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Amy Hunter Ewing (Patterson) – Part 9

Her Famous Friends in Philadelphia from 1779 to 1844

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Amy Hunter Ewing Patterson
(20 Jan 1751-24 May 1844)
Charles Willson Peale 1797

Introduction

Part 9 continues the story of famous and interesting historic people in Amy's life (January 20, 1751-May 24, 1844). Some of these people had EWING for a last name, some were Amy's immediate family, others married into Amy's family and some worked at the US Mint in Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania. As we learned in previous Ewing Family Journal (EFJ) articles, Amy knew famous doctors, scientists, artists, engineers, professors, congressmen, senators, senior military officers and US Presidents and First Ladies. This chapter centers on the life of the famous people and events that Amy and many of her fellow Philadelphians recorded in their diaries 200 years ago and some were the subject of front page newspaper articles during the period 1817 to 1822.

My 4th great grandmother was a tower of strength for her family through two wars on American soil, the health issues of the day, and the physical limitations of household conveniences in the latter part of the 18th and first half of the 19th century. She raised children who became successful and contributed to the advancement of the American experience in higher education, industry and government. Starting in 1780, she knew and met many famous people and observed quite a few historical events in Philadelphia. During this period of this Ewing ancestor's life, she was exposed to many of Philadelphia's elite.

Evolution and Founding of the Musical Fund Society

Amy's family (Ewing and Patterson) celebrated and enjoyed a variety of musical talents and also supported the world of musical performers during their lifetime. In Philadelphia in 1816, the musicians earned a living in a haphazard manner with no central locations (theatres) in which to display their talents. About this time, her son Robert Maskell Patterson (RMP), and a small group of music lovers who met at their homes on Wednesday evenings during the winter months, started the beginnings of what became known as the Musical Fund Society. This group included such prominent Philadelphians as physician William P. DeWees (1768-1841), Judge John K. Kane (1795-1858), dentist Leonard Koecker (1785-1850), linguist Peter S. Duponceau (1760-1844), and antiquarian Charles A. Poulson (1789-1866). The best musicians in Philadelphia came to their meetings to perform quartets of Beethoven, Boccherini, Haydn and Mozart, and other notable composers.

There was a family relationship between RMP and Judge John K. Kane. Kane was married to Jane DuVall Leiper (1796-1866), younger sister of RMP's wife, Helen Hamilton Leiper (Patterson) (1788-1874).



**John Kintzing Kane
(1795-1858)**

Helen was known for her affinity for music, and she pushed for the formation of the Musical Fund Society as much as her husband and their brother-in-law, Judge Kane.

“As a result of the weekly gatherings, in 1816 Charles F. Hupfeld tried to establish a society for regular musician practice. When it proved difficult to keep a sufficient number of players together, Hupfeld decided to add to the fledgling society a distinct purpose of creating a fund for the relief of musicians.”¹

“With this new purpose, The Musical Fund Society held its first public organizational meeting January 7, 1820 at Elliot’s Hotel, Sixth and Chestnut Streets, with many of the hosts and musicians from the earlier home concerts in attendance. Nearly all professors of music in Philadelphia at the time and a large number of the prominent and distinguished men and women also became members.”² The Ewing/Patterson/Kane families linked together to support the endeavor, especially the women, Amy, Helen Hamilton Leiper Patterson, and Jane Duvall Leiper Kane.

The new Musical Fund Society met on January 29, 1820 and elected its officers:

Dr. William P. DeWees	President
Dr. Robert M. Patterson	Vice-President
Danial Lammot	Treasurer
John K. Kane	Secretary



**Helen Hamilton Leiper
(1792-1874)**

Leiper House Collection
Photo by DB Frobes

“The group succeeded in raising funds to build the Musical Fund Hall, Eight and Locust Streets, which cost \$23,000. It can be said that from the 1820s through the 1850s, Musical Fund Hall was the center of all music in Philadelphia with the exception of opera. In 1824, the Society purchased the Fifth Presbyterian Church on Locust Street to establish a permanent venue for the Musical Fund Hall. The success of this organization is another example of the many contributions that the Ewing/Patterson families made as Philadelphia and the United States of America headed into its fourth decade of freedom. The Musical Fund Society is the oldest continuing musical organization in the United States.”³

Minutes of the American Philosophical Society (APS) 1817 and 1818

In 1818, Amy reached her 67th birthday. Her husband (RP) had retired as a professor of Natural Philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania. He was now just focused on the operations of the US Mint.

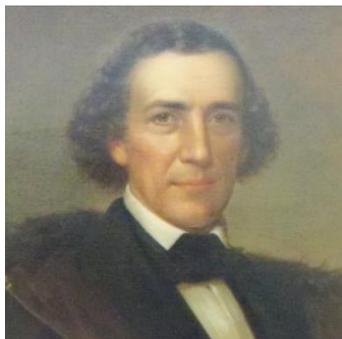
¹ Musical Fund Society, Joseph C. Shiavo, Rutgers University, The Encyclopedia of Philadelphia, Copy write 2017

² Ibid

³ Ibid

However, he continued to be very involved in the American Philosophical Society (APS) as its Vice President along with his son, Dr. Robert Maskell Patterson (RMP), as Secretary of the APS. RMP was the Professor of Mathematics and Vice Provost of the University of Pennsylvania. Father and son, with their natural curiosity, were immersed in many of the subjects that the APS investigated.

I found the minutes of the APS that recorded meeting agendas and subject action to be taken to be interesting as it pertained to RP and RMP. In the minutes of the September 17, 1817, the following was recorded in the minutes..."Description and use of a



Robert Maskell Patterson
University of Penn
Special Collections

simple appendage to the Reflecting Sector, etc., by Mr. Patterson, was read and referred to Dorsey, Gummere' and Dr. Patterson, with power to take order."⁴

So I looked up "Reflecting Sector". According to Wikipedia, the purpose of reflecting instruments is to allow an observer to measure the altitude of a celestial object or measure the angular distance between two objects. In Part 2 (EFJ Vol. 21, No. 2 Nov. 2015) of this series, I wrote about President Thomas Jefferson asking RP to train Captain Meriwether Lewis in celestial navigation in preparation for the upcoming expedition to the Pacific. RP's interest in this subject started in Northern Ireland as a young, man and he used that skill to earn money when he landed in Philadelphia in 1768. I am still looking through the APS minutes to find a follow up to the "appendage" to the Reflecting Sector.



Musical Fund Hall
Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia

RMP A Candidate for the Professorship of Chemistry in 1818

The Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania received a letter on August 4, 1818, from Dr. Robert M. Patterson offering himself as a candidate for the vacant professorship of chemistry in the medical department. His 10 page letter, plus a post script, described his education and his experience as a lecturer in chemistry.

⁴ Early Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, record of minutes from 1780 to 1837.

“To the honorable the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania

*Gentlemen, in offering myself a candidate for the professorship of chemistry now vacant in the medical departments, it cannot be improper that I should present you with a view of the grounds upon which I found my claims to that important station.”*⁵

Although Dr. Patterson was well qualified, as the many attestations from his students, colleagues, and friends affirmed, the appointment to the Chemistry Chair in the Medical School went to Dr. Robert Hare, who was ‘not a brilliant lecturer,’ but who excelled in demonstrations especially those pertaining to electricity.”⁶ But Dr. Hare did not surpass Patterson. Instead, RMP’s reputation grew as a Professor of Natural Philosophy and Mathematics, as a public lecturer, and as Vice Provost. His mom, Amy, was very proud. She helped her husband, Robert, raise their two sons to be educated and trained as doctors. RMP was now in a leadership role at the University of Pennsylvania as he followed in his father’s footsteps. And his future would bring more smiles from Amy as her RMP’s career expanded.

Public Lectures by RMP in Natural Philosophy

“Even though RMP was probably over scheduled with his natural philosophy, astronomy, chemistry, and mathematics courses (classes meeting twice a day), he invited a friend, a Professor Nulty of Dickinson College, to become his assistant. This aid gave Dr. Patterson the needed time to teach public courses, even though he had to pay part of Professor Nulty’s salary because the University was unable to meet the additional expense. In order for Dr. Patterson to make the salary payment from his own limited income, he rented his own house; he and his family boarded with his parents. But the Professor must have felt the sacrifice worthwhile when he found that his public courses on natural philosophy were attended by a much larger group than he had anticipated. The large numbers that came to hear him attested to his excellence in teaching.”⁷

It is apparent that Amy and her family sacrificed privacy for a couple of years by absorbing RMP’s family back into their home so that the public lecture series could be presented. I received from the American Philosophical Society copies of the attendance sheets of his lectures in 1817-1818 and 1818-1819. The lectures attracted some of Philadelphia’s wealthiest and most prominent citizens, both men and women. Some came from New Jersey, Virginia, North Carolina and countries outside of the US. The first on RMP’s roster of 170 attendees were his in-laws, Thomas and Helen Hamilton Leiper, and RMP’s in-laws. Also attending were some of their adult children, Jane DuVall Leiper, Ann G. Leiper, and Julia Leiper.

Many professionals attended, such as Dr. Reverend Jacob Jones Janeway, William Strickland, famous architect, Thomas Biddle, and his family. Biddle was born into the wealthy and powerful Biddle family of Philadelphia.

⁵ The Robert Patterson Family, Eminent Philadelphians, Scholars, and Director of the United States Mind, 1743-1854, by Carolyn Myatt Green, Athens, Georgia. 1874.

⁶ Ibid

⁷ Ibid

The public course roster of 1817-1818 also contains names of other notable Philadelphia families of the era:

- Mary B. Gray, granddaughter of George Gray, who established Gray's Ferry
- Adam Eckfeldt, coiner at the US Mint, with RP and RMP as Directors of the US Mint
- Benjamin Say, son of the Dr. Benjamin Say, and brother, Thomas, a pioneering entomologist
- Benjamin Gratz, American soldier and lawyer
- Dr. Elisha Kane, son of Judge John K. Kane, he was an American Explorer, First Grinnell Expedition (1851), Second Grinnell Expedition (1853)



Thomas Biddle
by Thomas Wilcocks Sully
and Thomas Sully 1832

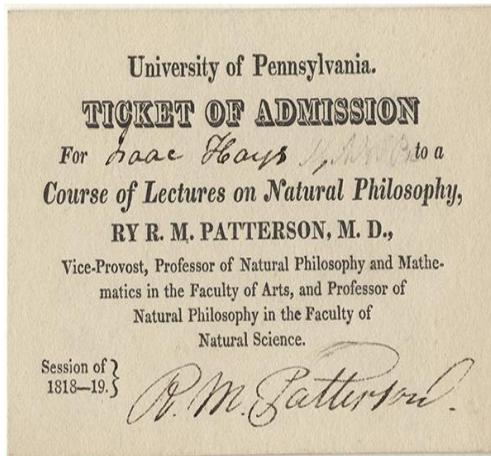
RP's Compensation Earned Through Ticket Sales

For most, if not all, of the teaching careers of RP and RMP, professors had tickets of admission printed for each of their course lectures. They were entrepreneurs who collected fees from their students for a ticket of admission to each lecture. These tickets were as unique as the professors who printed them. "They came in various sizes, designs and colors. It is believed that some of the earliest cards may have been handwritten on paper. So, forgeries were minimized by having the tickets printed from engraved plates."⁸

The ticket here is signed by R.M. Patterson. It was sold to Isaac Hayes for the session of 1818-1819 admitting him to a Course of Lectures on Natural Philosophy.

"Isaac Hayes (1796-1879) became an American ophthalmologist, medical ethicist, and naturalist. He also was a founding member of the American Medical Association, and the first president of the Philadelphia Ophthalmological Society. He also was editor or co-editor of *The American Journal of the Medical Sciences* for over 50 years."⁹

"Hayes was among those Philadelphians who stubbornly advocated for an incremental theory of evolution, describing fossil vertebrates in the 1830s-40s as supporting the theory of natural selection that eventually was elaborated by Charles Darwin in *Origin of Species* (1859)."¹⁰

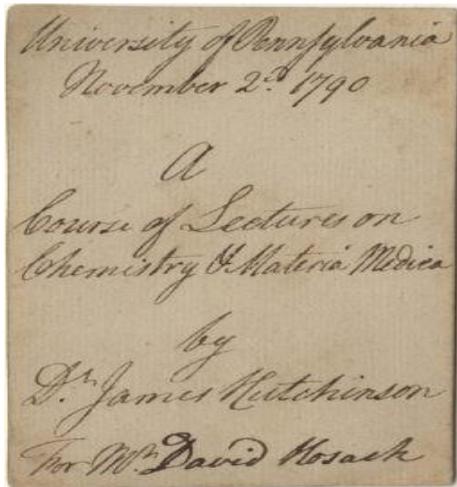


University of Penn, University Archives

⁸ University of Pennsylvania Archives, Tickets to the Healing Arts Lectures.

⁹ Wikipedia, Isaac Hayes (1796-1879), American Ophthalmologist, medical ethicist, and naturalist,

¹⁰ Ibid



University of Pennsylvania
University Archives

One of the early examples of a “handwritten ticket” appears here. It was issued to David Hosack in 1790 by Dr. James Hutchinson for a course of Lectures on Chemistry and Materia Medica. “Hosack (1769-1835) was a noted American physician, botanist, and educator. He remains widely known as the doctor who tended to the fatal injuries of Alexander Hamilton after his duel with Aaron Burr in July 1804.”¹¹

Thomas Jefferson Letter of March 14, 1819

As RP was about to retire, he finished a book of Arithmetic, which was printed and made available for public use. He sent a copy to Thomas Jefferson at Monticello. After studying his copy, Thomas Jefferson sent a letter of evaluation to Patterson. Here is a transcribed copy from the TJ Papers---general correspondence:¹²

Monticello Mar 14, 19

1819

Doctor Robert Patterson

I thank you, dear sir, for your book of Arithmetic. It happens, by the division into two parts to coincide with the two branches of the triple grade of education I endeavor to include with the legislators of our state. I proposed 1) that there shall be a grammar school in every ward of every county, having a sufficient number of children to make up a school. 2) a college in every district of about 20 miles square, which would place every within a day's ride of his son at college. 3) An University, in the 1st every citizen to be taught reading, writing, & elementary arithmetic; in the 2nd Greek, Latin, French and the higher branches of numerical arithmetic, in the 3rd the higher branches of science. The division of your book is adapted to the 1st and 2nd grades, except that it may be proper to go further in the 2nd. The rationale of the subjects, as this grade of education is _____ the great body of our middling class of citizens would with (require) to \$20.00.

I cordially congratulate you on the proof lately given by our society of the estimation in which hold you & which you have so long and so (sp) “amimerably” merit and I salute you with constant and affectionate respect.

THOMAS JEFFERSON

¹¹ Wikipedia, David Hosack, noted American physician, botanist and educator (1769-1835)

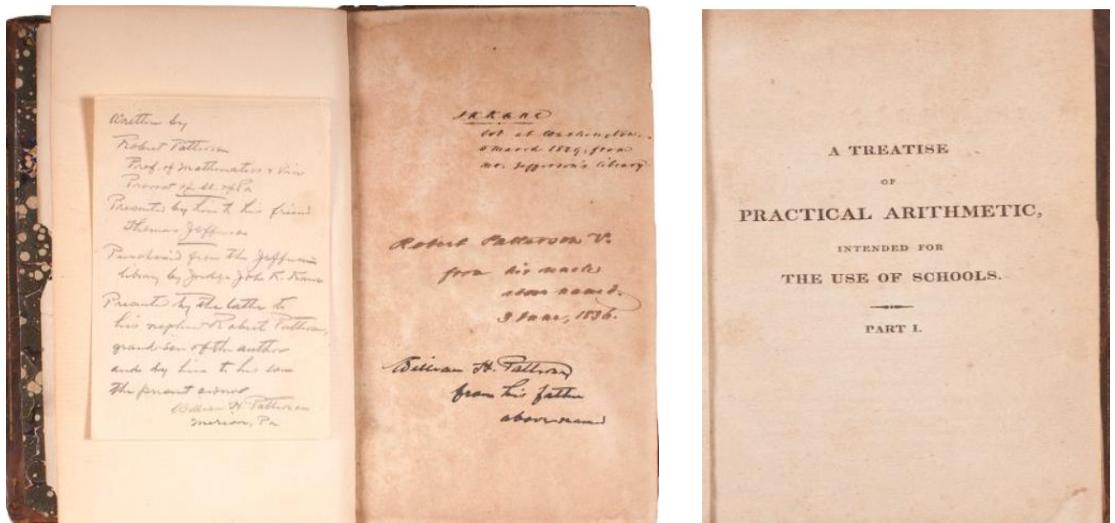
¹² American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, PA., transcribed from TJ Papers.

Recently, while “cruising” on the internet, I found a site named COWAN’S AUCTIONS. This site contains pages devoted to the **“Well Documented Book From Thomas Jefferson Library, With Annotation in His Hand.”**¹³ The book cover is described “full leather, black leather label with gilt lettering on spine, boards had gilt border, now nearly worn off, marbled endpapers. 156pp.” In the auction of the book on December 7, 2012, someone paid \$24,675.

This is the original book Robert Patterson sent to Jefferson in 1819. There is a note in the book in 19th-century hand spelling out the relationship of all owners.

*“Written by/Robert Patterson/Prof of Mathematics & Vice Provost of U of Pa Presented by him to his friend Thomas Jefferson Purchased from the Thomas Jefferson Library by Judge John K. Kane. Presented by the latter to his nephew Robert Patterson, grandson of the author and by him to his son the present owner/ William H. Patterson/Morison, Pa. Acquired by the consignor from the estate of Robert Patterson VIII who died in 2010 in Citrus Co. FL”*¹⁴

Now I have learned that Robert Patterson’s arithmetic book of 1818 was saved for the Patterson family by Judge John K. Kane, in 1829, RMP’s good friend. It was purchased from the Thomas Jefferson Library.



Photos of “A Treatise of Practical Arithmetic”, intended for the Use of Schools.
Cowan’s Auctions (<https://cowanauctions.com>)

¹³ Cowan’s Auctions, Este Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45232

¹⁴ Ibid

RP's Routine Toward the End of His Life

I have often wondered what the daily routine of Amy and Robert Patterson was like since RP seemed to be extremely occupied with outside activities (Director of the US Mint and President of the APS), especially after 1820 when they were empty nesters. I found a "portraiture" composed by Robert Patterson DuBois, Amy's grandson via daughter Martha Patterson (1779-1856) and Urias DuBois (1768-1821).

DuBois describes his time in the Patterson household in 1821. He was taken into his grandfather's family, for the completion of his education. "It must be noted, this refers to the last years of Dr. Patterson's life; he being, at the time Robert went there, in his 79th year; his wife was in her 70th year; and the protégé just turned 16. These three made up the family at the time."¹⁵

"Their habits were very regular. Every morning we had worship, the reading being from Horne on the Psalms, or Scott's Commentary; then breakfast; after which he went regularly to the Mint, where remained until dinner-time, which was at two o'clock.

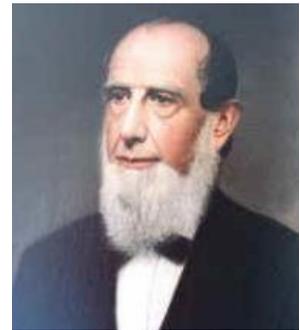
"In the afternoon he went sometimes to the Mint, but I believe not often. In the evening, we had worship again, the domestics always being present, unless for sufficient reason. He did not use to sit up late. What studying he did at home was in his bedroom, where he had an old secretary, full of papers."¹⁶

I imagine at this point in his life, majority of the papers were related to the meetings of the APS. He was also still exchanging letters with his long-time friend, Thomas Jefferson.

"His library was quite small for a man of letters, most of the books being of a religious character. [He made constant use of the Franklin and Philosophical Libraries.] His evenings were mostly spent down stairs, reading the daily paper, Walsh's National Gazette. Much of this he read aloud to his wife, occasionally making remarks. He seemed particularly interested in articles relating to new inventions and discoveries, labour-saving machines and such like."¹⁷

The newspaper was founded by Robert Walsh Jr. in 1820 and was officially named "National Gazette and Literary Register. Walsh taught English at the University of Pennsylvania at this time and was personally known by Amy and Robert.

"On Friday evenings he generally went to the Philosophical Society; and on Saturday evenings, he sometimes attended Wistar Parties. (Caspar Wistar, a teacher of Anatomy at the University and vice president of the American Philosophical Society, is famous for his salons, which continue today in his honor, now known as Wistar Parties.) Guests described the 'Parties' as 'intellectual banquets' with a modest comfortable atmosphere. One or two of these parties



**Robert Patterson DuBois
(1805 - ?)**

¹⁵ A Record of Families of Robert Patterson (The Elder), Thomas Ewing and Louis DuBois, Press of John Clark, 1847.

¹⁶ Ibid

¹⁷ Ibid

were held at his house [Patterson] while I was there. He often stopped in at Peale's Museum, and took a deep interest in the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, then in its infancy."¹⁸

Amy and Robert's Lifelong Support of the Peale Museum

"Born on the eastern shore of Maryland, Charles Willson Peale (1741-1827) grew up in moderately poor circumstances. He became a leading colonial portrait painter, saddler, civic leader, inventor, educator, essayist, silversmith, museum curator essayist, silversmith, museum curator, excavator of a mastodon, naturalist, gentleman farmer, and landscape gardener---an 'American Leonardo'."¹⁹

In my *Ewing Family Journal* article Vol. 21, No.2 (November 2015), I mentioned that "in 1784, Robert encouraged Peale to add natural history artifacts to his art exhibits and create a museum."²⁰ For the next 40 years, Amy, Robert and Robert Maskell and RP were constant supporters of the Peale Museum in Philadelphia. RP had given Peale a spatula snout aquatic animal from the Allegheny River in 1784 as the first example of nature to be displayed in the museum. "Thus in the possession of a paddlefish and the bones of a mammoth, Peale established his museum adjoining his house and his studio."²¹



Philadelphia Museum, Franklin Peale, Sept. 25, 1826,
Saturday Evening Post article, March 13, 2018, CR Arlotta

Over the years the Peale Museum moved to several other buildings including Independence Hall where our US Constitution was created. "Peale, in 1810, turned over the active control of his museum to his son Ruben, and retired to his country place Belfield."²² Peale loved nature, and "He took up farming at age 69, moving into the country

Professor Patterson was a member of the original Board of Visitors to Peale's Museum, as was Thomas Jefferson. Peale credited Patterson's gift with the founding of the museum. His son, Ruben, marketed the Museum in various ways. Tickets were sold, similar to the University of Pennsylvania lecture tickets. Paper tickets were used predominately, but in 1821 a coin was the ticket of admittance. By 1821, the Museum was incorporated as the Philadelphia Museum.



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Purchased by DB Frobes April 2019

¹⁸ Ibid

¹⁹ LaSalle.edu/pealeweb.htm, Charles Willson Peale at Belfield: "Your Garden Must be a Museum" by Kateryna A. Rudnytzky

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²¹ Ibid

²² Ibid



Peale's Belfield Farm House
Wikipedia

house with his third wife, Hannah, and five younger children. The estate Peale's Belfield was a larger piece of property than Peale was prepared to buy: the natural beauty of the place, however, made the offer too good to refuse. Belfield's lack of success was limited to the financial only: in terms of health, happiness, and support of family—and the many other things Peale valued more than profit—Belfield flourished.”²³

Charles Willson Peale was just one of hundreds of educated Americans

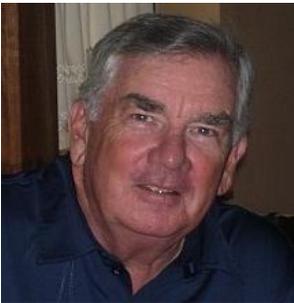
that Amy and Robert and their family were privilege to engage in personal life and in an academic setting.

As I have researched Amy Hunter Ewing (Patterson) in preparing these articles for the *Ewing Family Journal*, I have often wondered what it was like to have her family surrounded by the founders of the United States and all the intellects of the time. Imagine being a mother that is able to utilize the incredible knowledge of her famous friends as a resource in educating your children.

As we learned, Amy's children absorbed that knowledge and went on to be part of the intellectual leaders during their lifetimes. Her Ewing ancestors who immigrated to America in the 18th century put them in what became a free society which allowed them to take advantage of this environment with a pure focus on spreading knowledge for a useful purpose. More to come!



**Peale self-portrait in his
Museum 1822**
Public Domain



David 'Bruce' Frobes earned his bachelor degree from DePauw University. He is attached to the Ewings of Greenwich, New Jersey through Amy Hunter who married Robert Patterson there in May 1774. He has made several on-site trips to Greenwich, New Jersey, and Philadelphia to study more about his Ewings and the history of that area. His career included the Air Force and 35 years in the investment management and trust administration business. Now retired in Rio Verde, Arizona, Bruce has built his genealogical files to include 3,800 names with the Ewings as a prominent focus of his research. When not searching the past and contributing articles to the Ewing Family Journal, he is an avid golfer in the mountains and the deserts of Arizona. You can reach Bruce via email at BruceFrobes@gmail.com.

²³ “Charles Willson Peale and the Philadelphia Museum”, Irwin Richman, 1962, Penn State University Press.

William Belford Ewing Manuscript – Part 2

Submitted by Grace Thomson (Member #517)

On Sat, Mar 24, 2018, Grace Thompson (iamusuallyhappy713@gmail.com) wrote:

I don't know who has the original manuscript, unless it is in the family house in the library. My son, Mike, owns that house now - it has never left the Ewing family since William Bedford Ewing's (WBE's) son, James Josiah, built it in 1834. The manuscript is a copy. I received it from my cousin who received it from our grandparents, Robert and Grace Ewing. Robert was WBE's great grandson. I suspect that this copy was given by WBE to a cousin in New York, whose name I don't know, but WBE cites going on a ship to New York to see his cousin with his niece(?). There is a note on an inside page that says "to Charles Ewing with esteem from Thomas Ewing Yonkers NY 1/28/1930". Charles was WBE's elder grandson, who was the brother to my grandfather's father, Dr. Robert Patterson

WBE was the great grandson of Thomas and Mary Maskell Ewing, grandson of Maskell and Mary Padgett Ewing, and son of Dr. Thomas Ewing and Sarah Fithian Ewing. When Thomas died, WBE's uncle Maskell, Ame Patterson's brother, took him to ward, and his mother, Sarah remarried as it states in his history of the Ewing family.



Ewing Homestead, Greenwich, NJ
Internal view with fireplace (left)
External view of building (above)

WILLIAM BELFORD EWING

Greenwich, Cumberland, New Jersey

*The Superintendent and Trustees of Trenton Academy,
To all whom these Presents shall come,*

Greeting:

Be it known that William Belford Ewing, of Trenton, hath regularly studied the following subjects in this Academy, viz: Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, and the English Language grammatically; -Cesar's Commentaries, Sallust, Virgil, Ovid, Cicero's Orations and Horace, in Latin - with the New Testament, Lucian, and Xenophon in Greek; And, after sufficient public examination previously had, hath been approved as having obtained a competent skill in each of these Studies; and hath, during the course of his Studies, supported a good moral Character, and conducted himself with exemplary Respect and Subjection to the officers and Laws of this Institution.



In Testimony whereof the Common Seal of the Corporation is hereunto affixed, and our names subscribed.

Given at a public Examination

JENKIN WHITESIDE, Superintendent

In the said Academy, on the 14th day of September, 1792.

JAS. EWING)
 MOORE FURMAN)
 ISAAC COLLINS) Trustees
 CONRAD ROTH)
 PETER GORDON)

Some account of that branch of the Ewing Family that settled in the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, by William Belford Ewing, Greenwich, August 12th, 1841.

Having lived so near the time of the establishment of my name in this place, and having seen and known every individual of whom I write, except my Great Grand Father; being also assisted by an accurate Church Register of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, I think implicit confidence may be placed in the information here given in every important particular.

I have undertaken this in my old age for the information of my Dear Son and his young family that they may have a full knowledge of the respectable character of their Progenitors, and may be enabled to emulate their virtues. More especially, I would commend to them the attachment of their family at all times to the religion of their Fathers.

Although our Ancestor Thomas Ewing came from Ireland, it has always been understood that he was descended from Scotch Presbyterians driven by persecution to the North of Ireland. I was left by my Father a sword of ancient appearance which was said to have been presented

to the Father of Thomas Ewing by King William for his distinguished bravery at the battle of the "Boyne Water." Unfortunately, it was stolen from the possession of my Uncle Maskell Ewing by a Negro servant and destroyed for the sake of the silver hilt. The sword was worn by my Father through the Revolutionary War.

W.B. Ewing

Cont'd from Part 1, Ewing Family Journal, November 2018

I, Wm. Belford Ewing, was born upon the 12th day of December, 1776, in the back room of the house in which Reuben Hunt, Esq., now resides near the Presbyterian Church. My father was Dr. Thomas Ewing, the son of Maskell Ewing, Esq., and my mother was Sarah, the daughter of Samuel Fithian. My father died when I was near six years of age and left me under the guardianship of my Uncle Maskell Ewing.

By him I was sent to boarding school to the Rev'd Andrew Hunter at Bridgeton, who resided in the house where Dr. Wm. Elmer now lives. In a year or two, Mr. Hunter removed to Woodbury. I continued at his school after his removal to Woodbury about a year, and was then taken by my uncle to Trenton and boarded with him in the family of my great-uncle James Ewing, Esq., and was sent to school at the Trenton Academy, at that time under the direction of Mr. Merchant. I continued at that institution principally under the direction of the Rev'd James F. Armstrong until the year 1792, shortly after which time I entered Princeton College as a member of the Junior class.

During my residence at school in Trenton I well recollect the celebration and procession in honor of the adoption of the Federal Constitution and the triumphal reception at Trenton of Gen'l Washington on his progress to New York when about to be inaugurated the first President of the United States.²⁴

In September 1794, I graduated at Princeton College at that time under the Presidency of Dr. Witherspoon. After my return to Trenton as an inmate of my Uncle Maskell's family I

WASHINGTON'S GREAT TRENTON RECEPTION

It Is Vividly Described by an Eye Witness in an Old Letter Which Has Just Been Discovered by a Philadelphia Collector

By C. H. BONTE



Washington's famous reception in Trenton in 1789, described in a letter which recently came to light in this city. The painting herewith reproduced was originally attributed to John Trumbull, but is now given to Thomas Rossiter. The original is in Detroit.

A PHILADELPHIAN, who makes the collection of old books, letters and manuscripts an avocation, is never so happy as when browsing about in shops where objects of that sort are most likely to be found. Only a short time ago, in such a place, he purchased, almost sight unseen, a morning at sunrise accompanied him eight miles out of town. I suppose you had great doings in Philadelphia. We are very busy. How is our honored parents. You give my duty and love to them. If there is anything you wish to send it will come safe in Collins' wagon, which will return, I expect tomorrow. Auntie and Maskell join me in love to you all. I hear...

²⁴ Newspaper clipping found in Wm. Belford Ewing's Manuscript.

commenced the study of medicine under Dr. Nicholas Bellville of Trenton. I went to Philadelphia to attend my first course of lectures upon medicine in the University of Pennsylvania. I purchased tickets and attended the lectures of Dr. Rush, Drs. Shippen & Wistar & Dr. Barton.

I was in the practice during my residence in Trenton and Princeton of visiting my mother and relations in Greenwich twice a year at the time of the spring and fall vacations. The winter of 1796 I likewise spent in attendance upon the medical lectures in Philadelphia after pursuing my studies in Trenton through the summer.

In attendance upon the Medical Lectures my affections were engaged by the kindness of Dr. Rush and my admiration excited by his superior qualifications as a lecturer and his zeal for the interests and instruction of his pupils. It was my pleasure to visit him at his own house, where I was always received with great familiarity.

Upon one occasion towards the close of my second course, he asked me if I would accept a medical situation in the West Indies, which it was in his power to procure for me, to which I assented if my friends were willing. He then placed in my hands a letter from Dr. Claxton, a distinguished practitioner in the Island of St. Croix, offering terms for an assistant in his practice. Having obtained the consent of my uncles James and Maskell Ewing and of Dr. Bellville, an answer was returned to Dr. Claxton that I would visit St. Croix early in the spring after the termination of the lectures.

During the two winters I attended lectures in Philadelphia, Congress was in session in that city, and I had frequent opportunities of attending their debates and of seeing and hearing the great men of that day. In the course of the month of February, in company with Uncle Maskell and Aunt Jane, I paid a short visit to my friends in Greenwich. This was the last time I ever saw my Grandfather/Grandmother.

Early in March, I embarked on board the Brig Planter Capt. Hawkings for St. Croix and arrived in the harbor of Bassin, the capital of the Island in twenty-one days. Our passage was pleasant, our vessel staunch, and our Capt. a first rate officer and gentleman. We had likewise several very agreeable persons, residents of St. Croix passengers, on board. I paid forty eight dollars for my passage besides furnishing abundantly of small stores. The first eight days after leaving the apes, I was most excessively sea sick.

After that was over I enjoyed the voyage very much. The day before we made the Island, we were overhauled by a French privateer but not ill-treated.

In the evening we were brought to by a shot and hailed by the Bulldog sloop of War. We came to anchor off Bassin about noon. Within the reef was a Slaver just from the Coast of Africa, full of Negroes, who were at the time running across the deck from side to side for exercise. They were entirely naked both men and women with the exception of a narrow strip of cloth round their loins. They looked plump, in good order, and were making a great noise by singing and clapping their hands in chorus.

In about one hour after having dropt anchor, a boat came along side and a gentleman inquired for me. With much kindness, he made himself known to me as Dr. Cash from East New Jersey, for some years past assistant to Dr. Claxton. He took me onshore and I dined at his house, he

having been lately married to a young lady of the Island of some property, with whom he expected shortly to return to the United States.

In the afternoon I rode out with him about three miles towards the East end to visit an Estate called Petro Nello belonging to a worthy old Creole Gentleman by the name of Stridinan. As it was crop time and the works were in full operation, I had an opportunity of witnessing the process of making sugar; which was carried on upon this estate in first rate order; I also visited the negro houses, the sick house, and was somewhat initiated into the duties which were likely for some time to engage my attention. The road we traveled was very fine, and I afterwards found the roads upon the Island were very generally the same.

Upon our return to the town I was introduced to Dr. Claxton and his family consisting of an aged mother, his sister, Mrs. Rodgers, a widow, and her son Wm. Rodgers, a young man, some years older than myself, and a number of slaves, about six or eight. The Dr. himself was about fifty years of age, short and corpulent with a good countenance and remarkably fine eye. Since his letter to Dr. Rush, he had taken as Partner a fine stout young man, a Scotchman by the name of Morgan, a person of great modesty, and well acquainted with his profession. Of Dr. Morgan, I can now say after an intimate intercourse of fourteen months, I always found him a most estimable man, amiable and intelligent.

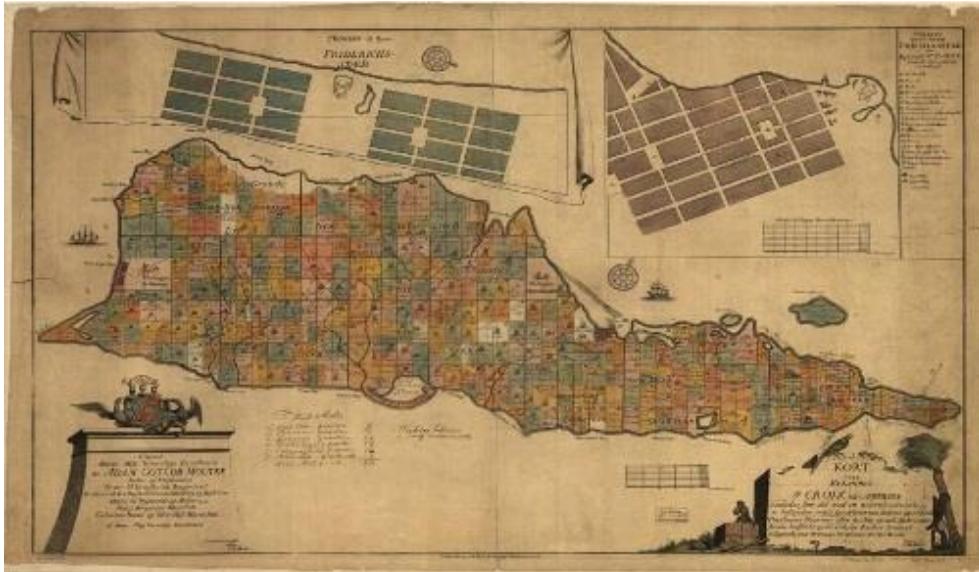
My situation in the family of Dr. Claxton was all I could desire. The old lady and Mr. Rodgers were all kindness and attention, in sickness and in health. The Doctor and Mr. Rodgers were mostly from home except at night. The Doctor never dined at home, except when he had a large party to dinner, which was usually once a month.

My business consisted in attending upon a large apothecary shop fronting upon the Kings Wharf in full view of the harbor; Custom House, and Fort, where vessels were loaded and discharged and where the greatest part of the commercial business of the Island was transacted. It was also in the immediate vicinity of the houses of entertainment and amusement, the principal Tavern being in the rooms and gallery above the shop.

In the absence of Drs. Claxton and Morgan, I attended calls from the shipping in the Port and upon the inhabitants in the town of Bassin, which consisted of not less than five thousand inhabitants and frequently visited the estates in the country of which we had twenty or more under the care of the Firm numbering from fifty to two hundred or more slaves, each at one dollar per head per annum. We had one black man in the shop who was a pretty good apothecary, and we kept five horses with their necessary attendants. The practice of the Firm was worth about thirty thousand dollars a year and was by no means slavish or severe.



Old Danish Custom House, Bassin
Wikipedia



A 1754 map of the island of St Croix by Danish cartographer I.M. Beck.
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The Island of St. Croix belongs to the Danes. It is thirty miles long and five in width. It contains five or six thousand white inhabitants, and thirty thousand blacks. There is a high ridge running lengthway the whole extent of the Island, from which it mostly has a gradual descent to the sea. A great portion of the Island is cultivated like a garden, principally under the sugar cane. There are some cotton plantations and a few stock estates for raising poultry, etc.

The view of the Island from the sea a short distance is most beautiful, in some directions thirty windmills may be seen from one position with their white sails in rapid motion under the influence of the sea breeze, extensive and most luxuriant patches of the sugar cane variegated in their appearance in consequence of their different stages of maturity, the noble mansion of the Proprietor upon each estate, numerous and extensive negro villages neatly arranged, gangs of laborers here and there, dressed in white, drawn up in extended lines, operating together and keeping time with their implements to the music of their own voices with military precision, long trains of mules loaded with bundles of sugar cane threading their way to their respective sugar mills, occasional orange groves, now and then a mountain cabbage tree like a tall mast rising without a branch except a green tuft of sprouts at the top, numerous cocoanut trees loaded with fruit with their pendant branches or rather leaves, the prospect gradually rises as it recedes from the sea like an amphitheatre till it is terminated by the central elevation covered with trees.

The climate of St. Croix was congenial to my constitution; the nights are always cool enough to bear light covering, and although I was frequently exposed to pretty severe exercise on horseback without any extra protection from the sun. I always could stand it quite as well or better than in my native land in our warmest weather. The people of St. Croix are intelligent,

polite, and given to hospitality. They are gay and fond of amusements, at dinner parties of which they are excessively fond, drinking was in my time often carried to great length, many who were considered of high standing were addicted to playing deep at cards. With these exceptions they were a generous high spirited polished race of men.

Many of the Planters and Merchants in the Island were possessed of great wealth, produce was high and estates were generally well managed and productive. Some of them produced from three to five hundred hogsheads of sugar clear profit, it being the calculation that the proceeds of the rum paid all the expenses of the estate. Being subjected to the performance of military duty after one month's residence in the Island, my friends procured for me the appointment of Surgeon to the Burgher's Company, and I was presented with a handsome uniform, red coat. I regularly attended the parades and enjoyed much satisfaction in my intercourse with this fine corps whilst I remained on the Island.

After remaining fourteen months in the service of Claxton and Morgan, not seeing a prospect of being taken into partnership as I expected when I left the United States, I determined to leave the employ and thought of returning home. Previous to my return, I had a strong desire to visit some of the other Islands in the vicinity. I accordingly went over to St. Thomas's and after remaining sometime was induced to believe it would be well to attempt practicing there. I accordingly waited upon the King's Physician, who with great politeness, gave me permission to do so at my own pleasure.



**Model of early 19th century
Schooner-16 guns**
Wikimedia

At Mrs. Wilson's where I boarded, there was a British agent or contractor for furnishing the Army and Navy in the West Indies with fresh Provisions, from whom I received great kindness and attention and to whose health it was my happiness to contribute professionally

Having heard me often express a desire to visit the different West India Islands before I returned to America, one evening he came in and addressing me with great glee, said, "Dr., if you wish to visit the British Islands, it is in my power to give you the opportunity in a safe and pleasant way without expense. There is a fine sixteen Gun Schooner belonging to the Contract Service just arrived in Port to sail before morning with a convoy of cattle vessels for the coast of Porto Rico. If you will accept the situation of Surgeon on board, you shall receive the same pay that her First Lieutenant receives, viz. seventy dollars a month. You shall have permission to be on shore whenever in port, and you can receive your pay leave her whenever you please."

I immediately accepted the offer and in a few hours was with my effects on board of the Concord, where I was introduced to the officers who received me with great cordiality. A very comfortable berth was assigned me and as it was late I soon turned in. In the morning I found we had left our harbor far behind, and with a fair trade wind were standing along Crabb Island.

The schooner was a fine fast sailing craft in precise order, of one hundred and twenty tons, sixteen six and four pounders, with a complement of ninety men. Her commander, as the sailors called him, was Jack Ran, a small active resolute man about thirty years of age. The First Lieutenant was a Bermudian, Mr. Hutchinson, a very stout rough man, but a precise seaman and severe disciplinarian; the second was Mr. Predon, a stout elderly man, somewhat reserved, but ready for duty night or day. With the exception of five or six blacks the crew were the finest stoutest sailors for the number I ever saw together. There were about twenty five Americans, all good men but one, who was called Yanke George, a stout lazy fellow rather simple. The British sailors were mostly from the North of England, able and ready for hard service.

The excellency of the ship's company is readily accounted for; from the liberal pay of twenty-eight dollars a month and from their being exempt from impressment by being in the contract service. The vessels under convoy were the Betsy, Capt. Marsden, and the Henrietta, fine fast

sailing schooners, and a heavy armed sloop, the Quebec, Capt. Johnson, an Irishman.

After filling our vessels, that is our convoy, with cattle, upon our return we touched at St. Thomas's, and then sailed for Portola, where we remained some days. From thence to Spanish Town. A small island a short distance to windward, where the convoy procured bundles of grass for the cattle. From thence we sailed for St. Kitts, and on the passage in



HMS Invincible (1765)
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consequence of a little pride and obstinacy on both sides exchanged with a fine large English merchant ship called the Clio a broadside at pretty close quarters. She made the grape shot scatter round us pretty thick but no harm was done. We also came near capturing a large prize ship in possession of a French privateer which we lost in consequence of night coming on and the danger of having our convoy close under the enemies island of St. Eustatia. We afterwards understood the ship sold in St. Thomas's without breaking bulk for sixty thousand dollars. We remained at St. Kitts about four days, the greatest part of which I spent on shore making myself acquainted with the pleasant and popular Town of Basse Terre and its vicinity. I there purchased the old dressing box for a light joe which now stand upon the table before me.

We next sailed for Martinique, upon our passage we experienced a most awful thunder gust and a day or two after fell in the Invincible seventy four, which had been struck with lightning and in part dismantled. Being within reach of her guns, she gave us a shot which soon brought us along side of her; although a cripple her appearance was most splendid and imposing. She seemed crowded with men clean dressed looking down on us from her lofty sides with great composure as if very much at their ease. We were boarded by an officer who asked if we had

any of their men on board and was about having our crew mustered when he was told we belonged to the Contract service, ah says he "one of Creden's vessels, heh". That was the name of the head Contractor; he then politely took his leave much to the comfort of some of our men who were no doubt deserters from his Majesty's service.

[*WEB Note: I find in the European Magazine of March 1801 (pp. 165) that the Invincible 74 was lost off Yarmouth by striking upon a sand bank in consequence of the ignorance of the pilot – the Cap. Rennie and crew with the exception of about 195 and an Admiral who was on board, were lost. The name of the Admiral was Totty; the number lost about 400.*]

We remained some weeks at St. Pierre which is one of the largest and most substantial built towns in the West Indies. I was on shore the greatest part of the time reconnoitered the town in all directions, visited the batteries, attended the parade of a part of the Prince of Wales Regiment stationed there, very much delighted with the music of their band, which was the finest I had at that time ever heard.

From Martinico (Martinique) we sailed for the Island of Grenada, touching at St. Lucia, and spending a day or two at St. Vincent's. At Grenada we went into the carénage behind the town of St. Georges, where the Concord was overhauled and where we remained six weeks, taking a house of the officers and quarters for the men. At Martinico our Capt. was changed and Capt. Robert Basden took the command. A Capt. of Marines was also sent on board, a smart lively fellow by the name of Comly. A short time after our people came on shore, the yellow fever began to make its appearance, and we had in the course of our stay thirteen cases, which I treated promptly after Dr. Rush's method. I bled largely and evacuated liberally with calomel and jalap, and as soon as I obtained a remission of the fever, gave the bark industriously, taking to prevent its determination too much to the bowels small doses of laudanum, or opium combined with the volatile salts.

By this method all my patients recovered but one. Whilst the mortality of the crew of an English ship brought on shore in quarters near us was the most awful I ever witnessed I once visited them but as they were under treatment of Professional Gentlemen unknown to me, all I could do was to encourage and speak kindly to the poor fellows. One was lying dead in a coffin, another had just expired upon his bed, and others in a state of exhaustion which in my judgment another paroxysm must terminate.

The young man that I lost was our gunner about nineteen years of age, by far the finest looking man on board the ship. He was stout built, plump, fair complexion, rosy cheeks, brown curly hair, a favorite with everybody and familiarly called "Tom the Gunner." He had been very sick, but the disease had yielded, and he was considered convalescent, and for some days past improving so much that he walked round about at his pleasure. Unfortunately, he fell in company with some acquaintances from a vessel just arrived, and accompanied them to a tipling house. It was said that he drank nothing but spruce beer, however he was taken worse; his stomach would not retain medicine, he commenced bleeding at the nose and so continued till the night of the third day. For some hours before his death, his strength was so great that it required the exertion of several of our stoutest men to prevent him from going down stairs.

Our long stay at St. Georges enabled me to become well acquainted with many persons in the town and to have a knowledge of the town and country round about it. The situation of the town is pleasant, but the part of it next to the carénage is very subject to the yellow fever.

With our vessel now painted and all in order we sailed for Martinico, and had a fair run from abreast the sugar loafs of St. Lucia at sunrise, to anchor at St. Pierre before sun-down. Previous to our voyage to Demerara we had a short run down to St. Thomas's, bringing from there a number of bags of dollars. The day we left Martinico we had a trial of speed with a fine Brig lately captured from the French belonging to the Contractors. It was said to ascertain whether or not to transfer the armament of the Concord to the Brig, but as we were a little too fast for her, we heard no more about it. On our way we paid a short visit to the beautiful town of Roseau in Dominica, likewise at Sandy Point St. Kitts, remaining in each place a day or two. After remaining a short time in port we sailed for Demerara to touch at Tobago and Barbados.

(Editor's Note: Join us for Part III of WBE's Manuscript in the November 2019 issue of the Ewing Family Journal)



Scots Pine
National Tree of Scotland

Alexander Ewing of Crow Hill Farm

It is said a William Ewing, a Scotsman, settled in Muff, Ireland, around 1649 and that he had three sons, William, John, and Alexander. The dates of his birth/death are unknown, as is his wife's name or where he lived in Scotland. The Alexander Ewing born in Muff around 1744, was either a grandson or a great-grandson of this man. Thomas Butler Ewing had probably learned of the bygone Ewings from his father and his grandmother, Flora (Butler) Ewing for he was age 13 when she died. Later in his life, he went to Ireland to seek Ewing information. He wrote in his "diary" what he knew of Ewings, although he admitted he found no written records. It is due to him that we know about the background of the three Ewing brothers who settled in Hampshire County, Massachusetts – William, Alexander, and John.

Alexander b. ca. 1744 Muff, Donegal Co., Ireland, d. 1832 Glentougher, Donegal County, Ireland, aged 88; m. Elizabeth McCorkle who died 1802

Children:

1. William
2. Margaret
3. John, b. ca. 1788, Glentougher, Ireland
4. Mary Ann

John b. 1785-88, Glentougher, Ireland, d. 1843 Glentougher, aged 58; m.1818, Flora Butler, daughter of William and Lettia Butler (?). She died 7 July 1862 at Glendale Village, Southampton, Hampshire Co., MA, aged 65 years.²⁵ Thomas Butler Ewing says died aged 75, but death certificate says 65.

Children:

1. William b. 18 April, 1820 at Glentougher, Ireland
2. Alexander b. 23 April, 1822(?) near Slieve Snaught, Ireland
3. John b. 20 April 1824. Birthplace unknown, but in Ireland

Editor's Note: The November 2018 issue of the Ewing Family Journal outlined both William and John's lines. This issue will outline Alexander (1822) and Samuel E. (1799).

Alexander Ewing of Crow Hill Farm (John, Alexander) – b. 23 April 1822, County Donegal, Ireland, d. 23 June 1910, Pine Grove, Northampton MA; m. 31 March 1845 to Mary Ann Gill Butler, Culdaff, Ireland, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (--) Butler, born 14 August 1807 Kindroyhead, Ireland, and d. 4 September 1885, Pine Grove, Northampton, MA.

Children:

1. **John** – b. 22 Jan. 1845 at Kindroyhead, Ireland, d. 1 Feb. 1918, Worcester, MA; m. Isabella Howard, 4 Sept. 1889, daughter of Lewis and Deborah (Bigelow) Howard, b. 17 Dec. 1860, Florence, MA, and d. 16 April 1933, Worcester MA.

²⁵ VS Massachusetts Deaths 1862 V 157 Page 78 #14

Children:

2. **Olive Mary** – b. 23 March 1891 at Chelsea, MA; m. 3 May 1924 to Clive Farnsworth Dorman and d. 9 October 1948
2. **Thomas Harlan** – b. 2 February 1896 at Worcester, MA, d. 2 July 1963; m. 22 December 1926 to Marion, b. 27 September 1897, at Boylston, Nova Scotia, daughter of Gregor McKinnon and Blanche Irene (Hall) Steele.

Children:

3. **Howard Steele**, b. 29 March 1928, Worcester, MA
3. **Eleanor Marion**, b. 22 October 1929, Worcester, MA
3. **Marjorie Olive**, 7 March 1934, Worcester, MA
2. **Bertha Isabelle** – b. 3 August 1897, d. 7 October 1961 at Rockaway, New Jersey; m. 16 June 1928 to Frederick Gressler Engleman
2. **Howard John** – b. February 1899, d. 2 February 1899, Worcester, MA
1. **Thomas Butler** - b. 15 Dec. 1849 at Easthampton, MA, d. 1 June 1908 at Buffalo, New York; m. to Ada Louella, b. 14 March 1854, daughter of William Wallace and Janette (Warriner) Pomeroy

Children:

2. **Albert Edward** – b. 4 August 1875, d. 1947; m. Florence Tufts, resided Buffalo, New York

Child:

3. **Bertram Thayer** - b. 1902, d. 1981; m. Alice Conkling

Child:

4. **Harvey Sterling** – b. 1924, d. 1995. m. JoAnn Briggs Cargill, b. 5 November 1928

Children:

5. **Steven Craig** – b. 25 September 1952, m. Claudia Lynn Lubell, b. 24 August 1961

Children:

6. **Nicholas Scott** - b.21 November 1987, m. Rachael Noemie Curtin, b. 18 July 1984
6. **Christopher Arno** - b. 28 Sept. 1990, partner Molly Bonner Flam, b. 4 October 1991
5. **Douglas Brian** - b. 17 May 1954, d. 1995, m. Elizabeth Marie Bradley, b. 20 October 1960

Children:

6. **Raymond Douglas** - b. 1 October 1990
6. **Vivian** - b. 20 November 1992
5. **Colin Stuart** – b. 6 August 1957, m. Christine Hargreaves, b. 13 June 1960

Children:

6. **Heather** - b. 9 April 1985, m. Michael Lane
6. **Celeste** – b. 25 May 1990
5. **Scott** – b. April 1960, d. February 1985
2. **Marion Louise** – b. 20 March 1880; m. Paul Shumway, resided Charlemont, MA, had no issue.
1. **Alexander Matthew** – b. 14 July 1854, d. 11 Nov. 1912; m 30 August 1883, to Esther, daughter of John and Jane (Baldsick) McCandless, b. 14 March 1860 d. 22 Feb. 1930.

Children:

2. **Margaret Louise** – b. 11 June 1884, d, 1971, Canada; m. 11 September 1907 to James Miller

Child:

3. **Alice**
2. **Harold Butler** – b. 26 June 1886, m. 30 March 1908 to Laura Chamberlain

Children:

3. **Grace** m. Frederick Jayes

Children:

4. **David Alexander**; m. Elizabeth Larson
4. **Dorothy Louise** – b. 13 May 1918, d. 27 October 1977; m. Bruce Stewart
3. **Harold Butler**; m. Maybelle Waltz
3. **Raymond Alexander** – b. 4 May 1891, d. 1 March 1976; m. Louise Howe of Maine

Child:

4. **Louise Piper** - Deer Isle, Maine m. Jarvis Howe
3. **John Wesley** – b. 23 Dec. 1892, m. 22 June 1916 to Vera Stimson

Children:

4. **David** - b. 9 October 1922, d. 2 Sept 1978; m. Dorothy, daughter of Charles and Helen (O'Shea) Woods

Children:

5. **John**
5. **Marilyn**
5. **Diane**
3. **Stanley Matthew** – b. 24 Sept 1894, d. 1954; m. Harriet Fiske

Children:

4. **Robert**
 4. **Ruth**
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Samuel E. Ewing of Inch, Ireland

– b. 1799 in Inch, Donegal, Ireland, d. 27 September 1878, Southampton, Hampshire Co, MA; m. Sarah O'Donnell, b. Ireland, who d. 21 September 1858. They came to this country in 1852 with sons John and William and preceded by Samuel, who came as a lad and, by Mary, the wife of William Ewing of Glendale.

Children:

1. **Mary** – b. 18 December 1824 in Inch, Ireland, d. 30 September 1906, Southampton, Hampshire Co., MA; m. 6 March 1850 to William Ewing, son of John and Flora (Butler) Ewing (See *Genealogy of William Ewing of Glendale, EFJ, Volume 24, No. 2, November 2018, p. 29*)
1. **John** – b. 24 Sept 1828 Ireland, d. 26 April 1898, Southampton; m. 20 January 1857, Flora Butler, b. 1834 in Ireland, d. 1888 in Southampton, daughter of Stephen Butler. She came with the William Ewing party on the *Adam-Carr* and was undoubtedly related to Flora (Butler) Ewing.

Children:

2. **Anna Jane** – b. 24 April 1858; m. Charles C. Lyon

Children:

3. **Helena**
3. **Marion**, m. (...) Clarke
2. **Sarah M.** – b. June 1859, d. 1907/09 Springfield, Hampdon Co. MA, m. Henry Norton

Children:

3. **Hiram**

Children:

4. **Harold**
4. **Edward** – m. Florence Zavorski
4. **Flora**
3. **Flora B.** – b. 4 October 1860, m. Arthur Searle

Children:

4. **Frank**
4. **Hazel** – m. (1) (...) Jones, (2) Joseph Brent; lived Branford, CT; Had one child.
3. **Frank Samuel** – b. 1863, m. Estella Clapp
3. **Elizabeth R.** – b. 1864, m. Ralph Fowler

Children:

4. **Maynard**
4. **Helen**

1. **William** – b. 21 January 1831, Ireland; m. Margaret Thompson, b. Ireland. This family moved to Indiana. There were seven children.
1. **Samuel E., Jr.** – b. 18 November 1835, Ireland; m. Mary Jane, daughter of Robert and Isabella Crawford. They came on the *Adam-Carr* along with the William Ewing party. She died 24 November 1874.

Children:

2. **Crawford** – b. 5 November 1858
2. **Sarah** – b. 24 March 1860
2. **Samuel A.** – b. 1 October 1862
2. **Robert** – b. 18 – (?)
2. **Isabella** – b. 18 – (?), m. George McClellan
2. **Margaret** – b. 1871, m. Myron Parsons

Children:

3. **Marion**, m. (...) Clancy
 3. **Ruth**, m. (...) Keene
 2. **Eliza Ann** - d. 1874
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Diary of Thomas Butler Ewing

William Ewing came from Scotland about 1649 settling at Muff near Londonderry, Ireland. This is about the time of Oliver Cromwell's campaign in Ireland, which resulted in numbers of Scotch and English settling in the North of Ireland. No written records are known to exist giving any particulars of the part of Scotland from which he came, or the name of his wife, or dates of birth and death of either one. They had three sons, William, John and Alexander, born in the order named. Alexander is the direct ancestor of the writer of these lines:

Thomas B. Ewing at this writing, May 21, 1904—a resident of Northampton, but born in Easthampton, December 15, 1849.

Alexander Ewing was born in 1744 at Muff near Londonderry, Ireland, soon after moving to Glentoher near Carndough (Carndonagh), County of Donegal, at which place he died in 1832, aged 88. He married Elizabeth McCorkle, a Scotch woman who was the mother of their four children. She died about 1802, but no records of the date of her death.

John Ewing, youngest son of William [*He must have meant Alexander-MCC, author*] and Elizabeth McCorkle was born 1788 at Glentoher where he died in 1843 at the age of 55. He married in 1818 Flora Butler who was the mother of their three young sons, William, Alexander, and John. The second son Alex came to the United States in 1848 with his younger brother, John Ewing, and also Alex's wife, Mary Ann Gill Butler, and son, John Ewing.

Flora Butler Ewing came to the United States a year or two later with her oldest son, William Ewing, living with her oldest son, William Ewing, living in Easthampton and at Glendale, Southamptn, Mass. dying July 7, 1862, at age 75 years.

Alexander Ewing, second son of John and Flora Ewing was born at Glentover on April 23, 1822 and came to Easthampton, Mass. in May, where he lived until Nov. 1867, when he moved to a farm in Pine Grove in the town of Northampton. He studied surveying and was employed in Ireland by Nolan, Glenn and Burnside, in field work mostly in Donegal. In 1846 and 1847, he was engaged in the Public Works carried on by the British government for the relief of starving people of the country under Captain Milward of the Ordinance office. These "Public Works" consisted mostly of the building of roads, and he was in charge of a gang of 300 men at the time of the cessation of work in 1847. He was first employed by Samuel Williston in Easthampton and later by Nashawannuck until 1867 when he moved to Pine Grove. From 1848 to the present time, he has engaged in surveying as called upon from time to time and when the Lead Mines in Loudville were in operations in 1862 to 1865, all the farms that were purchased by the Company were surveyed by him assisted by chain by his son Thomas B. Ewing. He lived with the family of third son Alex on the farm at Pine Grove and died June 23, 1910.

Thomas Butler Ewing, second son of Alex and Mary Ann Gill Butler, was born in Easthampton, Mass. Attending Public schools, worked as a quiller in Nashawannuck Mill for one year 1860-1861, also in rubber room about a year 1862-1863, commenced work in store of F.H. Putnam Company in Feb. 1865, attended school winter term 1865-1866, and then went into Putnam store permanently, took charge of books in Nov. 1869, went into partnership Jan. 1875 with F.H. Putnam as Putnam and Ewing, which terminated in Dec. 1879. Then formed partnership of Ewing Bros. Machinists in shop owned by F.O. Rosbrook in Easthampton. In Jan. 1882, the business was moved to Chelsea, Mass., and he remained there until Feb. 1884 when he left the management to John Ewing and came to Northampton – working for Geo. S. Whitbeck in the musical instrument business. In June, he entered the coal office of Kimball and Cary in Northampton as office manager until Incorporation of Kimball and Cary when he became a stockholder and secretary until April 21, 1904. He married Ada Louella Pomeroy, daughter of William Wallace and Jeanette Warriner Pomeroy of Easthampton, Mass.



Steve Ewing (aquamv@gmail.com) is a dock builder living in Edgartown with his wife Claudia. They have two grown sons, Niko and Arno. Steve is the Town of Edgartown's first poet laureate. He is interested in all New England Ewings. The five Ewing families to whom he is directly connected are just up the Connecticut River in the North/East/Southampton area . They all came over in the mid-1800s.

Prayer Poem – Memorial to Scotty Ewing (1960-1985)

By: Scotty’s brother, Steven Craig Ewing, (aquamv@gmail.com)



Scott Ewing, b. April 1960, d. Feb. 1985

Let us pray . . .

Scott

Your vehicle abandoned

In the night

We pray God speed your spirit

Searching for the light

Into the realm of grace

And pure design

Sent home sublime

Your growth on earth

Ended for a time

We miss the love your body brought

Warm kisses

Soft embrace

Your fluid run

Your arms your legs

Your tender laughing face

In sweet swift years

You stamped your souls embrace

Forever in our hearts

We love you Scott

Amen



Commander's Comments

John Thor Ewing (thor@thorewing.net)



This year will see the fifth anniversary of Clan Ewing's official recognition among the clans of Scotland. It will also see our first international clan gathering at the Cowal Highland Games in Dunoon, just a hop, skip and a jump away from the old clan castle north of Kilfinan.

There are still goals to achieve. Most importantly, Clan Ewing is currently in the curious position of being unable to lay claim to our traditional heraldic badge, because it has never been recorded in the register of arms held by Lyon Court in Edinburgh as part of the arms of a chief of the clan. This is the sort of legal technicality which none of us expected, and I share the frustration of clansfolk on this issue. It's understandable that some people feel we should make our own rules, but it's through the legal oversight of the Court of Lord Lyon that clan heraldry has meaning. Although the legal jurisdiction of Lyon Court only runs within the borders of Scotland, its rulings are acknowledged by Scottish clan societies around the world—like any system of laws or values. It's the fact we all agree to abide by them that makes the whole thing work.

So, the only way through our heraldic impasse lies in the appointment of a new chief. Although many people had hoped this might happen this year, Lord Lyon has written to me on the subject saying:

"It is the usual practice that before the recognition of a chief is formalised at least 10 years have elapsed . . . I would be prepared to extend you as Commander for a further five years without the need to a further Family Convention and related costs. It would be appropriate after the 10 year lapse to hold a Family Convention to confirm any nomination for Chief."

And so, when I meet you at Dunoon, I hope to have a legal document extending my period as Commander until 2024

"in order to preserve the spirit of clanship and kinship and the traditions of the said Clan,"

and that 2024 will be the year we hold our Family Convention.

AUDACITER

John Thor Ewing
Commander

Chancellor's Letter

Beth Ewing Toscos, EFA Chancellor (mbtoscos@comcast.net)



This August, the Ewing Family Association is looking forward to participation in the 1st International Clan Ewing Gathering in Dunoon, Scotland. A strong contingent of U.S. Ewings has already made plans to travel to the Cowal Peninsula where the Cowal Highland Gathering will take place August 29-31. We've extended our plans to start August 27 and end on September 2nd. We'll be able to visit our ancestral sites in addition to participating in true Highland games in their own setting.

As a participant in occasional U.S. Games/gatherings, I'm anxious to experience the Scots version! If you are interested in joining the Ewing group, please contact me at mbtoscos@comcast.net. Accommodation is in short supply, so don't wait until the last minute to make a decision.

Take a look at the EventScotland article on the next page to get a flavor of the support extended to us by the Scottish Government. If you check the chart, you'll see that Clan Ewing is one of fourteen clans/associations to receive funding in support of our participation during 2019.

For those of you who would like to attend a Scottish Heritage event in the United States, consider the Saline Celtic Festival, Saline, Michigan, held this year July 12-13, or in California at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, CA, August 31 – September 1. Of the many gatherings and games held throughout the U.S. each year, these two host Clan Ewing tents.

In coming months, we will discuss the 2020 Ewing Family Association Gathering. In addition, we're making interesting discoveries with our deep ancestral Y-DNA studies. So stay tuned!

Audaciter!

Beth Ewing Toscos, Chancellor
mbtoscos@comcast.net

1st International Clan Ewing Gathering

Through the Scottish Clan Event Fund, **EventScotland** is pleased to support clans, family associations and organisations holding events which celebrate Scotland's ancestral history. Each year, hundreds of thousands of visitors from across the globe choose to visit Scotland to explore their ancestry and the homelands of their ancestors and The Scottish Clan Event Fund directly supports such activity.

In response to a request from the Highland Clans Partnership Group, The Scottish Clan Event Fund was launched in 2014 by the Scottish Government in recognition of the importance of clan tourism to the Scottish Economy. Since its inception, the fund has supported over fifty events which have welcomed tens of thousands of visitors across Scotland.

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Scottish Clan
Event Fund

Event Name	Local Authority	Event Dates
Hawick Reivers Festival	Scottish Borders Council	22/03/2019 - 24/03/2019
Clan MacRae International Gathering	City of Edinburgh Council; Highland Council; Stirling Council;	08/05/2019 - 12/05/2019
Clan Paisley Society Spring & Summer Gathering 2019	Argyll and Bute Council; Falkirk Council; Renfrewshire Council; Stirling Council;	19/05/2019 – 08/06/2019
Clan Donald Gaelic Arts Week	Highland Council;	01/06/2019 - 09/06/2019
Tricentenary Commemoration of the Battle of Glenshiel	Highland Council;	07/06/2019 - 10/06/2019
Clan Urquhart International Gathering	Highland Council;	20/06/2019 -25/06/2019
Clan Colquhoun International Gathering	Argyll and Bute Council;	03/07/2019 - 07/07/2010
Tour of the Innes Land 2019	Moray District	25/07/2019 – 30/07/2019
The International Clan MacDougall Gathering 2019	Argyll and Bute Council;	30/07/2019 - 04/08/2019
Tartan on the Green	Aberdeenshire Council;	06/08/2019 - 06/08/2019
International Clan Munro Gathering 2019	Highland Council;	09/08/2019 - 11/08/2019
Clan Ewing Gathering 2019	Argyll and Bute Council	29/08/2019 – 31/08/2019
Clan MacAulay International Gathering 2019	Highland Council;	05/09/2019 - 08/09/2019
Clan Stewart Gathering 2019	Moray Council;	06/09/2019 -09/09/2019

The fund provides support to clans, clan societies, and other eligible organisations by supporting the growth and development of their events.

It's a busy year ahead for the clans taking place across 9 local authorities inviting visitors from across Scotland and beyond to celebrate Scotland's clan histories and to connect with their ancestral roots. A total of 14 clan events are being supported through the fund in 2019.

"The Scottish Clan Event Fund offers a welcome source of support and stimulation for the Clans and Families throughout Scotland. Our kindred-based societies and associations are active in re-connecting people both at home and overseas with their proud heritage; and in making new connections within their local communities. The Clan Event Fund can help us do more to make our ancestral links not just a matter of the past -- but a living part of today's dynamic Scotland." The MacLaren of MacLaren, Convenor, Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, February, 2018²⁶

Join Clan Ewing and the Ewing Family Association for the first ever International Clan Ewing Gathering. We'll meet in Dunoon, Scotland, August 27 – September 2, 2019. For more information and a full schedule of events, email mbtoscos@comcast.net or thor@thorewing.net

Those travelling with the Ewing Family Association by van will follow the itinerary below:

- Aug. 27 - Arrive Glasgow International Airport by 2:30 p.m. Take vans to ferry, cross to Dunoon (Hunter's Quay is where the majority of the group will stay at a 'holiday village').
- Aug. 28 – Travel by van up the west coast of Loch Fyne to visit remains of Ewing castles(s), Kilfinan and Otter Ferry (sites of early Ewing/McEwan ancestors).
- Aug. 29 – Cowal Highland Games begin in Dunoon. Clan Ewing public presentation will take place at 1 p.m. in the Dunoon Burgh Hall. Presenter is Commander John Thor Ewing. Refreshments provided.
- Aug. 30 – 31 – Cowal Highland Games continue. Clan Ewing will have a presence there. Ewing family members are encouraged to attend the Games and get a look at customs/celebrations and spend some time in our Clan Ewing tent.
- Sept. 1 - Day of Ewing fellowship and a visit to the Holy Loch.
- Sept. 2 - Vans return to Central Belt of Scotland via ferry, and continue travel through Ewing territory up to Loch Lomond. Vans return to Glasgow early evening.
- Sept. 3 - Group disbands to return to U.S. or travel more of Scotland.

²⁶ Copied with permission by EventScotland, <http://www.eventscotland.org/funding/scottish-clan-event-fund/>

New EFA Members – Welcome Aboard!

Jamie Lee Davis (Member #1262), lives in Charleston, WV. Email at jlDavis0129@gmail.com.

Collin Xan Smith (Member #1263) resides in Stockholm Sweden, with spouse Johannes Lothberg. Collin can be reached at Xan@kyriasis.com.

Mark A. Whitehead (Member #1264) resides with spouse, Debra Eyman-Whitehead, in Olalla, WA. Mark can be emailed via shop99er@centurylink.net.

Constance Ewing (Member #1265) can be contacted at constance.ewing@va.gov. Constance lives in Cincinnati, OH.

Hope Ewing Oquin (Member #1266) resides in Alexandria, LA, with spouse Greg. Hope can be reached at Hopeyoq@aol.com. Hope and her sister, Katherine, plan to attend the 1st International Clan Ewing Gathering this August in Dunoon, Scotland.

Katherine Ewing (Member #1267) lives with her spouse, Bruce Goodwin, in Bath, ME. Sister to Hope Oquin Katherine can be emailed via at kewing@gwi.net.

Susan Ewing (Member #1268) resides in Hurst, TX. Contact her at heysusanna@att.net.

David Ewing (Member #1269) lives in Westminster, CO. You can reach him at davidewing44@hotmail.com.

Donald Plemons (Member #1270) resides in Austin, TX, with his spouse, Donna Norris Plemons. Contact him by email at plemons1060@gmail.com.

Nina Ewing Nichols (Member #1271), provided us with an Armed Forces address, and can be reached at nicholsfamilyonthemove@yahoo.com.

Passings

With sincere condolences to their family and friends, we note the passing of:

Paul T Bagwell, Husband of Leslie Bagwell (EFA Member #929), LeslieWright6@gmail.com

Paul T. Bagwell, 80 of Beverly Hills, FL, passed away Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at Citrus Memorial Hospital in Inverness. Mr. Bagwell was born on November 14, 1938 in Lansing, Michigan, to the late Paul Douglas and Edith (Clark) Bagwell. Paul was a 1956 graduate from Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, TN. He came to Citrus County in 1973 from Clearwater, FL, where he lived for 12 years. He served his country in the US Army as a paratrooper for 3 years. Paul was a retired rural letter carrier for the US Postal Service and was a member of the NRLCA, the National Rural Letter Carrier's Association. He was also a member of the PDGA, the Professional Disc Golf Association, attaining the rank of Senior Legend. He played tournaments in Japan, Germany and Paris. Wherever Paul traveled, he would always look for a course to play on. He set up Disc Golf courses in his yard and loved teaching his grandchildren how to play. Prior to working for the Post Office, he worked for Coca Cola Fountain sales and was able to collect rare Coca Cola memorabilia. He also worked for S & H Green Stamps, owned a trophy shop and was a salesman for City Directories in Florida. Paul is survived by Leslie, his loving wife of 19 years. In addition to Leslie, those left to mourn Paul's passing include sons, Paul "Jeff" Bagwell (Mutsuko) of Okinawa, Japan; daughters: Beth Bagwell of Sacramento, CA, Paula Knipp (Josh) of Tarpon Springs, FL; stepson, Andrew Werden (Michelle) of St. Petersburg, FL; stepdaughters: Lynne Kalkofen (Kaye) of Brutus, MI, Malissa Auten (Ken) of Livonia, MI, Julie Stewart (Kevin) of Ocala, FL; brother, Jack Gardner of Denver, CO; sister, Judee Bayer (Chris) of St. Clair Shores, MI; 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

George Fredrick Ewing

George Fredrick Ewing passed away January 2, 2019 in Phoenix, AZ. He was born October 6, 1925 to Benjamin and Bessie (Palmer) Ewing in Utica, Oneida Co., NY. Rick was GF in the Ewing Y-DNA Project and part of Group 2b.

Rodney Allen Ewing

Rodney Allen Ewing, 52, of Columbia City, Indiana, died Friday, April 12, 2019, at 11:15 p.m. of natural causes. Born Sept. 13, 1966, in Columbia City, IN, he was the son of the late Marvin 'Butch' and Dianna Jean (Kitson) Ewing, who survives. He graduated from Columbia City High School in 1984. He served with Indiana State Police for 10 years, then worked for Ewing's LLC. He is survived by two children, Kylah E. Ewing and Jeffrey Tad Ewing and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Tad Ewing.

Information Exchange

This section of the *Ewing Family Journal* provides members with transcripts of dialogues initiated by queries or offers of information sent to the EFA Genealogist, the *Ewing Family Journal's* Editor, the following websites, and others. Including these items here is intended to entice others to join the dialogues and help respond to the queries or amplify the provided information.

Ewing-related requests for information and offers of information are often posted to various Internet web sites including:

- EFA's Forum at groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation,
- EFA's Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/ewing.family.association,
- Ewing Family Genealogy Forum at genforum.genealogy.com/ewing, and
- Rootsweb's Ewing Message Board at boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/mb.ashx.

Readers should periodically view and search these sites to find queries and offered information related to their Ewing-related genealogy research.

John Edward Ewing

Message from John Ewing (jewing5464@aol.com)

My wife does machine embroidery and would like to embroider the Ewing Crest and Coat of Arms on some of our shirts. These would be for personal use only and not for sale unless authorized by EFA. Would you or someone within the organization have a DSP file you could provide me so she could sew out some shirt for us? She has the ability to digitize jpg files but it is time consuming and they do not always come out as perfectly as we would like. You or your contact can attach that file to an email to me. I would like also to offer her services if anyone would like to have some embroidery done for themselves as well. She is reasonably priced for the work and would use provided shirts/blouses or purchase them herself. The important thing would be obtaining the file.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

I am forwarding your message to our Chancellor for an answer. In checking your lineage, I find my records on your line stop with William Ewing, born about March 1858 in Illinois and who married Mary Wheeler. Do you have further knowledge of your earlier ancestors? If so, I would love to add them to my Ewing database. Also, I wonder if you are interested in joining our Ewing Y-DNA Project with FamilyTreeDNA. Let me know if you are interested. I believe there is a sale price until the end of the year. Let me know if I can be of help.

Response from Beth Ewing Toscos, EFA Chancellor (mbtoscos@comcast.net)

I need to explain to you that at this time, we are unable to continue use of the Ewing Arms. When Arms are granted, they belong to one Scottish man and can be passed down through subsequent generations. Our Arms appear to have belonged to a Ewing family with no

known heirs. This will have been a long time ago (mid-1500s), and no one has come forward to claim these Arms. We, in America, have used them pretty indiscriminately, which is probably OK here in the U.S. However, if you were to display them in Scotland, you could be arrested! We've begun using the Ewing Crest, which is a standard that can't be legally disputed.

We had hoped to have a hearing before the Lord Lyon Court during 2019 to elect our current Commander, John Thor Ewing, to the Chiefship. Unfortunately, the Lord Lyon has said that – although we were granted status as an official Scottish clan (something that had never been done before) in 2014 – we must wait a full 10 years before this election can take place. This means there will be a Family Convention in 2024 in Scotland, which is the event we'll use to vote on the election of our new Chief.

As I've noted, we Americans tend to pay little attention to the Scottish Heraldry Court, but I just want to be sure you understand that shortly after the 2024 event, we will design a new Coat of Arms and Crest. The choice to use the ancient Arms is yours.

Albert W. Ewing

Message from Constance Ewing, VHACIN – Member #1265 (Constance.Ewing@va.gov)

I was given your name by several people from the Ewing Family Association as the genealogist. I am in the process of researching my family ancestry on the ancestry.com site. I have had good success on my mother's side; however, not so much on the Ewing side. This is what I know for sure:

My Father- Harry Aloysius Ewing (July 31, 1928- Nov 28, 1998)

My Paternal Grandfather- Harry Albert Ewing (b.1896- d.1966) married to Anna Mae Frommel

My Paternal Great Grandfather - Albert W. Ewing (b. 1873) m. to Francis Mauer

Any info you could share would be most appreciated.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

I will gladly see what I can find on your lineage. Unfortunately your group is not in my data base. This is simply a quick note to ask if you have any living males from your line who could join the Ewing Y-DNA Project.

Response from Constance Ewing - Member #1265 (Constance.Ewing@va.gov)

I have brothers, however, not sure if any would be interested in this project. I will continue exploring ancestry.com and other avenues. I was thinking about checking with the Cincinnati library to see if they have someone who could assist me as well.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

I have been unable to find your Albert as a child with his parents in the 1880 census, but can follow him up to and including the 1940 census. He is not the Albert A. Ewing born December 10, 1869 in Toledo, Ohio, and not your Albert. Even though your brothers are

not interested, you would be wise to convince one of them to do the swabs to test at FamilyTreeDNA. You would want to purchase the 37 marker test and join via the Ewing Project. This may be found here:

<https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project>

At the bottom of the page you will find more explanation and continue from there.

Charles Earl Ewing III

Message from Hope Quin – Member #1266 (hopeyoq@aol.com)

I just joined the Ewing Family Association and would like to add myself to my brother's data. His name is Charles Earl Ewing the third, haplogroup 1d RM269, Y-DNA surname project group 10. I have done my DNA through '21 and me;' don't know if that would help.

My sister-in-law Charlotte Ewing has done a lot of research on our family and we are trying together to figure it out.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

I have added you to my Ewing database. Are you aware that your Ewing males are placed in Group 1d in the Ewing Y-DNA Project? Here is a link to the group:

https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/DNA_data/Group1dRelationshipDiagram.pdf

I am not sure what you are referring to as 'Y-DNA Surname Project Group 10'. I don't think your autosomal DNA will help me in any way, but it certainly may help you when you find cousin matches and are able to figure out how and where you share common ancestors. Welcome to EFA. We are happy to have you join the group!

Wedding Certificate of Ira and Tlitha (Ewing) Keim

Message from Jackie Gulisek (Jmbear@cvzoom.net)

We bought a picture at a flea market and the frame was broken. When we took it apart to put in a new one, this was behind the picture. We would like to return it to the descendants of this couple, but didn't have much luck tracing them. Hope you can help.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

We have found a relative who wants to have the Marriage Certificate of Ira and Tlitha Keim. Thank you so much for taking the time to help this treasure find a loving home. Susan Mellups is the Ewing cousin who will contact you and make arrangements for transfer of ownership. Susan says her father called her 'Aunt Tillie.' I found this link and wonder if it is near where the couple lived. It is in Strasburg Township in Lancaster Co., PA.

<https://millpictures.com/mills.php?millid=503&mill=Neff>



James Ewing (1721–1801)

Message from Deanna Mawhinney (deannabananna@cox.net)

My name is Deanna Johnson Mawhinney. I am a descendant of James Ewing. I am also a descendant of Joseph Evitts. I am applying for a DAR membership. Can you contact me?

Message from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

*In reviewing your Wiki tree, I do find some conflicting data. For clarification, we, at Ewing Family Association, also refer to Captain James Ewing (1721-1801) as Pocahontas James. We do this in order to differentiate between so many males named James Ewing. His father is referred to as John of Carnshanaugh (1648-1745). If you haven't already viewed the following, you might want to review data previously published in the **Ewing Family Journal** or online at:*

https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/EGD_Project/Document_JohnOfCarnashannagh.html.

Another is found here:

https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/journal/EFJ-PDF/101602_Journal_Final.pdf

Begin on page 16. Also be sure to look in the Books, Articles, and Reports from this link:

<https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/resources>

There is much to be found among these published works. We have several members who are descendants of this line. Perhaps one or two will have documentation to help you.

Ewings of Inch

Message from Douglas Ewing (dougewing2002@yahoo.com)

Hello, my name is Douglas Ewing of Columbus, IN. It appears we are related; I can send you my ancestry tree (on private setting). Karen Avery also has access. I'd like to compare "notes" with you. Perhaps talk. It appears we may be 4th cousins 1x removed. I'll try to attach some info to give some perspective, and if you like, I can send an invitation to my tree. I would value your input greatly.

Response from David Neal Ewing (davidewing93@gmail.com)

Certainly, Doug. I have long been aware that my third great grandfather, John Ewing (who we often speak of as John Jr. or John II because his father was also John Ewing, though I don't think he ever used these designations), had a younger brother James, who had a bunch of children. I was sure that there must be some of his descendants out there, but I have never run across any of them. I have attached a copy my lineage with more details than what you have already and a draft of a chapter I have written on John and Prudence Roberts Ewing. It refers to a chapter about John and Margaret Townsley Ewing, which would undoubtedly be more interesting to you, but the fact is, so far, it has only a title and I have not written it.

I also mention the "great inheritance mystery" and have subsequently learned a lot about that. In fact, William and Fred did inherit some money, but it was from the estate of William's aunt, Diana Roberts, and it was long gone at the time my dad was about six years old.

I am not sure what you know of your more remote ancestry, but we have puzzled some of that out, and for your interest, I have also attached a "Relationship Diagram" showing the relationships among a number of your distant cousins who have participated in the Ewing surname Y-DNA project. I appear as DN on the far left of the chart.

Interestingly, I have another Ewing line that was in Indiana, at least for a while. My paternal grandmother's maternal grandmother was Elizabeth Booker Ewing. These will not be your relatives, unless you also have multiple Ewing lines. Maybe the easiest way I can tell you something about them is to send a copy of an excerpt from a History of Vanderburg Co., IN, with an article about Francis M. Ewing, who was her brother. The article says that they are descended from James and Sarah (Edwards) Ewing, which may be, but this is not "Pocahontas James" Ewing, who did not marry Sarah Edwards, notwithstanding what it says in Margaret Fife's book. And, we have never been able to figure out who he was. It is also not true that the Ewings "...fled from Scotland during the time of the persecution of the Protestants by the Catholics..." but that is another story.

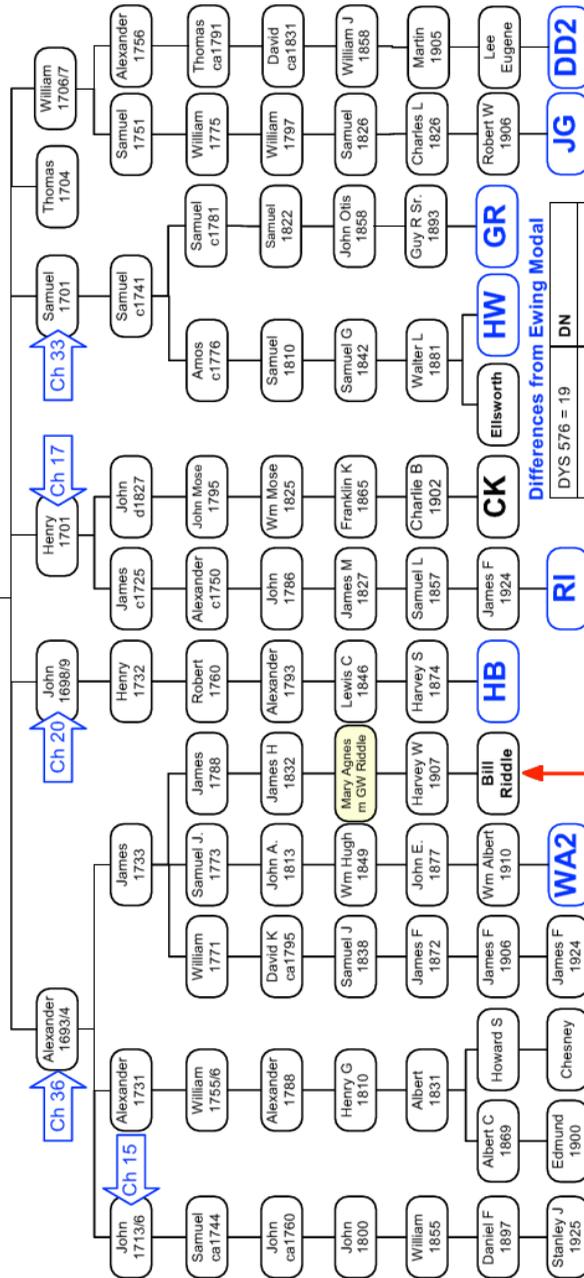
I look forward to hearing from you and learning more about your branch of the family.

Ewing Surname Y-DNA Project

Group 1b

Last Updated 3/19/2014

James Ewing of Inch Island, Donegal
b. ca1665



William E. Riddle's line from his grandmother is included for interest only—his great grandfather's Y-DNA will not have been passed down to him because it is passed only through the male line.

Differences from Ewing Modal

DYS 576 = 19	DN
DYS 570 = 18	SR, HB
DYS 391 = 10	GR
DYS 391 = 12	HW
DYS 439 = 12	EF
DYS 458 = 18	EF, WA2, DD2
DYS 460 = 9	GR
DYS 390 = 26	HB
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Clapp			Alexander John 1822 – 1910)	21
Estella	25		Alexander Matthew (1854-1912)	24
Claxton			Alice	24
Dr.	14, 15, 17		Alice (Conkling)	23
Crawford			Anna Jane (b. 1858)	25
Isabella	26		Benjamin	34
Mary Jane	26		Bertha Isabelle (1897-1961)	23
Robert	26		Bertram Thayer (1902-1981)	21
Darwin			Bessie (Palmer)	34
Charles	5		Celeste (b. 1990)	24
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Christine (Hargreaves) (b. 1960)	23	Kylah E	34
Christopher Amo	23	Laura (Chamberlain)	24
Claudia Lynn (Lubell) (b. 1961)	23	Louise (Howe)	24
Colin Stuart (b. 1957)	23	Mable (Waltz)	24
Constance	33, 36	Margaret	22
Crawford (b. 1858)	26	Margaret (b. 1871)	26
David	33	Margaret Louise (1884-1971)	24
David (1922-1978)	24	Margaret (Townasley)	39
David Neal	39	Marion Louise (b. 1880)	24
Diana Jean (Kitson)	34	Marion (McKinnon) (b. 1897)	23
Douglas	39	Marjorie Olive (b. 1934)	23
Douglas Brian (1954-1995)	21, 23	Marvin 'Butch'	34
Eleanor Marion (b. 1929)	23	Mary (1824-1906)	25
Eliza Ann (d. 1874)	26	Mary Ann	22
Elizabeth (Booker)	39	Mary Jane (Crawford)	26
Elizabeth Marie (Bradley) (b. 1960)	23	Mary Maskell	11
Elizabeth (McCorkle) (d. 1802)	22, 26	Mary Padgett	11
Esther (McCandless) (1860-1930)	24	Maskell, Esq.	11, 13, 14
Flora Butler (1834 -1888)	22, 25-27	Nicholas Scott (b. 1987)	23
Florence (Tufts)	23	Olive Mary (1891-1948)	23
Grace	11, 24	'Pocahontas' James, Capt.	38, 39
Francis M.	39	Prudence (Roberts)	39
George Frederick (1925-2019)	34	Rachael Noemie (Curtin) (b. 1984)	23
Harold Butler (1866-1908)	24	Raymond Alexander (1891-1976)	24
Harriet (Fiske)	24	Raymond Douglas (b. 1990)	23
Harry Albert (1896-1966)	36	Robert	11, 21, 24
Harry Aloysious (1928-1998)	36	Robert (18--?)	26
Harvey Sterling (1924--1995)	21	Rodney Allen (1966-2019)	34
Heather (b. 1985)	24	Ruth	24
Hope	33	Samuel (1799-1878)	22, 25
Howard John (1899)	23	Samuel A. (b. 1862)	26
Howard Steele (b. 1928)	23	Samuel, Jr. (b. 1835)	26
Isabella (b. 18--?)	26	Sarah (b. 1860)	26
James	39	Sarah (Edwards)	39
James of Inch Island (b.ca. 1665)	40	Sarah (Fithian)	11
James (1721-1801)	38	Sarah M. (1859-1907/09)	25
James, Esq.	12-14	Sarah (O'Donnell)	25
James Josiah	11	Scott (1960-1985)	24, 28
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JoAnn B (Cargill)	23	Steven Craig (b. 1952)	21, 27, 28
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John, Jr./II	39	Tad	34
John (1785--1843)	21	Thomas, Dr.	11-13
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John (b. 1824)	22, 27	Thomas Harlan(1896-1963)	23
John (1828-1898)	25	Tlitha	37
John (1845-1918)	22	Vera (Stimson)	24
John Edward	35	Vivian (b. 1992)	23
John of Carnshanaugh (1640-1745)	38	Virginia 'Ginny'	21
John Thor	29, 36	William (b. 1820)	22, 25-27
John Wesley (b. 1892)	24	William (b. 1831)	26
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Sarah	11	Hutchinson	
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Frobes		David Alexander	24
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Maynard	25	Elisha, Dr.	5
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George	5	Dianna Jean	34
Mary B.	5	Koecker	
Gulisek		Leonard (1785-1850)	1
Jackie	37	Lammot	
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Frank Samuel (b. 1863)		25	Benjamin, Dr.	5
Harold		25	Benjamin (son)	5
Henry		25	Thomas	5
Hiram		25	Searle	
O'Donnell			Arthur	25
Sarah		25	Frank	25
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