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## CHAPTER VIII

### 1745 – JOHN EWEN OF SALEM COUNTY, N.J.

#### HIS SON, JOHN EWEN/EWING WHO MOVED TO WESTMORELAND Co., PA.

*The Salem Tenth* by Craig, 1926 states “John Ewen married Mary Pledger, 8-21-1745.” *New Jersey Colonial Documents-Marriage Licenses* page 128 shows “John Ewen, Salem, and Mary Pledger, Salem, applied for a license or were married in 1745, August 21.” *New Jersey Colonial Documents-Marriage Licenses* page 128 also shows “John Ewen, Salem and Margaret Fogg, Salem, married October 7, 1758.”

- *New Jersey Deeds* #A-D page 478 dated January 30, 1762, Salem Co., N.J. shows “John Ewen purchased from Joseph Pledger land in Alloways Creek, Salem County, N.J.”
- Deed #A-N page 86 dated June 12, 1771 shows John Ewen and wife, Margaret, sold to John Beesley land in Alloways Creek, twp. Salem Co., N.J.
- *New Jersey Wills* Liber 17, page 504 is the will of John Ewen dated 18 May, 1777 of Lower Alloways Creek township, Salem County, New Jersey. He leaves to grandson, Robert Ewen, 20 shillings. To son, John Ewen, he leaves 20 shillings. His wife, Margaret [see above] he leaves rest of moveable estate. Anne Ewen, Elizabeth Ewen, Catharine Ewen and Mary Ewen to have their equal shares; also, “child my wife now with. Land to be sold and money divided as above said. My grandchildren, of Michael Walker(s), 20 shillings each.” Executrix, wife-Margaret  
Witnesses, John Murray, William Dickeson, Anne Ewen.  
16 August 1777 Inventory made by Thomas Sayre and Daniel Smith Estate valued at £166.7.6  
17 October 1784 proved by Anne Smith and William Dickeson  
23 March 1785, Administrator William Dickeson
- *New Jersey Colonial Documents-marriage Licenses* page 128 shows Anne Ewing of Alloways Creek, Salem County N.J. married Daniel Smith also of Alloways Creek, Salem County N.J. on February 18, 1779. No further information could be found on this family in New Jersey.

However, in searching the *1850 Census* it was found that Robert Ewing of Donegal township, Westmoreland County, PA was age 82, had been “born in N.J.” and his wife, Sarah, was age 79 and born in VA. Searches of Westmoreland Co., PA deeds regarding Alexander Ewing (1741-1799) and was a son of Nathaniel Ewing (1693-1748) of Cecil Co., Md. had produced several deeds between Robert Ewing and others.

A search of the *1790 Census* [first in U.S.] it was found that John Ewin of Donegal twp. in Westmoreland County, PA had 2 males over 16 years and 3 white females. They lived near William Campbell Sr. William Campbell, Jr. Robert Campbell, Sr. Robert Campbell, Jr, Thomas Campbell and John Campbell. Both daughters of John Ewing were married to Campbell men by 1818 as proven by court proceedings.

A search of the *1800 Census* found in Donegal twp., Westmoreland County, PA John Ewing, Robert Ewing and an Alexander Ewing.

In *Old Westmoreland* by S.W. PA Genealogical Services in Laughlintown PA the record of the “Land Transactions of Arthur St. Clair 1766-1818” can be found:

- Page 1 “On Feb. 9, 1769 St. Clair applied for 300 acres situated on Loyalhanna Creek, Donegal twp. bounded by John Ewing, James Milligan, et al.” [John had already applied and, possibly, lived on this land. His son, Robert, had been born the year before in N.J.]
- Page 6 “In April 1788 General Arthur St. Clair purchased from James Milligan on Loyalhanna Creek, Donegal twp. bounded by John Ewing and James McDowell”. [McDowell witnessed the 1799 sale of land by John Ewing to son Robert Ewing, below]
- Page 9 “In 1810 two of Governor St. Clair's properties were sold at a Sheriff's sale in Donegal twp. adjoining lands of \_\_\_ Matthias, \_\_\_ Markle, \_\_\_ Ambrose and John Ewing.

In *Westmoreland County Pennsylvania. Deed Book* Vol. 4 page 394, 29 June, 1799 is recorded the sale of land by John Ewing to Robert Ewing, his son. It includes the following:

“Whereas application hath been made by one John Ewing of Donegal twp. in Westmoreland Co., PA adjoining lands of General Arthur St. Clair and others in pursuance of a warrant issued for surveying the same to my use bearing the date 26 February 1787 ... in the consideration of the sum of £150 paid by Robert Ewing to have and to hold his heirs and assigns ... etc.” /s/ John Ewing (made his mark).

The deed was witnessed by Robert Campbell and James McDowell.

In *Westmoreland County Pennsylvania. Estate Bonds and Administrations* we found the following Bond dated 24 August 1818:

“Hugh Larimore, Robert Ewing, William Campbell, Thomas Campbell and William Campbell of Westmoreland County are bound in the sum of £600 on 25 August 1818. The within Hugh Larimore and Robert Ewing administrators of John Ewing, deceased.”

Most Administrative Bonds are signed by the wife and/or eldest son and/or closest friends. There were five signatures on this Bond. TROUBLE?? YES!! Included in the papers of this Estate:

“22 August 1818” [Note: Three days before above Bond was issued] “It is agreed by Rebeckah Ewing now Rebeckah Campbell and George Campbell her husband and Mary Ewing now Mary Campbell and William Campbell her husband two of the heirs of John Ewing, deceased, late of Donegal twp. that Hugh Larimer, Sr. shall administrate on the estate of the said John Ewing, deceased, given under our hands this date.” /s/ George Campbell, John Campbell and William Campbell.

And the following was also included among the John Ewing papers:

“25 September 1818, to the Registrar at Greensburg.”  
Robert Ewing one of the administrators of John Ewing, “states that no property has come to the hands or possession of the Administrators of the said deceased of which to make or exhibit or in writing and wishes this to be filed. /s/ Robert Ewing.”

No further information about any other children or holdings of John Ewing was available. The following found in *Westmoreland Co., Pennsylvania. Deeds Index* give us more clues about this family:

- Deed Vol. 16 page 67; 24 Nov 1824 Robert Ewing sold to Hugh Dever land in Donegal twp.
- Deed Vol. 17 page 237; 26 June, 1828 Robert Ewing bought from William Baird, land in Derry township.
- Deed Vol. 17 page 237; 26 June, 1828 Robert Ewing and Sarah his wife, sold to Thomas Wynn land in Derry twp.
- Deed Vol. 26 page 97; 18 August 1841 Robert and Sarah Ewing sold to Rebecca R. Campbell land in Donegal twp. [Note: Rebecca was Robert's sister.]
- Deed Vol. 49 page 58; 13 July, 1863 Robert Ewing by his Administrators [he died in 1854] to Noah Shalis land in Cook twp. [Cook twp. was created from the area of Donegal where Robert lived.]

The *1850 Census of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania* shows:

“Robert Ewing age 82 born in N.J., Farmer, wife Sarah, 79 born VA”

Robert Ewing wrote his will 15 December 1848 and it is recorded in Westmoreland County Will Book 4 page 11 #10. It was probated 20 Feb. 1854. It reads in part:

“Executor, son Thomas Ewing, to sell personal property needed to pay just debts and pay the overplus to my beloved wife, Sarah, mother of Thomas. Thomas to move in and live with her. At the death of my wife the executor is to sell the farm at public outcry and to divide money arising out of the sale in the following way: John to get \$25 less than other children among whom it is to be divided equally between Samuel, Sarah, James, Thomas, Elizabeth and Andrew. (Samuel's note not to be charged with interest of land his father, Robert, had sold to him located on the South Side of Loylhana Creek).”

The Will was witnessed by Robert Louther (who was later appointed executor as four of the children asked the Court of November 1854 (in now Cook twp.) to see they got their part of the sale of part of the Robert Ewing land for \$320.70. It is signed by James Ewing, Samuel Ewing, Andrew Ewing (his mark) and Elizabeth Ewing (her mark.) No mention of John, Thomas nor Sarah.

With the above facts we can trace, partially, the family of one John Ewing who in 1745 married Mary Pledger of Alloways Creek in Salem County New Jersey. There is no indication as to where John Ewing was born. He must have been born, at least, by 1710-15.

I. **John Ewen** married 1745 **Mary Pledger** of Alloways Creek twp. Salem Co., N.J.

They had:

A. **John Ewen/Ewing** married about 1767 \_\_\_\_\_ moved about 1769 to Westmoreland Co., PA. John Ewing died in 1818 in Donegal twp. there.

They had:

1. **Robert Ewing** b 1768 in New Jersey married about 1795 **Sarah Salisbury** (b 1771 in VA d about 1858).

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Robert died in 1854.

They had:

- a. **Samuel Ewing** b 1797 married about 1820 **Nancy** \_\_\_\_ b 1798. His will is located in Latrobe twp. dated 1868 Will Book 5 page 264 #47. Samuel and Nancy had: Niomi b 1833; Emanuel b 1835; Chancy b 1849.
  - b. **Sarah Ewing** (no info)
  - c. **James Ewing** signed Court order 1854. It is believed his will is in Cook twp. Book #6 page 399 #8, 187?.
  - d. **Thomas Ewing** born 1808 married **Harriett** \_\_\_\_ (b 1812) 1834. They had Sarah Ewing born 1835, George born 1842, Eliza born 1843; Rebecca born 1844; Chambers born 1846 and Charles born 1848. Thomas lived in Cook twp.
  - e. **Elizabeth Ewing** (no info except she signed the 1854 Petition.)
  - f. **Andrew Ewing** born about 1820 married **Ruth** \_\_ born 1820 and they had: Louise born 1838; Cicero born 1840; John born 1842 and Jackson born 1849.
2. **Rebeckah Ewing** b 1776 married **George Campbell**. One granddaughter(?) Mary C. Campbell born 1823 (only one identified.)
  3. **Mary Ewing** born about 1772 married **William Campbell**. No further information.
- B. **Anne Ewen** married 2/18/1779 **Daniel Smith** of Alloways Creek Salem Co., N.J. (children not located)
  - C. \_\_\_\_ **Ewen** married **Michael Walters** children not located.

**John Ewen** married 2<sup>nd</sup> **Margaret Fogg** 7 October 1758 in Alloways Creek in Salem Co., N.J. They had:

- D. **Elizabeth Ewen** married **John Crow** 12 February, 1779 by Rev. William Worth. Children not traced.
- E. **Catharine Ewen**
- F. **Mary Ewen**
- G. \_\_\_\_ **Ewen** born 1777. Margaret was pregnant with this child when John died in August of 1777.

Since completing the above in 1985 we have learned of a book published in Columbus Ohio in 1988 titled *THE EWING GENEALOGY, DESCENDANTS OF JOHN EWING OF WESTMORELAND County, Pennsylvania* with allied families of Salisbury, Hawkins and Campbell. It was written by Richard M. Cochran. We have not had access to this book.

End of Searched Family of John Ewen/Ewing of Alloways Creek Twp.  
Salem County, New Jersey