Carolina containing nineteen hundred and twenty acres also my land in Kaintucky containing two hundred acres two hundred on Clinch be sold to pay my Debts and Funeral charges and the balance to be equally divided between the Legatees that will follow. I do as follows Give unto my Loving Wife, Mary Ewing, the tract of Land where on I now live during her life. Also, I leave my loving wife my Negroe fellow Pippin and my Negroe wench Nane for ever. I also lend my Negroe fellow Jeb and my Negroe wench Cats unto my loving wife six years after my decease. I also leave all my househole goods and stocks unto my wife during her life. I also leave unto my wife the crop that is now in the ground, forever. I also leave unto my brother John Ewing son Elezander (sic Alexander) Ewing, Junr. my silver watch or the value which I allow to be five pounds sterling. I also desire that my brother, James Ewing be maintained as longe as he shall live with my wife and in case she should disseace before him my brother James Ewing it is my desire that he shall also be maintained as long as he lives and after the deceas of my loving wife. I leave unto Robert Porter son of my sister, Margaret Porter the half of my land is to be the lower and him the said Robert Porter to pay unto Betty Porter and Fanny Purnal forty pounds a piece when of Age. I also leave unto my sister Margaret Porter son Samuel Porter the other half of my land after the decease of my wife him the said Samuel Porter to pay Margaret Porter and Sarah his sisters Forty pounds a peace when of Age. I also leave unto my my sister Margaret Porters daughter Elender Porter my negroe fellow Jeb at the experation of six years after my decease forever. I also leave unto my sister Margaret Porters daughter Rebecah Porter my negroe wench Cats six years after my decease forever. I also leave it that my stock and house hole goods I left to my loving wife during her life and after her decease may be sold and equally divided between the ligatees. I also ordain and declare this my last will and testament and lastly, I do hereby Constitute ordain and appoint my loving wife, Mary Ewing and James White both of Montgomery County my Executors where unto I have set my hand and seal this third day of June one thousand seven hundred and Eighty three.

Signed Sealed in the presents of /s/ Samuel Ewing (SEAL)

Menitree Jones

George X Birde

"X" his mark

William Birde

"X" his mark

At a court held for Montgomery County the 23 of May 1786. The last will and testament of Samuel Ewing dec^d was proved by the oaths of Menitree Jones, George Birde and William Birde the Witnesses there to and ordered to be Recorded.

Test Abram Trigg CMC.

John Ewing's Will
Recorded in Montgomery Co., Va. Will Book B page 128
Dated 25 January 1787 and Probated 5 March 1788

In the name of God, Amen. I John Ewing of the county of Montgomery and State of Virginia, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory (thanks be given to God) calling unto mind the mortality of my Body and that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say, Principally and

First of all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God who gave it, and my body unto the Earth to be interred in a Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, demise, and dispose of the same in the following manner and form VIZ:

I give and bequeath to my daughter Eleanor Cocke, my brown mare, with what I have already given her and no more.

I give and bequeath to my son, Alexander, my desk and one young bay mare and Colt.

I give and bequeath to my son William, my Negroe man named Lab, and negroe woman named Kate.

I likewise give and bequeath to my son William my tracts of land lying in Powells Valley in the County of Russell containing thirteen hundred acres or thereabouts.

I also give and bequeath to my son William one feather bed and furniture and one bay mare four years old.

I give and bequeath to my son William and Charles Cocke my whip Saw and Cross Cutt.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter, Betty, three hundred acres of land of the above mentioned bequeathed to my son William, known by the name of Cockes Old Tract if she comes there to live, and if not to remain in the possession of my son William.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter, Betsy, one Bay Mare three years old next Spring.

I give and bequeath to my grandson John Cocke Two Hundred Acres of land at the Mouth of Trading Creek, including boath sides of said Creek for quantity.

I order my household furniture with all the remaining part of my personal estate to be equally divided between my two sons. I order my son William to pay to his brother Alexander the value of Seventy Pounds in Horses at the valuation of two indifferent men.

I likewise give and bequeath to my son Alexander a tract of land on Elk Creek in Montgomery County containing eleven hundred acres if obtained.

I order nominate constitute and appoint my two sons Alexander and William Ewing my hole and sole Executors of this my last will and Testament disannulling and making void all former and other wills and Testaments by me hereunto made, ratifying allowing and confirming none other than this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto Subscribed my name and affixed my seal this Twenty fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty seven.

Signed sealed pronounced and
declared by the said John Ewing
as his last will and testament in
the presence of us, who in his presence
and in the presence of each
hereunto subscribed our names
John Montgomery, Sr
John Montgomery, Jr
Samuel Montgomery
Robert Montgomery
Joseph Montgomery

/s/ John Ewing (SEAL)

At a court cont'd. and held for Montgomery County the 5th day of March 1788, This last will and Testament of John Ewing, deceased was presented in Court by William Ewing one of the Executors therein named and proved by the oaths of John Montgomery, Senr., John Montgomery, Junr., Samuel Montgomery three of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Tom E. ABRAM TRIGG, CMC

William Ewing's Will
Recorded in Wythe County, Virginia-Will Book One page 22
Dated 26 July 1791 and Probated 9 July, 1793

Wythe County in the State of Virginia. In the name of God, Amen, Yeoman, I William Ewing being of a right mind and disposing will I will and do ordain this my last will and testament. I first desire that all my lawful debts be paid and that my burying be directed with decency. I also lend unto my loving wife, Jane Ewing my negro man, Jacob, and my negro woman Luce, my negro girl Sal during her life. I also lend unto my loving wife Jane Ewing the half of my land whereon I now live including the buildings during her life. I give unto my brother John Ewing's senior son Alexander Ewing the other half forever. I give also the above half at the decease of my loving wife to the said Alexander Ewing forever. I also give the half of the crop now on the ground to my loving wife Jane Ewing also my black horse and my bottom horse plough and harnessing also the half of my household furniture, also four milk cows and one beef, also the half of my hogs and sheep during her life also give unto my sister Margaret Porter's son, Robert Porter my negro man, Jacob, at the decease of my loving wife forever. I also give unto my sister Margaret Porter's son Sam Porter my negro woman named Luce at the decease of loving wife forever. I also give unto my sister Margaret Porter's daughter Rebecca Porter my negro girl Sal at the decease of my loving wife forever. I also give unto my brother John Ewing's son Alexander Ewing my negro boy, Harry, at the decease of my loving wife forever. I also give unto my brother John Ewing's son, William Ewing my negro woman Dephney forever. I also give unto my sister Elanor Porter's grandson, Andrew Porter my negro girl Peg forever. I also give unto my brother John Ewing's son William Ewing my tract of land Lying on the Terrace containing six hundred and forty acres

forever. I also give unto William Ewing my tract of land lying on the head of Cumberland if obtained forever. I also give unto my sister Margaret Porter's son, Robert Porter my stud horse forever. The remainder part of my personal estate after my lawful debts being paid and funeral charges taken off to be appraised by my executors and equally divided amongst the legatees. I also ordain and declare this my last will and testament and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint John Stephens, Robert Buchanan, Robert Porter and Samuel Porter my executors whereunto I have set my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety one. Signed and sealed in presents (sic) of

Samuel Ewing

/w/ Marks Hart
"X" his mark

/s/ William Ewing (SEAL)

/w/ Peter Powers
"X" his mark

At a court held for the County of Wythe on Tuesday the 9th day of July, 1793 this last will and testament of William Ewing deceased was exhibited in court and proven by the oaths of Samuel Ewing and Peter Powers, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and thereupon it is ordered to be recorded.

TESTE	D. McGavock D.C. (Deputy Clerk?)
a Copy	J.E. Crockett (signed)

A Sad commentary to this wonderful will of William Ewing is that in Knox County, Tennessee there is recorded the following:

“JANE EWING, WIDOW OF WILLIAM EWING TRIED FOR INSANITY IN 1795.”

At the July Term of the court for Knox County, in 1795 the Case of the State vs. Jane Ewing, on the charges of insanity came to be heard, Jane Ewing, was the widow of William Ewing late of the State of Virginia. The following persons were members of the Jury:

Charles Reagan
William Reagan
George Ewing (her nephew son of brother George)
James Ewing (son of brother, George)
William Lowrey
John Caldwell (Could be a son of sister Eleanor married Caldwell)
William Cowan
James Gillespie, Sr (also kin to Ewing)
James Gillespie, Jr. (also kin to Ewing)
Warner Martin
James Campbell
George Caldwell (could also be son of sister Eleanor)

The final outcome of the trial does not appear on this record.

Poor Jane, Poor William who wanted so much for her to be cared for – leaving all that wealth to assure she would be cared for! A search of the Knoxville EWING families might bring this to light.

From Deeds and Wills we have the following information on the Family of Alexander and Rebeckah Ewing of Cecil Co., MD. They Had:

- I. **Eleanor Ewing** b c1721 married neighbor **Andrew Porter**, owner of SMITH'S FORT in Cecil Co., MD prior to 1738 when her father wrote his will. They had:
 - A. **Robert Porter** born about 1737/38, died about 1781 in Montgomery County, Virginia, a son of Eleanor Ewing and Andrew Porter. He married **Margaret Lindsay** 27 May 1764 in Pennsylvania. She was born about 1745. Margaret died about July 1811 in Blount County, Tennessee. See his family below.

Andrew Porter married 2nd Margaret Leiper/Leeper. Margaret died about 1802 and Andrew died between the date of his will, 6 Aug 1788 and the date the will was presented to the court, 22 June 1789. They had:

- B. **James Leiper Porter.**
- C. **Mary Porter.**
- D. **Margaret Porter** She married **Richard Gay.**
- E. **Eleanor Porter** She married **Robert Porter.**
- F. **Catherine Porter** She married **James Evans.**
- G. **Elizabeth Porter** She married **John Linsey [Lindsay].**

This family is different from what was first believed to be the correct family. The key person that allows us to properly identify the children of Eleanor Ewing and Andrew Porter is their grandson, Andrew Porter of Wythe County, Virginia.

We know from the will of Eleanor's father, Alexander Ewing (1676/7-1738), that Alexander had a son-in-law named Andrew Porter. Alexander did not name his daughter Eleanor in his will but we are able to identify her with the wills of her brothers. William Ewing named his sister, Eleanor [Eleanor], in his will.

Since the evidence leads us to believe that Eleanor Ewing and Andrew Porter had only one child, Robert, as indicated above, we believe that Robert was born about 1737 or very early 1738. And, Eleanor either died in childbirth or a short time after Robert was born. Since we have estimated Eleanor's birth year as 1721, we can assume that she got married between the age of fifteen and eighteen. If she got married when she was fifteen or sixteen, it is possible that she had died before her father, Alexander, wrote his will in 1738. Also, that would indicate that her son Robert was born before 1738. Eleanor could have been born a couple of years before 1721 with another child being born to Rebeckah about 1721 that died young.

The will of Andrew Porter and the will of his second wife, Margaret Leiper/Leeper will help us to separate the children of Andrew. We will just present the names and relationships as they are mentioned in the wills.

Andrew Porter (Cecil Co., Will Book 5, page 207-210) will dated 6th day of August 1781, names: wife, Margaret Porter; son, James Leiper Porter, daughter, Mary Porter, daughter Margaret Gay wife of Richard Gay; daughter, Elizabeth Linsey wife of John Linsey; daughter, Elinor Porter wife of Robert; daughter, Catharine Evans wife of James Evans; and grandson, Andrew Porter son of Robert Porter, deceased.

Margaret Porter (Cecil Co., Will Book 6, page 301-2) will dated 19th day of May 1800, names: daughter, Elizabeth Lindsey, daughter, Nelly Porter, wife of Robert Porter; daughter, Catharine Evans wife of James Evans; my grandson, Andrew Arbuckle, who now lives with me; Andrew Porter the son of James Leiper Porter; grandchildren, daughter Polly's share; son, James Leiper Porter.

Some of the children are married and the married name is shown as it was given in the will. The married names also help establish this family.

Margaret Gay had married an Arbuckle for her second husband. They are both deceased and the grandson of Margaret Porter, Andrew Arbuckle, had come back from Washington County, Pennsylvania to live with his grandmother after the death of his parents.

In her will Margaret mentions that the grandchildren were getting Polly's share. This would most likely mean that "Polly" or Mary had died before her mother. In Margaret's will she has given something to the heirs of a child of her's that has preceded her in death. Margaret does not mention Robert Porter in her will or any children of Robert Porter. From this, we have concluded that Robert is not a child of Margaret Leiper Porter and she is making sure that her estate just goes to her children and their heirs. The Robert Porter that married Nelly Porter is a different Robert.

In Andrew Porter's will he names all of his children. Since his son Robert Porter preceded him in death, Andrew Porter, his grandson, he, Andrew, the grandfather, gave something to Andrew Porter an heir of Robert Porter.

After Andrew Porter of Wythe County, VA became of age and after he apparently learned of a possible inheritance from his grandfather, he signed the following Power of Attorney:

Know all men of these present that I Andrew Porter of the County of Wythe and State of Virginia do constitute and appoint Mathias White of the same County and State my true and lawful attorney for the express purpose to collect and receive a legacy from James Le[i]per Porter, which said Legacy was left me by the last will and testament of Andrew Porter deceased who was resident of the County of Ciceil [Cecil] and State of Maryland hereby ratifying and confirming whatever my said attorney may or shall lawfully do in the premises aforesaid in as full and ample a manner as if I myself were personally present. In testimony of which I hereunto set my hand and affix my Seal this 12th day of April 1797. (Wythe County, Virginia Deed Book 2, page 29.)

Andrew had an inheritance coming from his grandfather, Andrew Porter, of twenty pounds currency "to be paid ... at the expiration of six years after my decease." Andrew the grandfather had died about 1788-89 and this effort to collect the inheritance came about eight years after the death of Andrew Porter.

In 1996, a professional researcher was asked to check the records in the Maryland State Archives for any record that showed the disposition of any of Andrew Porter's grandfather's estate to him. The researcher was not able to find any record that indicated that Andrew Porter, the grandson, received any portion of the estate of Andrew Porter deceased of Cecil County, Maryland. It would have been a wonderful find of information if the proper accounting of the inheritances had been recorded and were available for research.

We have at least three men by the name of Andrew Porter and that would indicate that we have at least three Porter families that are close to the same age and they were probably all living in Cecil County, MD.

- a. Andrew the son of James Porter
- b. Andrew the husband of Eleanor Ewing. In his will he identifies himself as Andrew Porter, Sen^r.
- c. Andrew the husband of Margaret Ewing.

From deed records for Cecil County, Maryland, we know that Gyles Porter purchased land on 16 November 1675. And, by 14 September 1703, Gyles, Margaret, and Sarah Porter were orphans of a Gyles Porter, deceased.

On 14 March 1716, James Porter purchased land from Gabriel Clements. Robert Porter sold stock and a servant man to his brother, John, on 26 November 1742.

The records of Prince Edward County, Virginia show some Porters were living in that area at the time the Ewing and Porter families from Cecil County moved to Virginia.

From a newspaper article published in Maryville, Tennessee in Blount County, titled "Porter family history outline" by Elizabeth Timmons in Tizzy's corner we find: "there was a Porter Academy in Connecticut and one established in Blount County from the same line of Porters. Samuel, the fourth son, born March 5th 1661, lived in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He was the forefather of Governor Porter of Tennessee. It was his descendant who was in the Battle of Brandywine in Chester County, Pennsylvania."

In this effort, we will not try to place all of the different Porters. However, from the limited amount of information given above, we do have several Porter families that lived near each other. Also, from this limited amount of information, there is no way to determine the relationship between the various families.

It is possible that a Robert Porter could be the parent of the Andrew, the subject of this discussion, or the Andrew Porter, the husband of Margaret Ewing, a sister to Eleanor. The Cecil County records show:

Robert Porter of Cecil County had died by 16 June 1747 when his estate was inventoried by Thomas Shepard and Robert Williams. John Madow, Jr., and John Thompson signed as creditors. Andrew Porter, Jr. and Andrew Porter, Sr. signed as next of kin. Eleanor was the administrator. (A, pp. 37, 53)

- A. **Robert Porter** born about 1737/38, died about 1781 in Montgomery County, Virginia. He married **Margaret Lindsay** 27 May 1764 in Pennsylvania. She was born about 1745. Margaret died about Jul 1811 in Blount County, Tennessee. They had:
 1. **Rebecca Porter**.
 2. **Andrew Porter** born 4 Apr 1773, died 9 Mar 1853. (See his family below.)
 3. **Elizabeth Porter** She married John Singleton.
 4. **Margaret Porter** died 1821/24. She married **Samuel McCulloch** 22 Oct 1800 in Blount County, TN. He was born about 1778 in Augusta Co., VA and is the son of Thomas McCulloch and Betsey Gillespie. They had:
 - a. **Thomas McCulloch**
 - b. **Margaret McCulloch** b 10 Jan 1804 in Blount Co., TN d 10 Feb 1866 near Neoga, IL.
 - c. **Elizabeth McCulloch** b 1805 in Blount Co., TN.
 - d. **Robert Porter McCulloch** b 1809 in Blount Co., TN.
 - e. **Susanna McCulloch** b 21 Aug 1814 in Blount Co., TN d 23 Feb 1897 near Neoga, IL.
 - f. **Samuel McCulloch** b 1817 in Blount Co., TN d 1896 in Texas.
 - g. **James Alexander Lindsay McCulloch** d 5 Feb 1887 in Cane Hill, AR.
 5. **Sarah Porter**
 6. **William Porter** born about 1775.
 7. **James Lindsay Porter**
 8. **Catherine Porter** She married **Richard Chandler**.
2. **Andrew Porter** was born 4 Apr 1773 in Fincastle County, Virginia. Andrew died 9 Mar 1853 in Wythe County, Virginia. He married **Martha Mary Gleaves** in 1792. She was born 13 Dec 1774. She was the daughter of William Gleaves and Elizabeth Turk. Martha died 1832. They had:
 - a. **Margaret Porter**, born 2 Aug 1795. She married **James Scott** 29 Aug 1816. Margaret died 1890.
 - b. **Mary Porter**, born 9 Aug 1797. She married (1) **Stephen Gose** 12 Dec 1816. Mary died 14 May 1872. Mary married (2) **David Pickle**.
 - c. **William Porter**, born 20 Jul 1799. He married **Mary Thomas** 3 Jun 1819. William died 23 Feb 1867.
 - d. **James Porter**. He married **Elizabeth Scott** 19 Oct 1830 in Wythe County, Virginia.
 - e. **Elizabeth Porter**, born 18 Jan 1794, died 19 Sep 1848. She married **William Scott** 24 Nov 1814. He was born 9 Dec 1778 and died 25 May 1812 in Smyth Co., VA
 - f. **Sarah G. Porter**. She married **Enos D. Shields**.

- g. **Andrew Porter.** He married **Mary Brawley** 29 Jun 1834. Mary died 18 Jun 1850.
- h. **Stephen D. Porter,** born 21 Jan 1813, died 17 Sep 1883.
- i. **Robert Porter,** died before Jun 1850 in Blount County, Tennessee.

As indicated earlier, this Andrew Porter (1773-1853) is a key person in helping to establish the correct families for Eleanor and Margaret Ewing, sisters, who both had married men by the name of Andrew Porter. Also, indicated earlier, Andrew Porter appointed in 1797 Mathias White as his lawful attorney for the express purpose to collect and receive a legacy from James Le[i]pper Porter, which said Legacy was left me by the last will and testament of Andrew Porter deceased (this Andrew is married to Eleanor) who was a resident of the County of Cecil and State of Maryland.

In 1811, Andrew Porter sued Alexander Ewing and others and the case was finally settled in 1818. A portion of the court record is presented below:

Wythe County, Virginia
Chancery Pleas Book 1 & 2, pages 132-148

Porter vs Ewing

[p. 132]
Virginia

At a Superiour court of chancery holden at Wythe Court House for the District of Wythe on Tuesday the twenty fifth day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the 20 day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Eleven Came Andrew Porter by Daniel Sheffey Gent his attorney and Sued Out of the Clerk's Office of the Superiour Court of chancery holden at Staunton a Subpena against Money Gannaway, Alexander Ewing and the heirs of and Representatives of William Gannaway dec^d which Subpena is as follows to wit _ . . .

[p. 147] In obedience to an order of the Honble the Superiour Court of Chancery holden at Wythe CourtHouse for the District of Wythe the 27th of May 1818, I have proceeded to Survey & lay off the land in dispute between Andrew Porter against Alexander Ewing & al a description of which is exhibited by the annexed Platts and is explained as followeth to wit; The Letters A, B, C, D and the Black lines includes 86 acres which is Claimed by Andrew Porter patented to William Ewing assignee of Andrew Porter (s^d lines includes 102) acres and begins at 3 white Oaks on the South side of the Waggon road, showed in the Platts by the Letter A, and runneth thence N 33 W 152 poles to 4 Chesnut oaks B S 55° W 56 poles to a double white Oak Sapling (C) S 5° W 170 poles to between a pine & white Oak, both barked D and N 60° E 165 poles to the Beginning.

The dotted lines A, G, B and the black lines B, C, D, A includes 116 acres conveyed by William Gannaway to Money Gannaway (s^d lines includes 340 acres) and begins at three white Oak Saplings Showed in the Platts by the letter A and runneth N 73° E 320 poles to 2 white Oaks & two pines (E) N 150 poles to 2 Ash and two Sugar trees on Cripple Creek banks, F S 71° W 400 poles passing G to four chesnut Oaks (B) S 55° W 56 poles to a double White Oak Sapling C, S 5° W 170 poles to between a pine & White Oak both [p. 148] marked (D) and North 60 degrees E 165 poles to the beginning.

Robert Adams SWC
Sept 1818

Wythe County, Virginia, Deed Book 11, page 680, dated 11 April 1831.

This Indenture made and entered into this eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord 1831 between Andrew Porter S' of the County of Wythe and State of Virginia of the one part and Andrew Porter Jr. of the same place Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars in hand paid by the said Andrew Porter Jr. the recpt. whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said Andrew Porter S' hath this day bargained and sold unto the said Andrew Porter Jr. and his heirs forever all the right title and interest which the said Andrew Porter S' has in his own right in and to a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the county of Wythe and State of Virginia, on the New River, on the south side thereof formerly belonging to James Ewing dec^d; and also all the interest which the said Andrew Porter derived by a deed of bargain and sale executed by John Dea[r]man, Samuel McCulloch, Richard Chandler, and James L. Porter to the said Andrew Porter dated the fifth day of December one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and duly recorded in the County Court of Blunt [Blount] State of Tennessee, at the December term 1811 (29th Decem^r) together with all the appurtenances any wise appertaining to the said Andrew Porter Jr. To have and to hold the aforesaid several interests to him the said Andrew Porter Jr. and his heirs forever and the said Andrew Porter S' for himself and his heirs, the interests aforesaid to the said Andrew Porter Jr. and heirs against the claim of him the said Andrew Porter S' and his heirs or any other person claiming by or through him the said Andrew Porter S' and his heirs, will forever warrant and defend~ Given under my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Test.

Andrew Porter [seal]

Virginia: At a Court held for Wythe County, at the Courthouse, on Monday the 11th day of April 1831. This Deed of bargain and sale was presented to the Court, acknowledged by Andrew Porter as his act and deed and ordered to be recorded.

Teste.

J. P. Mathews C.C.

The above extract from the court record and other documents found appears to allow us to properly place Andrew Porter the son of Robert in the Ewing family.

- II. **James Ewing** b 8 Aug 1723 died before 8 November 1791. James is the second child of Alexander and Rebeckah Ewing. He never married. He was cared for by his youngest brother, Samuel Ewing, at least that was the intent of Samuel as proven by his Will. James outlived Samuel by 5 ½ years.
- III. **John Ewing** b ca 1725 married about 1750. The name of his wife has never been found though he executed many Deeds both in Cecil Co., Md and in Montgomery Co., VA. However, they had:
- A. **Alexander Ewing** b 10 March 1752 in Cecil Co., MD married ca 1788 **Sarah (Sally) Smith** daughter of Robert Smith (she was b 12 Aug 1761). From his will and his Certified Revolutionary War Application we find the names and ages of his children:
1. **John Love Ewing** b 11 April, 1789 d 9 Feb 1816.

The following were given to me and verified by James Roland McMichael of Spring, TX.]

2. **James Ewing** b 20 Sept, 1790 in Davidson Co., TN d 5 Feb 1866 married 1st **Nancy Smith** on 7 March 1814 (she died in 1835). They had:
- a. **Oscar Smith Ewing** b 5 Feb 1815 d 27 June 1885; married 8 Mar 1842 **Evaline L. McAlister**.
- b. **John Love Ewing** b 31 Mar 1816 d 17 Jan 1845; married 19 Dec 1839 **Mary Jane McAdoo**
- c. **Sarah McCavock Ewing** b 19 Dec 1817 d 21 Dec 1886; married 23 Jan 1840 **Timothy McCarty Allison**.
- d. **Lucinda Clemmons Ewing** b 8 Dec 1897 d 5 Aug 1895; married 28 Feb 1839 **Joseph Hopkins Kennedy**.
- e. **Alexander Bailey Ewing** b 24 Nov 1821 d 31 Dec 1886; married 17 Nov 1845 **Emily J. Wilson**.
- f. **Mary Randal Ewing** b 22 Oct 1823 d 1 Dec 1836
- g. **James William Ewing, Sr.** b 19 Oct 1825 married 30 Sept 1847 **Elizabeth McCarty Allman** (b 21 Jan 1827 d 22 July 1903). He died 27 Oct 1882. They had:
- i. **William Love Ewing** b 20 April 1849 d 31 Jan 1855.
- ii. **Thomas Alexander Ewing** b 15 May 1851 d 31 Aug 1912; married 12 Oct 1871 **Cindarella R. Penuel**
- iii. **Margaret Emma Ewing** b 28 Aug 1853 d 16 Apr 1929; married 1 Sept 1870 **Abram Ivie Cox**.
- iv. **Fannie Lee Ewing** b 7 July 1862 d 24 Mar 1949; married 13 July 1887 **Thomas Horace Knight**.
- v. **James William Ewing, Jr.** b 28 Nov 1863 d 26 Jan 1949; married 27 Nov 1884 **Mary Ella Smith**. Family moved from Wilson Co., TN to Hunt Co., TX in 1904. They had:
- (I.) **Allen Wayne Ewing**, b 3 Apr 1886 d. 11 Jul 1953 in Celeste, Hunt, TX.
- (II.) **Allie Mae Ewing** b 9 May 1888 d 24 Nov 1888.
- (III.) **Beulah Almeda Ewing** b 21 Jan 1890 d 24 May 1988.
- (IV.) **William Clarence Ewing** b 29 May 1892 d 14 Sep 1936.
- (V.) **Gertie May Ewing** b 14 Nov 1894 d 20 Oct 1989; married 21 June 1915 **William Word McMichael**
- They had:
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| (A.) William Ewing McMichael; | (B.) Cecil Ray McMichael; |
| (C.) Martha Louise McMichael; | (D.) Ella Zoe McMichael; |
| (D.) Beulah McMichael; | (F.) Betty Ruth McMichael |
| (G.) Mary Nell McMichael; | (H.) Joe Dan McMichael; |
| (I.) James Roland McMichael; | (J.) Lucy Frances McMichael; |
- (VI.) **Cecil Smith Ewing** b 2 May 1897 married **Maybank Barnett**;
- (VII.) **Caroline Elizabeth Ewing** b 24 Oct 1899 married **Clyde Witt**.
- h. **Nancy Elizabeth Ewing** b 16 Sept 1827 d 30 Sept 1875; married 3 Sept 1850 **William E. Davis Jr.**
- i. **Martha Jane Ewing** b 21 Sept 1829 married **Vestus Kennedy**
- j. **Benjamin D. Ewing** b 1 July 1831 married **Kate Weathers**
- k. **Shadrack Newbern Ewing** b 8 June 1833 married **Mary D. Kennedy**
- l. **Isaac Brown Ewing** b 30 May 1835 d 1835.
2. **James Ewing** married 2nd 1836 **Mary M. Beller** (b ca 1813 d 10 July 1890) They had:
- m. **Tennessee Ann Ewing** b 24 Mar 1837 d 1881
- n. **Eldridge Lafayette Ewing** b 25 Dec 1838 d 1 Feb 1896; married 12 Dec 1875 **Nancy Foster**
- o. **Emily E. Ewing** b 9 May 1841 d 1853
- p. **Randall Bransford Ewing** b 3 Sept 1844 d 1876; married 2 Sept 1868 **Eliza. Frances Ford**
- q. **Thomas Wiseman Ewing** b 12 June 1847 d 1866
- r. **Mary Helen Ewing** b 6 Sept 1850 d 24 June 1821; married 18 Sept 1870 **Thomas Ford**
- s. **Gustavus Henry Ewing** b 16 Aug 1853 d 29 Dec 1894; married 23 April 1873 **Irene Samantha Williams**
3. **Lucinda Ewing** b 10 Dec 1792 d 21 Apr 1847 (she is called "Louisa" MrGavock on the "Affidavit of William B. Ewing #8 below when he applied for his mother's pension for his father's Revolutionary War Service." Sally received pension "W152" Lucinda/Louisa married 18 Dec 1810 **James McGavock** son of Hugh born in Wythe Co., VA. 1 April 1786 d 12 Oct 1833). They had:
- a. **Nancy C. McGavock** b 1813 married 1st) **E.N. Claud** married 2nd **Wm Buford** d 1863;

- b. **Sarah M. McGavock;**
- c. **Melinda McGavock;**
- d. **Alexander E. McGavock;**
- e. **Amanda McGavock** married **Armstrong;**
- f. **Oscar McGavock;**
- g. **Eliza McGavock;**
- h. **Louise McGavock;** married _____ **Graham**
- 4. **William Ewing** b 1795 d 1796
- 5. **Alexander C. Ewing** b 9 Sept 1797 d 13 June 1834 married **Chloe Russell Saunders**
- 6. **Randall McGavock Ewing** b 25 Nov 1799 married **Martha Graves**
- 7. **Oscar Smith Ewing** b 1801 d 1808
- 8. **William Black Ewing** b 31 Dec 1803 married 15 Sept 1825 **Sarah B. Bysor** (b 12 Apr 1806 d 18 June 1836) married 2nd 21 March 1838 **Martha (Graves) Ewing**, widow of Randall McGavock Ewing. William B. and Sarah (Bysor) Ewing had:
 - a. **Mary Louise Ewing** b 12 Dec 1827 d 12 Sept 1833
 - b. **John Alexander Ewing** b 26 May 1829
 - c. **William James Ewing** b 21 Jan 1832 d 7 Mar 1833
 - d. **Martha Anne C. P. Ewing** b 20 Dec 1833 d 1836
 - e. **Sarah Bysor Ewing** b 31 Dec 1835

Alexander Ewing's widow, Sally Smith Ewing died on 15 June 1840. Of her 8 children only 4 survived her: James, Randall, William and Louisa although she died in 1847 after Affidavit included her and her children.

- B. **Eleanor Ewing** b 1756 married ca 1774 **Charles Cocke**. She is the daughter of John Ewing. They had:
 - 1. **John Cocke**
 - 2. **Charles Cocke**
 - 3. **William Cocke**
- C. **William Ewing** b ca 1759/60 d ca 1852 in White Shoals, Lee Co., VA. He married 1st 14 Mar 1788 in Montgomery Co., VA Elizabeth Saunders b ca 1770 d bef 1818. [Wm. R. Ewing, Sr. had access to the Family Bible of Stephen Saunders Ewing, Sr. and not all the family is in E.W.R. Ewing's *CLAN EWING OF SCOTLAND*. We include them here, as nearly as possible, as Wm. R. Ewing, Sr. of Clarkston, WA sent them.]

William and Elizabeth had:

- 1. **Stephen Saunders Ewing** b 12 Feb 1790 in Lee Co., VA married ca 1814 **Mary Houston Carter** (b 18 Dec 1796 d 6 Nov 1849 in Huntsville, AL). Stephen died 14 Dec 1867 in Aberdeen, MS. They had:
 - a. **Alexander Ewing** b 2 June 1815 Huntsville AL d 22 Sept 1857 in Seguin, TX
 - b. **Charles Carter Ewing** b 22 Aug 1816 d 26 June 1852 Aberdeen MS
 - c. **Stephen S. Ewing** b 10 Nov 1817 d 21 March 1823 (1st Jr)
 - d. **Sarah "Sally" Elizabeth Ewing** b 18 June 1819 and died 15 Oct 1899, near Chattahoochie, FL. She was born in Huntsville, AL. She was the 4th child of Stephen and Mary. She married **Andrew Jackson Rice** and had 4 children.
 - e. **William B. Ewing** b 16 Sept 1820 d 15 Aug 1821
 - f. **Mary Ewing** b 17 Nov 1822 d 26 Nov 1822
 - g. **James Ewing** b 12 June 1824 d 10 Mar 1850 Aberdeen MS
 - h. **John Ewing** b 24 Apr 1825 d 9 Feb 1895 Clark Co AR
 - i. **George Ewing** b 28 Feb 1828 in Huntsville, AL He was 8th child of Stephen and Mary. He married **Kate Stevens** 30 Dec 1857 and had 7 children. He died at Chapel Hill TX 27 Oct 1911
 - j. **Stephen Saunders Ewing, Jr.** b 27 Dec 1830 Huntsville, AL (living in 1870) died in Burleson, TX
 - k. **Mary Ellen Ewing** b 30 Aug 1832 d 13 Jan 1866 married **Walter Troup** (5 children) See E.W.R. page 302
 - l. **William Bromfield Ewing** b 4 Jul 1833 d 30 Sep 1892 married Mrs **Carrie Johnsen**.
 - m. **Thomas Morgan Ewing** b 13 Nov 1834 d 2 Oct 1906 in Arkadelphia, MS married 19 Nov 1862 Mrs. **Mary L. (Cook) Spencer** b 23 Sept 1836 d 5 Nov 1918. They had:
 - i. **William Bromfield Ewing** b 10 Aug 1863, married 29 June 1904 Ida Cornelia Weber b 22 Sept 1879. He died 29 June 1933, she died 19 June 1952. They had:
 - (I.) **Louisa Virginia Ewing**
 - (II.) **Thomas Morgan Ewing III**, b 4 Jan 1908 d 6 March 1979 married 16 June 1934 **Hazel M. Conn** b 3 Feb 1909 d 21 October 1979. They had among others:
 - (A.) **William Robert Ewing Sr.** b 21 May 1937 married 27 May 1961 **Maureen L. Jenkins**.
 - ii. **Thomas Morgan Ewing, Jr** b 17 Jan 1865 married **Ida Gunter**
 - iii. **Walter F. Ewing** b 8 Mar 1868 married **Mary Cutler**
 - iv. **George Brice Ewing** b 18 Aug 1874 married **Daisy Johnson**
 - n. **Susan Purdom Ewing** b 2 Oct 1838 d 24 Sept 1903 in Jackson, MS, buried in Aberdeen, MS. After her sister Mary Ellen died she married **Walter Troup** in 1866/67.
- 2. **Dosia Ewing** b 1791 in Lee Co., VA. (no more known)

3. **Letitia Ewing** b 1793 in Lee Co., VA married **Robert Beaty**.
 4. **Sarah E. Ewing** b 1795 in Lee Co., VA married **William Carter**.
 5. **Alexander Ewing** b 1797 d 1889 unmarried.
- C. **William Ewing** married 2nd Mrs Sarah (Hix) Wynn Their great grandson Joseph Hix Ewing, Sr lent us a copy of the book *CLAN EWING OF SCOTLAND* written by E.W.R. Ewing who was his uncle. Joseph also gave us corrections to the family genealogy which we include here.
- William Ewing and Sarah (Hix) Wynn had:
1. **Minerva Ewing** b ca 1825 married **William S. Thomas** and had:
 - a. **Virginia J. Thomas** married **James G. Rose**
 - b. **Ewing Thomas**
 - c. **Isaac T. Thomas**
 - d. **James Thomas**
 - e. **Sarah Thomas** married **Dr. Edward Campbell**
 2. **Robert S. Ewing** b 1824 married **Mary Miller** and had:
 - a. **Charles H. Ewing** who lived in Los Palos, CA
 - b. **Letitia Ewing** married **Nare**
 - c. **Ellen Ewing** married **A.S. Whitehead**
 - d. **Bathsheba Ewing** married **William Milbourne** lived Dos Palos CA near Charles H. Ewing.
 3. **Celina Ewing** b 1827 married **George W. Cox** and had:
 - a. **Alexander Cox**
 - b. **James Cox**
 4. **Bathsheba Ewing** married **B.F. Kincaid** and had:
 - a. **Sarah Kincaid**
 - b. **Charles Kincaid** married **Martha Miller**
 - c. **Benjamin Franklin Kincaid** married **Lizzie Ball**
 5. **Eliza Ewing** married **John Overton**
 6. **Rhoda Ewing** married **A.C. McNeil**, lived Lee Co., She d 1896
 7. **Caroline Ewing** married **Z.S. Gibson** and d 1911
 8. **Joseph Hix Ewing** b 24 Nov 1834 in Lee Co., Va. d 12 Mar 1900 married **Mary E. C. Woodward** ca 1866 (she died 14 Nov 1921) They had:
 - a. **Elbert William Robinson Ewing** b 1867 and d 26 June 1928. He never married. He was a scholar, historian and wrote the book *CLAN EWING OF SCOTLAND* a brilliant work.
 - b. **Charles W. Ewing** b 28 Feb 1869 Arcadia VA as was above E.W.R. Ewing. He died 23 Dec 1938 married **Flora Mary Neff** who was born 27 July 1871 in Cynthiana, KY. Charles W. was a Professor at, probably, Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA as that is where they lived. They had:
 - i. **Irma Gene Ewing** b 14 Nov 1895 in Arcadia, VA married 1st **Clarence E. Dowdy** who died 18 Dec 1949. She married 2nd **Howard L. Amason** who d in Aug 1972 in Athens, GA
 - ii. **Raymond Randolph Ewing** b 5 Feb 1899 in Lexington, KY married 1st **Mildred Louise McKinney** d 5 June 1976 in Stone Mountain, GA (she died 11 Jan 1940) Raymond married 2nd **Lucille Holcomb** (b 16 Aug 1898)
 - iii. **Joseph Hix Ewing, Sr** (twin) b 10 Oct 1901 in Anniston, AL married 1922 **Josephine Orgain** (b 6 July 1900 in Birmingham AL. She d 23 Oct 1966 in Atlanta, GA) This is the man who lent me a copy of E.W.R.'s Book. They had:
 - (I.) **Joseph Hix Ewing, Jr** b 12 Feb 1924 Atlanta, GA married **Alice Allene Terrell**. They had:
 - (A.) **Lynda Sue Ewing** b 10 Jan 1951 (B.) **Michael Stewart Ewing** b 18 Feb 1959
 - iv. **Charles W. Ewing, Jr** (twin) b 10 Oct 1901 in Anniston, AL d 2 March 1967 in Decatur, GA never married.
 - v. **Gwendolyn Neff Ewing** b 2 March 1905, Avondale Estates, GA married **Lawrence L. Hill** (b 9 May 1894, Willis, TX) They had:
 - (I.) **Gloria Gwendolyn Hill** b 31 Dec 1932 Decatur, GA married **Charles Leslie Rasberg**. The had; Charlyn Leslie Rasberg b 20 Mar 1946.
 - c. **Mary S. Ewing** b ca 1871 married **Lester B. Murphy** lived Ballston, VA.
 - d. **Bennie M. Ewing** b ca 1873 d 1874
 - e. **Frank Carroll Ewing** b 22 Feb 1878 and died as result of cycle race 15 Aug 1901. Was a Scientific Inventor of signaling system.

There are many other members of this family of John Ewing of Alexander and Rebeckah Ewing of Cecil Co., MD who are too numerous to name here.

- D. **Elizabeth (Betsy) Ewing** b ca 1764/5 was the 4th child of John Ewing. She was to receive (by the 1788 Will of John Ewing) "300 acres of land of the above mentioned bequeathed to my son William, known by the name of Cocke's (or Cox) old tract, if she comes there to live," also, "One bay mare." It is my belief she is the Elizabeth Ewing who married **Robert Sims** on 5 September 1791 (two years after her father died). Rev Joseph Coudon performed the ceremony at St. Annes Episcopal Church in Cecil Co., MD. [Robert is thought to be a brother of

James Sims who married Mary “Polly” (Ewing) Gillespie. “Polly” was the eldest daughter of Dr. John Ewing and widow of Samuel Gillespie son of Ann (Ewing) Gillespie and George Gillespie. Robert Sims (whom Elizabeth did marry) and William Ewing entered into an agreement recorded in Lee Co., Va. Deed Book 1 page 201 dated 11 April, 1797 regarding the tract of land willed to Elizabeth, (“Betsy”) “if she comes there to live.” It was called “Cocke’s old Place” in the Deed. It was witnessed by Joshua Ewing and others. Joshua being a son of Capt. Patrick Ewing.

- IV. **William Ewing** b 8 Jan 1728/9 the 4th child mentioned in the will of Alexander Ewing. We know that William had married **Jane Ewing** a daughter of Samuel Ewing of Prince Edward Co., Va. who died 1758. This chapter, starting on page 176 quotes the 1791 will of William Ewing who died in 1793 and something of the fate of Jane. From his will and those of his brothers we learn some of the children of his sisters. His widow was cared for in Blount Co., TN by sons of Alexander Ewing (brother to Jane Ewing), George and James.
- V. **Margaret Ewing** b 1732 married **Andrew Porter** and lived in Prince Edward County, Virginia. Andrew died 1821 naming their children in his will. They had:
- A. **Jane Ewing Porter** b ca1756 d 17 Mar 1830. She married **James Trabue** 23 Aug 1781 in Prince Edward Co., VA.
- B. **Robert H. Porter** b ca1758 d ca1830 in Wythe Co., VA. He married **Ann Black** 10 Mar 1791 in Prince Edward Co., VA. The had:
1. **James Porter**
 2. **Susannah Porter** b ca1790.
 3. **Andrew Porter** b ca1792 d ca1864. He married 1st **Jane Porter**. She is the daughter of Samuel M. Porter and Ursula Sublett. Andrew married 2nd **Elizabeth Jones** b 1802.
 4. **William Porter** b ca1794 d ca1817 in Wythe Co., VA.
 5. **Margaret Porter** b ca1796.
 6. **Robert Porter** b ca1797 d ca1863. He married 1st **Malinda Bell**, married 2nd **Eliza P. Williams**.
 7. **Mary Porter** b ca1799. She married **Stephen Kettering** 12 Sep 1818 in Wythe Co., VA.
 8. **John Porter** b ca1803 d ca1859.
- C. **Samuel M. Porter** d ca1831. He married **Ursula Sublett** 19 Aug 1790 in Charlotte Co., VA. She is the daughter of Benjamin Sublett and Elizabeth Jordan. Ursula was b 24 Mar 1769 d 13 May 1823 in Wythe Co., VA. The had:
1. **Rebecca Porter** b ca1791.
 2. **Margaret Porter** b ca1793 d ca1823.
 3. **Elizabeth Porter**
 4. **Sally Porter**. She married **George Keith Porter**.
 5. **Samuel Ewing Porter** b 5 Jun 1799 d 29 May 1893.
 6. **Jane Porter**
 7. **Ursula Porter** b ca1809.
 8. **Jordan Porter** b 22 Dec 1807 d 11 Feb 1860.
- D. **Elizabeth Porter**. She married _____ **Hamilton**.
- E. **Margaret Porter**. She married **Stephen Woodrum** 13 Sep 1797 in Prince Edward Co., VA.
- F. **Sarah Porter**. She married **William Mitchel, Jr.**, 13 Nov 1800 in Prince Edward Co., VA.
- G. **Eleanor Porter** d before 1815.
- H. **Rebecca Porter** d before 1821.

The following bits of information may help in identifying who these Porter men were, and how old Margaret might have been.

- In 1738 Margaret was old enough to “be put to trades” usually between 9 and 20 years. She was to have £20 at 16 so born after 1722 and by 1729. Yet, Her brother William is listed before her in the will. He had to be 21 in 1750 .
- 2 Dec 1742 Cecil Co., MD Deeds (Bill of Sale) Book 4 page 429 records that; “John Porter of Cecil Co., MD sells to his brother Robert Porter for £25 current money of Md., one gelding, one servant man named Hugh Cratson having 1 yr 10 mos to serve and 8,000 Locust Trunells.” [Oxford Dictionary: “A cylindrical pin of hard wood used in fastening timber together especially where materials are exposed to water.” Locust is a hard wood. Trunells aka “Treenails”.]
- John Porter went to Prince Edward Co., Va. ca 1745/9 with others from Cecil Co., MD. Whether it is this John Porter we cannot prove. In the same county Andrew Porter is given power of attorney by William Ewing of Cecil Co., MD to see to his interest of William’s wife, Jean/Jane Ewing daughter of deceased Samuel Ewing (died 1758). Lands of both men flow into Buffalo River in that county. John’s wife was Mary (on P.E. deeds).
- 5 Feb. 1782 in Montgomery Co., Va. an Inventory of the goods and chattels of Robert Porter was made and filed. There were 4 bedsteads and many pieces of pewter and flatware. This would indicate a rather large household. Lovely furnishings and many cattle but the value was not excessive.
- Wills of brothers of Margaret all made after 1786 and she was, probably a widow by then.
- Margaret Porter of Blount Co., TN in 1803 sold land to her son, Andrew Porter of Wythe Co., Va.

- VI. **Samuel Ewing** b 10 March 1736/7 and d prior to 23 May 1786. See his will this Chapter page 174. He married a widow **Mary Purnal** who had a daughter called “Fanny”. She signed her name “Euphame Purnell” as witness to a Deed

her mother, Mary Ewing, made in Montgomery Co., Va. on 2 Dec 1786 some 6 months after Samuel died. "Euphame" may have married Alexander of John. Samuel was only a baby when his father, Alexander Ewing died.

As PORTER families are not a true part of EWING IN EARLY AMERICA yet they play such an important role in EWING genealogy we are including information on some of them.

- 1st Robert Porter wrote his will in Lancaster Co., Pa and it was probated 9 September 1745. It is found in Lancaster Co., Will Book A-1 Wife: Mary, Children: Robert, John, James, Samuel and Jennet Porter. Son, Robert, to be Executor. If wife should remarry then Andrew Gregg and William Ritchey to be guardians of his children. He is of Drumore twp. Lancaster Co., PA.
- 2nd James Porter wrote his will in Drumore twp. Lancaster Co., PA and it was probated 6 June 1786 recorded in Will Book E page 364. Wife, Mary, children: John Porter (Executor), Jane Porter, Margaret Porter, Janet Porter, William Porter, David Porter (Executor) and Samuel Porter. "James Porter, Jr." and William Ritchie are Surities. It would seem the two "Porter Families" of Drumore twp. Lancaster had some connection with the Ritchey family.
- 3rd James Porter, born 1699, brother to Rachel (Porter) Ewing who married Nathaniel Ewing (1693-1748) wrote his will 23 Jan 1776. He described himself as "of Cecil Co., MD" and was probated in Cecil County, but the will was also recorded in Lancaster Co., Pa on 4 June 1778, recorded in Will Book E page 229 there. He mentions lands of his "whether they be in Lancaster Co. or Cecil Co., MD." The Mason and Dixon line was being surveyed at the time. The following children are named in his will (his son, Robert Porter died in 1772 and his will is recorded in Cecil Co., MD Will Book 38 folio 977. He names the same siblings as his father names.) James Porter names wife, Eleanor, and we think a second wife. He had married 1st Eleanor Gillespie probably sister to George Gillespie who married Ann Ewing, immigrant half-sister to Nathaniel. William Porter was executor of the will.

Stephen Porter also an Executor married a _____ Hart. He went to live in Cumberland Co., PA with William Ewing (son of Nathaniel) for a while. Returned to Cecil Co., MD and owned Porter's Bridge in Octoraro Hundred there. Samuel Porter, we did not find much information about him, nor of his brother, James Porter. George Porter married a sister of the Hart lady who married Stephen Porter. Jane Porter married Capt. Patrick Ewing (son of Joshua) and they had James Porter Ewing who was given the Fawn Twp. York Co., PA land that was left by his uncle Robert Ewing who died there. He was, also, mentioned in James Porter's 1776 will. Elizabeth Porter married Patrick Ewing, his second wife, after her sister, Jane Porter Ewing died. Mary Porter married George Ewing her cousin, son of her aunt Rachel (Porter) Ewing and Nathaniel. Eleanor Porter never married, and of course the Robert Porter died 1772.

James Porter died 1778 owned much land, much of it in Cumberland Co., PA. Patrick Ewing became heir to it after his wife, Jane, died. This has been mistaken for kinship to the Cumberland Co., PA EWING families. Eleanor Porter sold some of her inherited land to Gillespie family members who had come there from Cecil Co., MD.