

CHAPTER XIV JAMES EWING and 1) Jane Lindsay Ewing and 2) Eleanor Gillespie Ewing

SON-IN-LAW of WILLIAM LINDSAY AND MARGARET (EWING) LINDSAY; SON-IN-LAW OF IMMIGRANT ANN (EWING) GILLESPIE AND GEORGE GILLESPIE

Reid Ewing of Winter Park, FL has called this man a "U.F.O" as we have been unable to find whence he came and to what family he had belonged.

- 1748-It is possible he is the "freeman" in the City of Chester, Chester Co., PA. (i.e. over 21 and unmarried) thus born ca 1724/5
- 1753-It is possible he is the James Ewing "freeman" in West Nantmeal twp. caring for the 112 acres of unsold land of MY WILLIAM EWING (who has moved to Newberry twp. York Co., PA.)
- 1756-He IS the James Ewing "freeman" on the tax of Lower (or Nether) Providence twp. Chester Co., PA.
- 1757-He is the James Ewing in Nether Providence shown as "freeman" with a line drawn through and added to the "married" list.
- 1758-The tax of Nether Providence shows James Ewing as an INMATE i.e. married but no land.
- 1759-James Ewing is listed with married either owning or renting land in Nether Providence twp.
- 1760, 4th March DEED BOOK A, page 395, York Co., PA. James Ewing of Warrington twp., merchant, from John Collins for £87.10.0 two tracts in Warrington twp. (a) 100 acres (b) 200 acres
- 1761,30 July DEED BOOK A page 518 York Co., PA.
James Ewing, shopkeeper, of York Co., PA purchased of William Griffith of Warrenton (sic) twp. York Co. land in Warrenton (sic) twp. for £15. No acreage shown but see DEED BOOK 2B, 431 below.
- 1765, 3 April James Ewing receives Patent to 3 tracts of land in Warrington twp. York Co. with wife, Jane. [She is Jane Lindsay daughter of William Lindsay and Margaret (Ewing) Lindsay of Nether Providence twp. Chester Co., PA.]
- 1766, 11 February James Ewing of Upper Darby twp. Chester Co., PA is Executor of the will of Jos. Brannen. Witness: William McClelan.
- 1766, 27 August DEED BOOK O page 430 Chester Co., PA "Deed of Mutual Conveyance" Grantor-Robert McMullin, Warrington twp., York Co., PA and wife Susanna
Grantee-James Ewing of Upper Darby and wife, Jane (signed by a mark and spelled Jean)

Location – Land in Upper Darby and York County. McMullin and Ewing exchanged property. This deed is title to land in Upper Darby already in possession of James Ewing. McMullin to receive land in Warrington twp. patented to James Ewing 3 April 1765 and recorded in Patent Book AA Vol. 6, page 185 The land in Warrington twp. consists of three Tracts:

- 276 3/4 acres called Tract #1
- 245 acres called Tract #2
- 87 acres called Tract #3 [McMullin rec'd all #2,#3 Part #1]

This is some of the land acquired by William McClelan 285a in 1769, 26 October.

- 1768- July, DEED BOOK G page 47 York County, Pennsylvania
George Eichelberger, Sheriff, sold to James Ewing of the County of Philadelphia, yeoman, 137 acres in Mt. Pleasant twp. York Co., PA for £30, it being the highest bid for the land at auction.
"Consumated 26 April, 1770"
"Recorded 1772, copied 14 Feb 1776"
- 1770- 14 June DEED BOOK G page 45 York County, Pennsylvania.
James Ewing of Chester Co., PA, yeoman, to Robert Horner of York Co., PA 137 acres in Mt. Pleasant twp. York Co. for £120, "which James Ewing purchased in 1768 at public auction for £30". No wife signed this. It was recorded 14 Feb. 1776 the same day the one above "copied."
- 1776- 27 March
Will of William Lindsay was written and probated 14 April 1776. This was quoted in this Chapter on page 103. He left £5 to "son-in-law James Ewing and £5 to his son William Ewing." It can be very safely assumed that James Ewing married 1st Jean Lindsay daughter of William Lindsay and Margaret Ewing Lindsay. Margaret Ewing was a daughter to James Ewing of Hopewell, N.J. 1722 and of Nether Providence twp. Chester Co. 1727/9-1740. She was a sister to MY WILLIAM EWING of West Nantmeal twp. Chester Co., Pa who moved to Newberry twp. 1750/51, York Co., PA.
- 1776- 18 June ST JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LANCASTER PA
James Ewing was married to Eleanor Gillespie. [The 1787 Will of Samuel Gillespie who married Polly/Mary Ewing eldest daughter of Dr. John Ewing of Philadelphia identifies Eleanor. "To my sister Eleanor Ewing a negro I lent to my brother-in-law James Ewing." Dr. John Ewing lived in Philadelphia and that is where,

perhaps, James Ewing met Eleanor Gillespie. So, Eleanor is a cousin to Dr. John Ewing, a niece of Nathaniel Ewing d 1748 and a daughter to Anne Ewing half- sister to Nathaniel. The story of Nathaniel Ewing and his half-brothers and sisters is in the Chapter on Cecil Co., Maryland, (Chapters XXIV and XXX)

- 1776 - 24 September DEED BOOK V page 437 Chester County, Pennsylvania
Grantor-James Ewing of Upper Darby and wife, Eleanor
Grantee- Paul Isaac Voto of Philadelphia, PA.
Location-Land in Upper Darby conveyed in Deed O page 430 bounded by William Kirk, Samuel Garrett, Jane Lewis, Thomas Phillips, and Adam Roads. No acreage is given.
Recorded 4 October 1776
/w/John Ewing and Abr^m Shoemaker (surely John Ewing is Dr. John Ewing)
- 1777- 22 November DEED BOOK 2A page 332 York County, Pennsylvania.
Grantor-Benjamin and Mary Rumsey of Harford Co., MD.
Grantee-James Ewing of Upper Darby twp. Chester Co., PA and Eleanor his wife.
Location-Land in Cumberland twp. York Co. by land of John Morrison, David Porter containing 386 acres and land by land of Robert Long, et al, containing 287 acres totaling 673 acres for £1200.
Recorded 19 May 1780
- 1779- 31 July DEED BOOK 2B page 431 York County, Pennsylvania.
Grantor-James Ewing of Cumberland twp. York Co., PA and Eleanor his wife.
Grantee-Benjamin Underwood of Warrington twp. York Co., PA.
Location- 3 tracts in Warrington twp. York Co., PA bearing Patents dated 3 April 1765, 601 acres recorded in Patent Book AA 6 185 "Part of the above land is now the land of Robert McMullen part land late of William Ozburn and land of heirs of William Griffith, deceased, totaling 270 acres for £4,000

The 1761 purchase from Wm. Griffith is included, and William Ozburn is son of Martha Ewing Ozburn sister to Samuel died 1791 and daughter of John died 1768.

The land where John Morrison and David Porter lived was near marsh Creek which became Franklin County, York County, PA, which is where James Ewing wrote his will and died in 1786.

- 1786- 12 March Will Book G page 99
Will of James Ewing of Franklin Township was written. It was probated 27 April 1786.
"Beloved wife, Eleanor chest of drawers that was hers before marriage, bed and furniture and £250 and if she chooses not to live w/ William a convenient house to be built on my Plantation where the widow Simpson now lives, expense out of my estate, one acre of meadow and 2 acres of tilable land during her widowhood and no longer. To daughter Elizabeth £250 deducting the amount already received. To daughters Margaret £250, Martha £250, Anne £250 and Eleanor £250. To my son, William, horses etc, to son Thomas horse, to Rev. James Anderson of Middletown £10, Son, William, Plantation I live on in Franklin twp. by Dr. Campbells to Upper Marsh Creek Meeting-House on E. by Robert Long so as to contain 250 acres. To son Thomas land bounded by William on East, by Hugh Black, Robert Morrison, widow King containing 95 acres. Executors sell remainder of lands in Franklin twp. Other bequests, loans etc. Executors son, William, Moses McClean and Alexander Porter."
/w/ Charles Fletcher Jos. Morrison, Robert Long.
 - Orphan's Court Record OC/F 181 3 December 1788
Martha 13 years old, Eleanor aged 3 years, Ann over 4 years.
Guardians named were Samuel Moore, Alexander Ross and Marmaduke Wilson.
 - Orphan's Court #OC/H 91 was filed 1 October 1799. Surviving Executors were Moses McClean, Alexander Porter and William Ewing, eldest son. Balance £1210.13.2 1/2.
- I. **James Ewing** married 1st **Jane/Jean Lindsay** 1757 in Nether Providence twp. Chester Co., PA. James Ewing died March/April 1786. Jane/Jean Lindsay Ewing died after 1774/5 when the youngest daughter born. They Had:
- A. **William Ewing** b ca 1759/60. He is in Franklin twp. York Co., PA as late as 1813 but we have no further information on him. We have not determined whether he married and had children.
 - B. **Elizabeth Ewing** b ca 1764. It is believed she married **Samuel Moore**, above, the Guardian and moved to Rockbridge Co. in Virginia. We have not traced this family.
 - C. **Thomas Ewing** b 1766 died 1 September 1807 "in his 41st year" He married **Jean** _____ ca 1789. Jean was born 1759 and died 30 June 1835 age 76. They are buried in Evergreen Cemetery Adams Co., PA. Thomas Ewing's will is dated 16 September, 1807 and was probated by his brother, William Ewing, who was also an Executor with Jean, on 9 October 1807. He names 3 daughters. They had:
 1. **Margaret Ewing** b 1796 d 10 May 1833 age 37. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Adams Co., PA.

2. **Jane Ewing** b 1801 died 21 Sept 1832 at age 31. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Adams Co., PA. (Mother, Jean Ewing outlived husband and daughters)
 3. **Sara Ewing** b 1791/2. Sara is named second in her father's will. However, it is believed she is the eldest and that she went with Elizabeth Ewing (possibly Moore) to Rockbridge Co., Va. after their father's estate was settled and that she married a man by the name of _____ **Moore** possibly kin to Samuel Moore above. We have not pursued this further
- D. **Margaret Ewing** b 1768. I have no further record of her
- E. **Martha Ewing** b 1775 married 26 Dec 1809 **Wm. McClary**, son Isaac b 20 March 1813 [Register of Methodist Church Harford, MD]

James Ewing married 2nd **Eleanor Gillespie** 18 June 1776. Eleanor was b ca 1745-50 She had two younger sisters before her father, George Gillespie died ca 1759 in Cecil Co., Md. Her mother, Anne (Ewing) Gillespie was still alive in 1787 when Samuel Gillespie, Eleanor's older brother, died. They had:

- F. **Ann Ewing** b ca 1782/3 (she was over 4 in 1788) It is believed she went to Rockbridge Co., Va. with her half-sister, above, Elizabeth Ewing, who we think married **Samuel Moore**. It is also possible that Eleanor Gillespie Ewing went there too. Ann Ewing married 22 March 1800 David Moore in Rockbridge Co., VA.
- G. **Eleanor Ewing** b 1784/5 was "3" in 1788. We have no more information on her.