
CHAPTER XXXIX

WILLIAM EWING (b ca 1706, d before 5 December 1774)

His children: Samuel, James, Alexander, Martha and Jane,
of Tyrone twp. Cumberland Co., Pennsylvania

This man was a mystery to me for he was in the same place at the same time-partly-as the William Ewing (c1709-c1770) of the previous Chapter. Only by the fact that the above William Ewing was shown with a Thomas Ewing, who was older than Thomas Ewing b1743 son of William of the previous Chapter, was I able to track the two. Thomas, the elder, was in Tyrone twp. with the above William Ewing by 1763 and stayed with him through 1771 when he “seems” to have obtained land in Barree twp. Bedford Co., 1787, became West twp. Huntington Co., PA. At the end of this Chapter, I trace who, I think, the above William and Thomas Ewing are and from whence they came.

William Ewing “of Tyrone Twp. Cumberland Co., PA” wrote his will on 11 November 1774. It was filed for probate on 5 December 1774. Letters testamentary were issued to John Ross and John Gordon who were named Executors in the Will. Thomas Ross and William McClure were witnesses. It is located in Will Book ABC part D page 194 and the Orphan's Court Docket #2 page 201 dated 21 Feb 1775 showed a balance of £130.9(shillings) 8½ (pence) to be distributed according to the Will. NO LAND is mentioned and I found NO LAND issued to William nor any of the 3 sons. The will reads (briefly):

“firstly-debts and funeral charges be paid

secondly-unto my eldest son, Samuel Ewing, the two horse creatures he claims as his

thirdly-to my second son, James Ewing, one two-year colt

fourthly-to my third son, Alexander Ewing, my saddle mare

fifthly-to my eldest daughter Martha Ewing, the sum of £20 when she comes to the age of 18 year

sixthly-to my youngest daughter, Jane Ewing, the sum of £20 when she comes to age of eighteen year

seventhly-all estate whether real or personal, exclusive of above bequeathments to my three sons ... immediately after my

decease and equally divided between them accordingly to the Prisent (sic appraisement) and each of the three to bear

an equal part in paying all just debts as well as bequeathments to my daughters ... that they live together ‘upon the

place where I now live’ and use equal industry and enjoy equally the benefits and privileges arising therefrom during

the ‘term I was to have it.’

lastly-I constitute and appoint John Ross and John Gordon to be my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament

in presence of Thomas Ross

Wm Ewin [SEAL]

William McClure.

“/” his mark

John Gordon proves to be his brother-in-law a son of James Gordon. I have the wills of both men which I will quote in the last part of this Chapter.

- 1761/2, Cumberland Co., PA West Pennsboro tax shows William Ewing with 290 acres at 3 Springs and William and Thomas Ewing no land.
- 1763 Tax is the same. James and John bought 290 acres from William. They are in Tyrone twp. which has been taken from West Pennsboro twp. in 1763 but no tax exists for that date. 1768 is the first we found with Ewing.
- 1769 William Ewing is in Tyrone twp. with 100 acres warranted, 17 cleared, 1 horse, 1 cow and “also Thomas Ewing”.
- 1771 William Ewing with 100 acres warranted, 10 clear, 1 horse 1 cow (cattle) also “Thomas Ewing, renter”.
- 1772 William Ewing 100 acres Warranted, 15 clear, 2 horses, 1 cattle.
- 1773 William Ewing 100 acres warranted, 20 clear, 1 horse, 2 cattle
- 1774 Samuel Ewing (only Ewing in Tyrone) probably already married.
- 1775 Samuel Ewing (only Ewing in Tyrone).
- 1775, 21 Feb Orphan's court Docket #2 page 201 (Cumberlanc Co., PA).
“John Ross and John Gordon, executors of William Ewing, late of Tyrone twp. deceased, produced account.. Balance of £130 9 shillings 8½ pence balance distributed as instructed.”
- 1776 Samuel Ewing is in Tyrone twp with 50 acres, and James is a “freeman”.
- 1779 Samuel Ewing is the only Ewing in Tyrone twp. with no land (married).
- 1780 Alexander Ewing is the only Ewing in Tyrone twp. with no land and listed as a “freeman” over 21 and unmarried.
James may have lived in Barree twp. Bedford Co. until 1779.
- 1779, 6 April (Bedford Co., PA Deed Rook Deed #00371)
“Between James Ewing of Tyrone twp. Cumberland Co., PA and Jacob Myers of Barree twp. Bedford Co. PA whereas 2 Feb 1773 James Robb was seized of a Plantation in Barree twp. and with Martha his wife on 13 Nov 1773 did sell for £70 paid by William Ewing and William Ewing by his last Will and testament bearing the 11th day of November seventeen hundred and seventy four did bequeath the above Plantation to be equally divided betwixt his sons Samuel, James and Alexander Ewing and whereas the said James Ewing hath purchased his brother's parts as by an indenture doth appear

bearing date twenty seventh day of March 1779 for a sum therein contained now, said James Ewing for and in consideration of £500 hath sold unto the said Jacob Myers his heirs and assigns the Plantation or tract of land forever.

signed in presence of /signed/ Ja^s Ewing

Hen Loyd,

John Parkinson

Rec^d of Jacob Myers the sum of £500 in full the within mentioned sum.”

/signed/ Ja^s Ewing

Recorded 19 day of July 1799

Someone has surely worked on this land for it to bring only £70 in 1773 and £500 in 1779, a six year period that William Ewing owned it.

- 1781, 23 June (Cumberland Co. Deed Book I -F page 83)

“Daniel Stewart of Tyrone twp. and Martha his wife, to Alexander Ewing, Weaver, for £85 sell a certain piece of land being in Tyrone twp. by land of Alex West, Andrew Semison, David Dunsworth on East by “Alahaney (?) Ridge by a consentable line agreed upon between George Douglas and Daniel Stewart being the same conveyed to Daniel Stewart by George Douglas in August 1780 who, now, doth convey to Alexander Ewing.”

/signed/ Daniel Stewart

Mary Stewart

Sealed in presence of

Edw. Graham;

Wm. Gordon

Recorded 26 June 1781.

A letter from John E. Shelby of the Division of Archives and Manuscripts to me dated 26 Jan 1984 told me that “all three of these sons of William Ewing served in the Revolutionary War from Tyrone twp.” After learning this was not MY WILLIAM EWING I concentrated on sons of West Pennsboro twp. However, PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES Series 5 Volume VI page 438 shows James Ewing, Lieutenant under Capt Frederick Taylor “5th Class in Service January, 1778 in the Seventh Battalion”, made up of residents of now Perry Co., PA taken from Cumberland 1820. In same Series and Volume is the name of Samuel Ewing, Private, under Captain Edward Grimes. “6th class in service January 1778 in the Seventh Battalion”. Mr. Shelby indicated they did not have records of the Continental line. However, we located Alexander Ewing in the Continental line in PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES SERIES 5 Volume III page 716 and 722. We also located his Pension Application which gave us tremendous information about him and his family. I purchased all EWING Pension Applications for Revolutionary War Continental Line service.

Alexander Ewing made his Application for a Pension # S-8448 first on 31 July 1835 age 79. He was a resident of Slippery Rock township in Mercer Co., , Pennsylvania. He said he entered the service of the U.S., volunteered under Capt. Thos. Clark, Lieut. Samuel Ross, 2nd Lieut David English, 3rd Lieut. James Fisher in SHERMANS VALLEY Cumberland Co., Pa. That is Tyrone twp. In July of 1776 he rendouved (sic) at Carlisle from there marched to Lancaster then to Philadelphia then to Amboy in state of New Jersey.

He stated that he again volunteered in Sept 1777 under Capt. James Power, Lieut. Wm. Sterrett in SHERMANS VALLEY Cumberland Co., Pa. He served two months.

And, stated that again the last of January and beginning of Feb 1779, he enlisted in Col. Walter Stewart Regiment for 3 years or during the War and lay at the barracks near Carlisle in Capt Irish Co. until July. He then purchased a servant called Thomas Tull, Samuel, his brother took the said servant to Col. Stewart who received him and gave him a discharge which he kept for many years but is now lost. He was in the service not less than 9 months ... that Jonathan Harlan, William Staton and others can prove his character. He states that through bodily infirmity he is unable to attend Court as he cannot walk without two crutches to support him.

/signed/ ALEXANDER EWING

Sworn and subscribed before me the 31 day of July 1835.

Jonathan Harlan signed an affidavit on 31 July 1835 before A. Brown Judge of the Court stated that in May of 1798 in a conversation with Alex^f. Ewing said Ewing told this deponent that he had been a soldier in the Revolutionary War (officers named), and that he had told Harlan that he was born in March of 1756.

Alexander Ewing made an Application for a Pension the second time on 2nd Nov 1836 at Slippery Rock and for the second time Jonathan Harlan gave testimony that he “met Alexander Ewing in Chartiers Settlement in Allegheny Co., PA as they both had lived in Chester Co., PA they began to converse. Alexander moved from Chartiers to Mercer Co. on land adjoining that of Jonathan Harlan. Alexander Ewing said he was born in March of 1756 in HE THOUGHT, York Co., PA. That he had lived in CHESTER Co., PA. Alexander Ewing stated that he paid \$1,000 for a servant to serve for him during the War for a short time. He told it to Harland over

20 years ago!

/s/ Alexander Ewing
/s/ Jⁿ Harlan

This application was very hard to read and it took many “tries,” to get the full transcript of this Application. It identifies his birth date, his brother and where he lived.

During the time these three brothers were attaining manhood, getting married and obtaining land in the Westward Movement County and State boundaries were changing fast. Records were coming in and recorded many years later. Samuel Ewing the eldest of William Ewing applied for land in Tyrone twp. Cumberland Co. and received a Warrant #120 but it was not issued until 1795. By that time I think he had moved on to Bedford Co., Pa. He is shown on the 1790 Census of Cumberland Co., PA., but not on tax records after that i.e. I have not located them.

I located three interesting Warrants in Washington Co., PA as recorded in PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES Series 3 Vol. XXIV page 555:

- Alexander Ewing was issued a Warrantee on 15 Feb 1786 for 100 acres.
- Samuel Ewing was issued a Warrantee on 22 Feb:-1786 for 100 acres.
- James Ewing was issued a Warrantee on 5 April 1786 for 200 acres.
- Allegheny Co., Pa was created 24 Sept 1788 from Washington Co. and the land that Alexander Ewing held had been named NUMANTIA and was by “land of John Campbell thence by land of Hugh Thompson. Alexander Ewing sold it 27 Jan^y 1795 to Charles Morgan eighty two acres 125 perches, by Survey, on Warrant 15 Feb 1786. Patent # P-29-14 both given to me by Dorothy Parry and Bertha Smith descendants of Alexander. They also gave me a copy of the unnumbered Survey dated 26 Jan^y 1789.
- Samuel Ewing was living on his land which had become Moon twp. in Allegheny Co. when he wrote his will in 1805.
- James Ewing's full history of his land dealings seems never to have been chronicled. We know he obtained land in Hanover twp. Beaver Co., Pa from his father-in-law and had it Patented the same day as those he owned in Smith, then Green township in Beaver Co. It is possible the above 1786, 200 acre, Warrantee and another for 398 acres issued in 1788 may be his.

We have the Wills of Samuel Ewing, of Alexander Ewing and the names of the children of James Ewing through a History of Greene twp Beaver Co., PA.

So these, then, are the children of William Ewing who was born, I believe about 1706 in, probably, Ireland and died prior, to 5 Dec 1774 in Tyrone twp. Cumberland Co., PA. We have located husbands of the two daughters but few details on their families.

William Ewing born about 1706, died prior to 5 Dec 1774 in Tyrone twp. Cumberland Co. He had married 1750 **Jean Gordon** as proven by the Will of James Gordon dated 16 Nov 1784 in West Pennsboro twp. Cumberland Co., PA. He mentions his daughter's son, James Ewing, is to receive £5 and his daughter's daughter, Jane Ewing, to receive £5. It may be assumed that those two were singled out because they were namesakes of himself and of his daughter. James Gordon's wife was Agness (Douglas) Gordon. We will take this family in more detail on later pages. Of course, the wife of William Ewing was not mentioned in his 1774 Will and we can, safely, assume that she is dead. William Ewing and Jean (Gordon) Ewing had:

- I. **Samuel Ewing** b ca 1751/2 in, I believe, Chester Co., PA. He married about 1773/4 (prior to the death of his father Dec 1774) **Jean Neal** (b ca 1758) daughter of John and Susan (Sharp) Neal. I located John Neal and John Sharp on the 1774 and 1776 Tax of Tyrone twp. Cumberland Co., PA. The will of Samuel Ewing was found in Moon twp. Allegheny Co., PA and is dated 16 Oct 1804 and probated 24 Dec 1805. It was witnessed by Ja^s Ewing, William Morgan and Wm. Stewart. It states, in part:

“To wife, Jeain (that spelling is used throughout the will) the use and management of all my estate for use of raising and keeping the children together till my youngest son, Samuel Ewing, comes of age. John and Samuel Ewing to be put to trades.” He makes bequeaths to son, William Ewing, daughters Mary Morgan, Isabella, Jeain, Peggy, Susanna and Sarah. “If my wife dies or marries then the executor shall be James Ewing.”

Signed sealed etc. /s/ Samuel Ewing
those above

Probated as above. “The executrix sworn the same day and year”

Allegheny Co., Pa did not give me the exact Will Book reference, only a copy of the Will. Samuel Ewing and Jean Neal Ewing are ancestors of Carol Nelson of Salmon, Idaho; of Lovinia Parmenter of Burbank, Ohio; and of Helen Glass Plank whose half-brother K.D. Martin wrote “Martin Bernard Family History 1885-1978”.

- A. **William Ewing** eldest child of Samuel and **Jean (Neal) Ewing** was born in "Sherman's Valley PA" on 7 Oct/Nov (both months were given) in 1775 and died 27 June 1856 in Wayne Co., Ohio. He married about 1795 **Agnes White** b 8 Dec 1775 d 1846. She was a daughter of James White and Judith (Bird) White. William and Agnes White Ewing had 11 children:
1. **William Ewing, Jr.** b 16 Jan 1796 in Sherman's Valley, Cumberland Co., PA and d 21 Aug 1852. He is buried in the Wooster Cemetery in Wayne Co., Ohio. He married about 1820 **Elizabeth Glass** b 21 July 1801 d 22 Feb 1881 buried in Wooster, Ohio. They had:
 - a. **Obediah Ewing** b 1823 lived Congress twp Wayne Co., Ohio.
 - b. **Elizabeth Ewing** b 3 March 1825 Wayne Co., Ohio married 1845 _____ **Brinkerhoff**
 - c. **Samuel Ewing** b 1827 (ancestor of the above informants).
 - d. **Jane Ewing** b 1828 married **Henry Brothers**
 - e. **James Ewing**
 - f. **Nancy Ewing**
 2. **Susannah Ewing** b 14 Feb 1798 Sherman's Valley, Cumberland Co., PA married 1st) 1818 **Samuel Ramsey** and married 2nd **Michael Totten** Canaan twp. Wayne Co., Ohio. It is said that Susannah's marriage to Samuel Ramsey was the first marriage performed in Canaan twp. Wayne Co., Ohio.
 3. **James Ewing** b 13 May 1801 married 1835 **Ruth Jane Richards**.
 4. **Jane Ewing** b 28 June 1803 married 1821 **Alfred Glass**.
 5. **Samuel Ewing** b 11 May 1805 married 1830 **Eliza Rosenborough**.
 6. **John Ewing** b 29 May 1807 married **Margaret Howey**.
 7. **Alexander Ewing** b 24 Aug 1809 married 1843 **Elizabeth Urie**.
 8. **Joseph Ewing** b 4 Feb 1812 (Wm moved to Wayne Co. that year).
 9. **Mary Ewing** b 3 May 1814 in Stark Co., Ohio.
 10. **Simon Ewing** b 19 May 1816 in Canaan twp. Wayne Co., Ohio. married 1837 **Mary Jane McLaughlin**.
 11. **Hiram Ewing** b 7 May 1819 Canaan twp. Wayne Co., Ohio.
- B. **Mary Ewing** eldest daughter of Samuel and Jean Neal Ewing was b ca 1777 and married **William Morgan**
- C. **Isabella Ewing** was born ca 1779.
- D. **Jean Ewing** was born ca 1780
- E. **Peggy "Margaret" Ewing** b ca 1782.
- F. **Susannah Ewing** b ca 1784.
- G. **Sarah Ewing** b ca 1786.
- H. **John Ewing** was under 16 in 1805 so born ca 1789.
- I. **Samuel Ewing** the youngest was old enough to be put to trades but youngest in the family so born about 1791.
- II. **James Ewing** second son of William Ewing and Jean Gordon was born in 1754 according to the record of Millcreek Presbyterian Church in Hookstown, Green twp. Beaver Co., PA on the occasion of their 118th Anniversary in 1902. It stated that James Ewing died in 1831 at the age of 77. He was elected an elder in the church a few years after 1790. Among the members in 1820 was a William Ewing and a James Ewing. A statement about him was included in the program and read:
- "James Ewing was born in Cumberland Co., PA and James Ewing lived and died on the farm later owned by his grandson, Frank Ramsey. Patent dated 26 Jan 1802. James Ewing left to survive him 6 children: Elizabeth wife of Joseph McCready; Margaret wife of Samuel Ewing; Isabell wife of James Moody; Martha wife of James Whitehill; John Ewing and William Ewing; Son William and Elizabeth McHarg (daughter of William McHarg who bought part of the land which Robert Rutherford obtained in his 1300 acre patent dated 12 Jan 1795."
- Also: "James Whitehill on the 10th day of May 1791 when Mary Colvin and her 16 month old child were scalped by the Indians on the road between the farm occupied by her father, Samuel Van Swearingen. James Whitehill and William Langfitt heard the rifle shots and responded to the call. This was the last Indian murder in this area. James Whitehill was the grandfather of Joseph and William Whitehill and the great grandfather of David Whitehill and their families who remained in the township." (Green twp.) Of course, Martha Ewing daughter of James Ewing was also the ancestor of those Whitehill men.
- Also: "There were two elders named Joseph McCready, father and son. Joseph McCready (1) was the person who rode through the wilderness to the Lower Meeting House in the Forks now located in Fayette Co., PA to beg for supplies. He died in 1799 and his will is held in the court house in Washington, PA. He left: Margaret, wife of Richard McClure; Anne Ralston; John McCready who removed to Trumbull Co., Ohio; Joseph McCready who died 3 Oct 1862 (had married Elizabeth Ewing daughter of James Ewing subject of this piece) and left children: James, Joseph, Eliza wife of Andrew Moore, Catherine wife of James Carothers, and Isabella wife of Dr. James McLaughlin. (Mrs. Eliza McCready who married Andrew Moore was 93 years old on Wed. Oct 8, 1902.)"

Also: "James Ewing owned two large farms from 26 Jan 1802, now in Greene twp. He left issue: James, William, John, Isabella wife of James Moody, Elizabeth wife of Joseph McCready, Martha wife of James Whitehill (son of James Whitehill), Margaret wife of Samuel Ewing. His son, William Ewing, married Elizabeth McHarg and left: Mary wife of William Ramsey (parents of Frank). His daughter Isabella became the wife of Robert Stewart an elder at the Mill Creek and Hookstown, and his son Joseph married Esther Calhoon. John married Rachel Whitehill (daughter of James) and they left issue: Elizabeth wife of James Stevenson; Jane wife of John Temple; Martha wife of James Doak; and Sarah died unmarried; also sons John, and James who died early."

There are other interesting bits of information from this History of the Church and its early peoples. It never tells of the wife of James Ewing. She was, however, Jane McLaughlin daughter of Elizabeth and William McLaughlin of Cecil twp. Washington Co., PA who had moved there just before the mother, Elizabeth (Patterson) McLaughlin died. She had Jane and Michael prior to her death. William McLaughlin married again, Isabel, and had three more girls. His will is found in Washington Co. will dated 1 Oct 1804 and probated 3 April 1805.

James Ewing and Sam^l Logan Executors.

- 1816, 3 December (Chester Co., PA Deed book S3, 209-210) is a Deed involving James Ewing and Jean McLaughlin. It states: "James Ewing et al to the Rev^d Ebenezer Dickey: 'whereas a certain Mary Patterson, dec^d, of Lower Oxford in Chester Co ... s^d Mary Patterson having died intestate (her estate) descends to two heirs of Elizabeth McLaughlin, dec^d sister of said Mary Patterson ... s^d Elizabeth McLaughlin is dec^d, left issue viz: Michael McLaughlin, dec^d, and Jean who intermarried with James Ewing and, whereas the above mentioned Michael McLaughlin, dec^d, left issue viz: William McLaughlin, John McLaughlin, Susannah McLaughlin, Jean McLaughlin, James McLaughlin (in all, five children,) to whom the right of their father descends'."

This deed was written in Washington Co. Court of Common Pleas and sent to Chester Co., PA where it was recorded in 1821. Anne Kimball shared this Deed with me in our search to prove who Jean/Jane McLaughlin married. She did an amazing amount of research on her "Pattersons". The signatures of Ja^s Ewing on the Barree twp. Bedford Co. sale of his father's land; on the Will of his brother, Samuel in 1804/5 in Moon twp. Allegheny Co. and on this Deed all seem to match tho we cannot be sure that Deed Signatures are original by a copy is supposed to imitate the signature of the person.

From *Western Pennsylvania. Genealogical Magazine* Vol. 10 (abstract of Western Argus Newspaper): 11 Nov 1831 EWING, JAMES of Green twp, about 70 died on 5 Nov 1831.

There are three deeds that tell of the "two large farms" that were owned by James Ewing by 1802. Beaver Co., PA gave them only one Deed Book Number. 010, 011 page 185, 299 dated 3 April 1832 and together give us the names of children. (Sent to me by Dorothy Parry.)

The first Deed is titled "Heirs of James Ewing to John Ewing Ent. 14 June 1832." It was recorded on 3 April 1832. Briefly:

"Patent bearing 26 Jan 1802 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania did confirm unto Alexander Cowan land called Cowley in Smith (now Green) twp. Beaver Co. containing 246 acres 12 perches enrolled in the Rolls office no.46 page 89 and the said Alexander Cowan by deed 1 Sept 1802 conveyed the same to James Ewing recorded in the office for Deeds for Co. of Allegheny Book L page 163. Also, the said Commonwealth by Patent 26 Jan 1802 in Rolls office Patent Rook no 46 page 90 containing 286 acres and 40 perches. Said James Ewing died intestate left heirs, sons and daughters as follows (named). Whereas the heirs of one part and John Ewing of the other part do sell to John Ewing for the sum of \$400 all that part of the two tracts which is contained between William Ewing's line, Wm. Leuthenes (sic) line on the south bounded on the West by the State Line and on east by lines in original Patent containing 212 (??) acres 85 perches." /signed/by five couples but John is not included.

The second deed is titled "Heirs of James Ewing to William Ewing Ent 4 June 1832." It was recorded on 3 April 1832. Briefly:

"Patent bearing 26 Jan 1802 unto a certain Alexander Cowan land called Cowley situate in Smith (now Green) twp Beaver Co. containing 246 acres enrolled in Patent Book no 46 page 89 and Alexander Cowan by deed Dated 1 Sept 1802 conveyed the tract of land to James Ewing recorded in Record Book L page 163 etc. James Ewing died intestate and heirs-named- to William Ewing and wife grant bargain sell release etc. for the sum of \$300 a tract of land (being apart of the above mentioned tract by James Moody and John Ewing, William McHarg (his father-in-law) Joseph McCready (brother-in-law) containing 200 acres 120 perches." /signed/ by five couples but William is not included.

The third deed is titled "Joseph McCready and John Ewing et al to James Moody Ent. 11 Sept 1833." Briefly it gives the same Recital as the above two deeds and continues:

“This Indenture 3 April 1832 between above named heirs (who are, again, listed with the exception of the purchaser James Moody who for \$800 purchased 2 tracts of Land #1 and #2 being in the State of Virginia adjoining the above described lots containing 100 acres part of a tract of 196 acres granted by the Government of Virginia by Virginia Patent 29 Oct 1789 to Alexander Cowan, who conveyed to George Swineheart, who on 25 August 1811 conveyed same to above named James Ewing.” Five couples signed but not James and wife. It was recorded on 3 April 1833.

I have not located ALL of the land purchases and sales of James Ewing. I know of one he purchased from his father-in-law William McLaughlin in what was Hanover twp. Washington Co., PA which became Beaver Co. The warrant was dated 1786 and surveyed 1787 and Patent 1814 to James Ewing et al. Patent N 10-377. All around that land were “VIRGINIA certificates.” Robinson township was to the east.

There are several other Deeds in those parent counties that should be explored re descendants of any of the children of James Ewing and Jean McLaughlin Ewing. They had:

- A. **Elizabeth Ewing** b ca 1785 married ca 1800 **Joseph McCready (Jr.)** b Ca 1780 (son of Joseph McCready who died 1799.) Joseph Jr. died 3 October 1862. They had:
 1. **James McCready** b ca 1800
 2. **Joseph McCready** b ca 1805
 3. **Eliza McCready** b c 1809 married **Andrew Moore**. “She was 93 Wed. Oct 8, 1902 at the Millcreek Church Anniversary”.
 4. **Catherine McCready** married **James Carothers**
 5. **Isabella McCready** married Dr. **James McLaughlin** (believed to be a son of Michael McLaughlin brother to Jean (McLaughlin) Ewing.) In 1844, James McLaughlin laid out the town of Venice, Cecil twp .
 - B. **William Ewing** b 1787 (age 63 on 1850 Census) married **Elizabeth McHarg** (b 1790 in PA daughter of William McHarg who was a surveyor and moved to Iowa.) They had:
 1. **Mary Ewing** who married **William Ramsey** They had:
 - a. **Frank Ramsey** (who inherited some of James Ewing's land)
 2. **Isabella Ewing** married **Robert Stewart** lived in Hookstown
 3. **Joseph Ewing** married **Esther Calhoun**
 - C. **John Ewing** b 1792 (age 58 on the 1850 Census) married **Rachel Whitehill** (b ca 1792 [198? Does not calculate with age] was 52 in 1850 sister to James, Jr. who married Martha Ewing. Another sister/brother brother/sister marriage of EWING! John Ewing and Rachel (Whitehill) Ewing had:
 1. **Elizabeth Ewing** married **James Stevenson** (she was 28 in 1850)
 2. **Jane Ewing** married **John Temple** (she was 26 in 1850)
 3. **John Ewing** died young (1850 he was 24)
 4. **Sarah Ewing** d unmarried (was 21 in 1850)
 5. **Martha Ewing** was 18 in 1850) married **James Doak**
 6. **Isabella Ewing** (was 13 in 1850)
 - D. **Isabell Ewing** b 1795 married **James Moody** He purchased the most expensive and smallest part of James Ewing's land. It had a Virginia Patent and was located, at the time, in Virginia!
 - E. **Margaret Ewing** b ca 1797 and married **Samuel Ewing**. [We have not found the proof, yet, but we believe he is the youngest son of Samuel and Jean Ewing. He and Margaret were first cousins. We have not located children.
 - F. **Martha Ewing** was 75 in 1880 so born ca 1805. She married 10 Feb 1825 **James Whitehill** (born 14 April 1804 and died 10 Feb 1858!) James was a brother to Rachel Whitehill who married John Ewing. They were children of James Whitehill SR. Martha Ewing and James Whitehill (Jr) had:
 1. **Joseph Whitehill** b ca 1826
 2. **William Whitehill** b ca 1830 He had:
 - a. **David Whitehill**
 3. **Robert Whitehill** b 1833 His mother was living with him in 1880.
 4. **Jane Whitehill** married +1835 **John T. Temple**. In Beaver Co. Bios. Jane Temple said her grandfather was an “Indian Scout.”
- III. **Alexander Ewing** 3rd son and 3rd child of William Ewing and Jean (Gordon) Ewing. His Pension Application #8448 was briefed on page 369 this Chapter. He is the ancestor of Dorothy Parry and Bertha Smith. On 27 May 1992 the Sons of the American Revolution honored Alexander Ewing for his service. It was held at his grave site in Plaingrove Cemetery, Lawrence Co., PA. (Taken from Mercer Co., PA 20 March 1849 where Alexander lived the last years of his life.) His gravestone was illegible but his wife, **Mary** _____, died 1810 at age 44. His Pension application and his Will Probate give us his approximate dates of birth and death. He stated that he was born 1 March 1756 (“thought in York Co. “). His will was written on 29 January 1838 and probated 18 September 1838. The last Deed he signed was Q-1-596, and was dated 18 October 1836, but not recorded

until 12 March 1839. Something is wrong here. I tend to believe the Deed date and that indicates he died prior to March 13, 1839. That was the date of the Deed 0-1-597 which stated he was deceased. Probate came later and probably should have been 18 September 1832. I believe he died sometime before 1 March 1839. His second pension Application statement in Nov of 1836 indicated he was "about 80" 31 July 1835 Application he was "79". So he died before his 83rd, March, birthday!

Alexander Ewing's will stated, briefly:

"First, \$75.00 to Mary Ewing daughter of my son, William Ewing, dec^d, when she becomes 21.

-Second, that \$5.00 be given to my son Thomas.

-Third, that all notes due bills and bonds etc be collected and income arising therefrom etc. be given my three daughters, and the children of my son, James Ewing, dec^d as follows:

¼ to daughter Margaret Hunt

¼ to daughter Rebecca Wood

¼ to Isabell Stevenson

¼ to be divided equally between Mary Ewing, Thomas Ewing and Emaline Ewing, children of my son, James, deceased Eli Cole and James Stevenson my son-in-law to be executors. "

Alexander executed two Deeds in Mercer Co. Slippery Rock twp. prior to those mentioned above.

- 1835, 5 June (Mercer Co., PA Deed Book N-1-588) states "Alexander Ewing of Slippery Rock twp, Mercer Co. to Gideon H. Wood of the same place part of a larger tract of land settled by Alexander Ewing bordered on east by land of Rebecca Ewing, containing 25 acres." Signed by only Alexander Ewing witnessed by Abner Dean
- 1835, 5 June (Mercer Co., PA Deed Book N-1-584) states "Alexander Ewing of Slippery Rock twp. sells for \$108 conveys to Rebecca Ewing all interest in land in Slipperyrock township (on waters of Slippery Rock Creek) part of a larger tract settled by Alexander Ewing (by land of Gideon Wood) containing 60 acres." /w/ Gideon Wood.

Thomas Ewing, son of Alexander, wrote his will 16 Aug, 1851 and it was probated 25 Aug 1851.

"To beloved wife, Catherine, children; Alexander, David, John, Susannah, Aaron, Sarah, Margaret, Martin Snyder (double name) and Mary share and share alike. Appraisers to be Joseph Karvy (Harvy?) and Washington Cunningham and Robert Bently.

Thomas's Will spells son, "Aaron".

We have, also, the Orphan's Court proceedings for James Ewing which did not begin until September 1834. Enoch Dean was appointed guardian of Orphans of James Ewing by a petition of Eleanor Ewing, widow and relict of James Ewing. Security was \$344.00 approved by the court. In December of 1837 Samuel Anderson, administrator of the estate of James Ewing of Slippery Rock twp. Mercer Co., PA a balance of \$37.29½ confirmed on 30 Dec 1836. Then in March Term of the Court, 1837, a Petition was made to the Court by Samuel Anderson Administrator of the estate of James Ewing to prove contract. James was of Slippery Rock twp. and owned land containing 50 acres. James and Adam Lowry had agreed, before his death, to sell his 50 acres to Lowry. Anderson asks that a proper Deed be issued to Lowry.

The family of Alexander Ewing was given to me by Dorothy Parry and Bertha Smith.

Alexander and Mary (?) Ewing had:

- A. **William Ewing** b 1782 d 1819 (age 37) married **Christiana** _____. He was in the war of 1812. They had:
 1. **Mary Ewing** was born about 1818/9 based on orphan records.
After William died, Christiana married James Hagan.

We were sent the Orphan's Court proceedings for William Ewing which did not begin until 15 March 1825. When James McCune, Adm of estate of William Ewing, was presented stating that he had a daughter, Mary, under 14 who needed a guardian, Samuel Wallace was appointed. Again, in June of 1833 Mary Ewing appeared in court "above the age of 14" and she had made choice of James Hagan [her step-father] of which the court approves with surety of \$1,200. Samuel Wallace had deceased and his son, Thomas Wallace presented an account of the care of Mary Ewing by James Hagan, dated 17 June 1836. Approved 30 Oct 1836. The name of her mother was Christiana Hagan who was a "surviving Executor" of the estate of William Ewing, deceased, late of Slippery Rock twp. Mercer Co., PA. The widow got 1/3 share. We have been unable to find who the third person/child was. Mary Ewing, daughter, may have been awarded 2/3 of estate.

- B. **Isabelle Ewing** b ca 1785 died prior to 1850 married **James Stevenson**. No more known
- C. **Thomas Ewing** b 1791 d 1852 married **Catherine Rearick** about 1838 (she was born in 1818. No death date given.) They had:
 1. **Alexander Ewing** b 1839 d 1802 [death date is wrong, maybe it is 1902?]
 2. **David Ewing** b 1841 married **Mary Ann**
 3. **John Ewing** b 1843 d 1862 in Iowa

4. **Susannah Ewing** b 1845 married **John Sweezy**
 5. **Aaron (aka Aron) Ewing** b 1847 married **Margaret Richeal**. They had, among others:
 - a. **Charles Ewing** married **Adeline Cousins** They had, among others:
 - (I.) **Mary Ewing** married **Donald Campbell** They had:
 - (A.) **Dorothy Campbell** married **Raymon Parry**
 - (B.) **Rertha Campbell** married **_____ Smith** (They are my informants)
 6. **Sarah Ewing** b 1849 married **Thomas Kennedy**
 7. **Margaret Ewing** b 1850 died 1867 unmarried
 8. **Martin Snyder Ewing** b1852 married **Mary Jane Munnell**. He served in the War Between the States.
 9. **Mary Ewing** b 1857 married **Thomas Eaken**
 - D. **Margaret Ewing** b 1794 died 1844 married **Abraham Hunt**
 - E. **James Ewing** b 1797 died 1833 married **Eleanor** They had:
 1. **Mary Ewing**
 2. **Thomas Ewing**
 3. **Emaline Ewing**
 - F. **Rebecca Ewing** b 1805 died 1866 married **Gideon Wood** after June 1835 when she was called Rebecca Ewing in a Deed.
- IV. **Martha Ewing** eldest of two daughters of William Ewing and Jean Gordon Ewing. She was born after 1756. (Alexander was not 18 in 1774. As we located the birth date of younger sister; Jane Ewing born 1760 we can, safely, assume that Martha was born 1758. We know that she married **Robert Wilson** in Tyrone twp. 15 Jan 1782 minister was Presbyterian, Dr. John Linn. (I do not have the place of marriage). It is my belief that they moved to Cecil twp Washington Co., PA. In the "History of Cecil Twp. Washington Co., Pa" by Crumrine page 702 "Robert Wilson lived on a farm nearly opposite Morganza. Among his sons were Rev. Thomas Wilson, James and William Wilson." We have done no extensive search on them except to learn they did not stay in Tyrone twp. Cumberland Co., PA. Yet, there was a Robert Wilson who married Dorcas Hays in 1802 at Big Spring Presbyterian Church. We have not proven Robert...
- V. **Jane Ewing** was born in 1760, possibly in what became Tyrone twp. Cumberland Co., PA now Perry Co., PA. We located her marriage to **William Lindsay** in the Presbyterian Church of Carlisle, PA on 27 March 1787. We found she was in attendance at Big Spring Presbyterian Church by 1788 as she was on the Census taken then. She was not a "communing" member at that time nor was her age given (she was two years older than her husband). William Lindsay was the Presbyterian elder who examined the members prior to their taking "Communion". This is on page 31 of the "History of Big Spring Presbyterian Church" mentioned in the previous Chapter.

My ancestors, all, attended this Church. We located the fact that in October 1802 Jane Lindsay was received as a member by Rev. Joshua Williams D.D. (page 65). On page 94, we found "William Lindsay's (note spelling) District, South Frankford and part of West Pennsboro with six in family (4 children). On page 190, the name of Jane Lindsay b Oct 1760 died 4 May, 1837 is on a list of tombstones of persons born prior to 1800.

It is possible the William Lindsay b 6 July 1793 d 23 Jan 1838 is her son by William Lindsay/Lindsay (Sr.) He had married Mary Forbes. A Nancy Lindsay was a member of the Female Bible Class in 1817. It is impossible to prove her a daughter.

We explored the will of John Gordon who was one Executor of the 1774 will of William Ewing, Jane Ewing's father. It was witnessed by William Lindsey and Jane Ewing. The date was 1782 and they married five years later in 1787. She was, evidently, a member of the Carlisle Presbyterian Church at that time.

Supplement

WHERE DID WILLIAM EWING who died 1774 in Tyrone Twp. come from? WAS THOMAS EWING who was with him 1750-1771, a son by first wife?

I have spent years on this William Ewing and his family. I wish to share my theory with you if you care to read it or wish to pursue it further.

1728/29:

William Ewing was on the tax records of three townships in Chester County and there were four men by that name. Two were in West Sadsbury twp. in 1728 and it became Sadsbury twp. Lancaster Co. in 1729. One later went to Bucks Co., PA and the other went to Amelia/Prince Edward Co., Va. Two remained in Chester, one is in Nether Providence twp. Who acquired land in West Nantmel twp. where he lived until 1750. The other is William Ewing who is on East Nottingham tax Records, Chester Co. beginning with 1729. Is, I believe, the man who moved to Tyrone twp. and died 1774.

1733, 6 March.

William Ewin (spelled that way by Thomas Penn) in a request to Benjamin Eastburn, Surveyor General of Pennsylvania stating that "at the request of William Ewin of the township of Nottingham that we would grant him to take up two hundred acres of land in the said Township adjoining the Barrens in the County of Chester for which he agrees to pay to our use the sum of £15.10.0 current money for each 100 acres and ½ penny Sterling for every acre" etc. etc. (Certain conditions if not fulfilled within six months will be void.)

1734,

William Ewing continues on the tax list of East Nottingham twp. through 1734 when Londonderry twp was created from part of the East Nottingham twp. He is there through 1737 tax records (as are two other Ewing men and a 3rd is now in Londonderry twp. Chester Co., Pa.

1737, 30th day 6th month [Aug]

William Ewing was number 39 of 63 men signing a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas as an "inhabitant of the township of East Nottingham regarding a road planned from Octoraro (Creek) to Elisha Gatchell's Mill. They wanted a better route that did not go by the many swamps and many watercourses being eight or nine some of whom very bad." (James Cowden was number 44. His land was adjacent to John Ewing one of the four EWING who appear in East Nottingham in 1729.

1737,

William Ewing appears on the tax of East Nottingham for the last time as the tax records are nonexistent for 1739-1749. No court records bear his name, except the one mentioned above.

1750,

I William Ewing appears on the tax record of Londonderry twp. for this year. Interestingly there is a James Gordon there, who, I believe, became his father-in-law. I believe William Ewing was married when he appeared in 1729, he had a son, Thomas Ewing and that wife died. He married about 1750 Jean Gordon a daughter of James Gordon.

William Ewing's Will, written in 1774 showed a John Gordon as an Executor. As we know Executors are close kin or close friends and I wanted to find out who he was. He had made a good accounting of the Estate of William Ewing. All this in Tyrone twp. Cumberland Co., PA.

I found out that John Gordon had written a Will in West Pennsboro township (where MY William lived) 4th October 1784 so I purchased a copy. I learned that his wife had already died, so I did not know who she was. I learned that he had daughters named Jean and Agness who were to get 1/6 of his estate and their mothers clothing. To his sons James, Samuel and John balance of estate and books of Religion and Sermons. He left to Jas. Dun, obviously a servant or one bound to him, to be put to a trade etc. The will was witnessed by Jean Ewing ("O" her mark) and William Lindsay.

Who is Jean Ewing to John Gordon? And who is William Lindsey? William Ewing died 1774 had a daughter Jean Ewing his youngest!

I found out that a James Gordon who had lived near William Ewing in Londonderry township, Chester Co., PA 1750 sold his land to William Wilson and had moved away. I found James Gordon owned land in West

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Grant to William Ewing of the Township of Nottingham.

**Chester County, Pennsylvania
Londonderry Township
Tax for 1750-51**

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**A List of houses of the Inhabitants of the Lower West End of Londonderry Township
From: Loose papers, Chester County, Pennsylvania
Londonderry Divided Township School and Election District, Volume 1, 1754, [Barbara Weir]**

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William Ewing and James
Gordon are no longer there.

Pennsboro twp. Cumberland Co., PA, but no one else by that name anywhere at that time. I knew that Cumberland Co. Historical Society had furnished me with much good information and the Register of Wills sent me a copy of the will of James Gordon! Guess what??! !

James Gordon wrote his will 16th Nov 1784 only 1 month after John Gordon's Will had been probated. James Gordon's will bequeathed:

“first

to my daughters's son James Ewing £5

secondly

to my daughter's daughter Jane Ewing £20. (There she is, again, connected to a Gordon family ... Jean are interchangeable in these old Records. There was no other brother-sister Jean and James other than the 2 children of William Ewing who died in 1774 in Tyrone twp. that had been taken from West Pennsboro twp.) to my son, John Gordon's three sons James, Samuel and John each £5

to Robert Guttery 1 shilling stirling (there were Guttery people in Chester Co.)

to Richard Dun 1 shilling sterling.

to Nancy Gordon, widow, 7 shillings

to grandson James Gordon 1 shilling

to my well-beloved wife, Agness Gordon and

to William Douglas and James Douglas my brother's-in-law were to be Executors. “

So, Agness had been a Douglas

Well, it looks to me that Jane/Jean Ewing who got the £20 was his favorite. She was probably named for his daughter. James Ewing was probably named for the grandfather, James Gordon.

So, Jean Ewing who witnessed John Gordon's will was his niece, a daughter of his sister, Jean Gordon who had to have married William Ewing about 1749/50 in Londonderry twp. Jean Ewing, their daughter married William Lindsey on 27 March 1787.

And, James Ewing who received £5 from James Gordon was his namesake and another child of Jean (Gordon) Ewing. William Ewing had two children by those names. James Gordon left nothing to John Gordon's daughter's even tho one was named, Agness, for her grandmother. So, we were not concerned that he left nothing to the other three children of “his daughter” a Ewing. So, Jean Gordon, daughter of James (but not necessarily Agness) Gordon-married about 1749/50 William Ewing. But wait a minute. William Ewing was a married man when he lived in East Nottingham twp. from 1729-1737. In the 1750 Londonderry twp. tax he is married. I am confident he had at least one son prior to those younger children who begin to appear in 1750/51.

In 1761 when William appears in West Pennsboro twp. Cumberland Co., PA, he has with him another Thomas Ewing, who, it seems is a son. It is someone for whom he is responsible. Thomas Ewing remained with William Ewing when the land was still West Pennsboro. Then is there when they are in Tyrone twp. beginning with the 1768 tax. That is the first time William Ewing of Tyrone is shown with land.

Thomas Ewing continues with him until after the 1771 tax when he is called a “renter”. The land is only 100 acres now. But no land was ever recorded in Cumberland Co., PA as belonging to this William Ewin nor Thomas Ewin. Thomas Ewing, Jr. who received land has been proven to be the son of William Ewing of Chapter XXXVIII.

Thomas Ewing, however, acquired land in Barree twp. Bedford Co., PA near to the land that William Ewing died 1774 had purchased. It becomes “West Twp. Huntington Co.” when Huntington was taken from Bedford Co., PA 20 Sept 1787. PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES Series 3 Vol XXII pages 5, 74, 105, 217 and 287 show Thomas Ewing in Barree twp. Bedford Co. from 1776-1779. Records are lax and we find him on page 334 in West twp. Huntington Co., PA in 1788, page 334, same Series and Volume shows us that Thomas acquired another 300 acres and his sons, Alexander, John, James, William, Thomas, Jr., David all were issued land grants there, see their names below. Son, Mathew, too young.

Thomas Ewing wrote his will 27 October 1797 and it was probated 25 Aug 1800 in West township, Huntington Co., PA. His wife was Mary (last name thought to be Reed) and children were “Alexander, oldest son; John; James; William; Thomas; David; Katherine and Mathew. The executors were eldest son, Alexander and son Thomas. The witnesses were Alexander McCormick and Arthur Bell.

Although this Book has refrained from telling family stories in an effort to get “facts right” there is one we must tell. It is a story about this Thomas Ewing's daughter Katherine. It is related in *The History of Juanita Valley* by Natl. Hist. Ass'n in 3 Vols. page 440 contains the story taken from Records of Indian atrocities during the Revolutionary War, page 309:

“William Ewing, aged 80 years” (on 23 June 1845, He is a son of Thomas Ewing died 1800 West twp so born about 1765) “related to Judge Adams that on the 14th of October 1781, the Indians took my sister [Katherine/Catherine Ewing] “and a daughter of Mr. McCormick”[Elizabeth McCormick daughter of Alexander McCormick who witnessed the 1797 will of Thomas Ewing] “and attacked my brother, Alexander Ewing, on the road near our house by three Indians. Two of whom shot at him and wounded him in his thigh and raised the war whoop and shouted as if a dozen or more were present and chased him into our lane and two more shot at him and missed him.

“My brother, James Ewing, ran out with his gun when he heard the first shots and saw the Indians chasing his brother, but did not think of shooting until the Indians were gone. My brother, Alexander Ewing, was wounded through the front part of the thigh in front of the groin which was healed in a few weeks. This was about the time Lord Conwallis was taken by General Washington – and shortly after all fear of the Indians or the War subsided, and the settlers looked forward with confidence to the end of their troubles. Mr. Ewing [William], pointed to the ground his brother [Alexander] was attacked [on] by the Indians also where the girls were taken prisoners.”

There are two stories regarding the return of the girls to their parents. One says that Thomas Ewing went to Philadelphia to claim them, another says he and Alex. McCormick went to Montreal, Canada. I have not found the proof of which was correct. At any rate they got the girls back unharmed. Katherine/Catherine married _____ Huston moved to Center Co., PA.

Mr. Alexander McCormick wrote his will 25 Sept 1805 in West township, Huntington Co., PA. It was probated 27 Oct 1807. He names sons: Alexander, Robert and Samuel and wife, Ann. His daughter is Elizabeth [McCormick] Ewing, another is Sarah [McCormick] Leonard, another is Mary [McCormick] Johnston. I have been unable to determine whether Elizabeth was the daughter kidnaped by the Indians nor which son of Thomas Ewing she married.

Alexander Ewing born about 1761-3 married Charlotte Griffith in Cumberland Co., PA and is said not to be the one who married a lady by the same name in Big Tree, N.Y on the Genessee River who, also had a brother William Ewing and a brother, Samuel Ewing. It remains a puzzle, along with many others, have been unable to solve. The marriage record is a part of Cumberland Co., Pennsylvania Records.

William Ewing (who told the story about the kidnaping of his sister, Katherine/Catherine Ewing by the Indians) is said to have married Elizabeth Anderson and had a daughter Mary Ewing who married a John Murray and lived in Shavers Creek Valley, Huntington Co. then moved to Clearfield Co. by 1821.

WHERE DID William Ewing who died 1774 in Tyrone twp. come from?

That is the question with which I began this supplement and I believe, most sincerely, he is brother to those other men named EWING in East Nottingham twp. Chester Co., PA beginning with 1729.

I believe that Esther Ewing who married James Cowden is his sister. She is the subject of Chapter XVI. They lived in East Nottingham.

I believe that Henry Ewing who was of E. Nottingham, Londonderry, and Oxford twp. Chester Co., PA is his brother. Chapter XVII.

I believe that John Ewing of East Nottingham twp. Chester Co., Pa is his brother. Chapter XX.

I believe that Samuel Ewing of West Nottingham, twin of Henry, is the one who married Rebecca George in 1740, Chapter XXXIII

I believe that Alexander Ewing who died in East Nottingham twp. in 1752 is another brother who had many children. Chapter XV. I believe all these people are children of one James Ewing who lived on INCH ISLAND in Lough Swilley, See page 18 this book, and Chapter XXXXI.