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There are other correspondents too numerous to mention but I have enjoyed each contact with you.

# THE PURPOSE OF “EWING IN EARLY AMERICA”

In December of 1980 the GEORGIA PART of this study was completed. I had located my great great grandfather and his wife, **William and Hannah Ewing**, and their children. During my efforts to locate the ancestors of this man, **William Ewing** who came to Georgia nearly 200 years ago, almost 13 years have elapsed. I have corresponded with many wonderful people. I have written over one thousand letters. Researchers of almost every one of the 13 original colonies, and the then existing counties were hired. In addition letters were written to those State Archives, County and Township record keepers. Registered Genealogists in England, Scotland and Ireland were hired. I have purchased hundreds of Land Grants, Surveys and Patents. I own hundreds of Deeds, Wills, Estate Records, Church Records and Certified Bible Records. I have purchased copies of early Tax Records, Revolutionary War Service Records and Pension Records. I have obtained Court of Common Pleas Records, Orphan's Court Records, Criminal Court Records and numerous D.A.R. and S.A.R. Records. I have visited with the Lord Lyon of Arms, Dr. Don Pottinger, in Edinburgh, Scotland regarding the EWING COAT OF ARMS. I have stood at the graves of numerous EWING buried in Scotland - one died 1600 - Bon Hill.

The Records I found, when compared with some of the Genealogies held sacred in the past, showed that some of them contained errors. The records also proved that some of the Genealogies contained marvelous histories of people named EWING. It is a name of which to be proud. Many interesting facts never before found were exciting to discover. Many of the “EWING” works referred to did not have access to today's methods of indexing and information retrieval.

This Manuscript is a Work or Study whereby I present a few early EWING out of all those who have not, heretofore, been documented. I also present changes to some Genealogies already in print which are indicated by additional findings.

My PURPOSE, then, is to present all these people in the hope that additions, corrections, and discussions will bring us all closer together no matter who our EWING ancestor is.

My own earliest known American Ancestor is **JAMES EWING** who in 1722 bought land in Hopewell township, Old Hunterdon County, New Jersey. Next door to him was his son-in-law, Robert McClelan who had married Elizabeth Ewing. They all moved to Chester County Pennsylvania in 1727 and helped build one of the earliest Presbyterian Churches in that County. James Ewing's son, another one of the many WILLIAM EWING men, is there, too. The 1722 Deed is one of the earliest Ewing deeds in AMERICA!

Meeting some of you and corresponding with others has renewed my appreciation of the fine ancestors from which we all come.

# THE PLAN

In presenting to you different EWING FAMILIES I have begun with the earliest date that a family has been traceable by me.

At the beginning of each Chapter will be a narrative telling some of what I know and documented of each family. Family groups are then outlined.

Using Standard Outline Form I will present the families of each of these *EWING IN EARLY AMERICA*, their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren when available through the early 1800's.

For some of those who have been helpful in this work I have carried the Genealogy to the present day.

I have used the following to denote GENERATIONS:

I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X etc. for FIRST IN AMERICA

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, etc. for SECOND GENERATION IN AMERICA

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, etc. for THIRD GENERATION IN AMERICA

a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, etc. for FOURTH GENERATION

i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, vii, viii etc. for FIFTH

(I.) (II.) (III.) (IV.) (V.) (VI.) etc. for SIXTH

(A.) (B.) (C.) (D.) (E.) (F.) etc. for SEVENTH

The above form is also used with indentation. I have used "b" for born, "m" for married, "d" for died, "unm" for unmarried.

The names used when only Census Records were the source of information may be misspelled or incorrect.

Margaret E. Fife (Mrs. W.M.)

## EDITED - REVISED VERSION

When I first corresponded with Margaret Fife about helping her with the revision of her book, I anticipated putting the information into my wordprocessor and doing some minor editing. Of course marking the copy for indexing would be a major part of the work that I would do. However, based on the circumstances, I have added some new information. Also, some corrections have been made to correct information that was in the original book.

Chapters IX, XI, and XXIII have had a good bit of material added to the original chapter. In some cases, the added material corrected errors in the original book. Based on the information in the original book and new information, it does not appear that William Ewing, presented in Chapter XII, can be the son of James Ewing that is presented on page 82 in Chapter XI.

Generally speaking, the chapters in this book have not been revised to any extent. In discussing this revision with Margaret, she had indicated that she wanted Part II to be included with Part I. That has been accomplished. Margaret had indicated that she wanted to combine some of the chapters and add some information that she had finalized since she had published her book in 1995. Unfortunately, due to health problems, Margaret was not able to complete the task of getting the information into chapters and forwarding the information to me. It would not be easy for me to combine the chapters; therefore, I have left the numbering of the chapters the same as they were in the original publication.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a word about the book that was published in 1995. The task that Margaret undertook to separate many of the early Ewing families was almost an impossible task. She had researched the Ewing families for many years. Some of her findings had been typed into chapters months before the book was actually published.

It is very unfortunate, that Margaret did not have use of the computer when she was doing her research and the typing of the original book. No doubt, she could have added a few tid bits here and there that would have helped the reader. The job of doing over forty chapters with a typewriter did not allow going back to add a few words in the different chapters.

Also, the evidence, deeds, wills, and other records, had to be extracted and condensed to a great extent because the typewriter had just one font size. With the computer, she could have had the choice of including as much information as she desired.

Margaret is to be applauded for what she accomplished with her research and putting the evidence into her book.

I would like to express my appreciation to her husband, William Fife, and her family for bundling up boxes of research material and shipping them to Clan Ewing in America. That information will be used by family researchers for years by those attending the reunions.

Updates and corrections to the families included in this book would be appreciated. That information can and will be used to answer queries in the future. Clan Ewing in America has a web site and Margaret's book has been a major source for answering questions about a Ewing family.

I will miss being able to forward e-mail message to Margaret that concerned her family. Over the past few years, we were able to send several messages to Margaret which identified another Ewing relative. She was always glad to have found another relative of her family.

Jim McMichael

*Great works are performed not by  
strength, but by perseverance.  
– Samuel Johnson*

# *Ewing in Early America*