

CHAPTER XV

JOHN, ALEXANDER, and WILLIAM EWING of CHESTER COUNTY

JOHN EWING OF CHESTER CO., PA WHO DIED BY 1731 AND ALEXANDER AND WILLIAM EWING BOTH ADULTS BY 1730/31

John Ewing appears one time in Chester Co., PA and that is when an Inventory is made and filed 12 January 1730/31. One John Ewing appears on the Tax of Chester Co. The two men named EWING on whom he held "Bonds" lived in East Nottingham twp. Chester Co., PA according to a search of the Tax Index. (See list below.)

The Inventory was made by James Few who is on the tax list as living in Kennett twp. and by Thomas Buffington who lived in Bradford twp.

Below is the Inventory exactly as it appears with the Location of each person named according to Tax Index. It was filed 12 January 1730/31 "#380"

To cash in pocket	£	0.5.0
To a Mair		5.0.0
To a Sadle and Bridle		1.5.0
To Wearing Cloaths		3.0.0
To a Bond to Wm. Ewing & John Andrews		7.13.1
Ewing Lived in East Nottingham		
To Thomas Ward by bill		5.0.0
To a note by James Willson		1.2.6
Willson lived in E. Nottingham		
To a note by John Hewey		1.11.10
To Richard Buffington, Sr		15.0.0
Lived in Bradford		
To Abraham Davis		5.0.0
To John Withrow		10.4.6
To Pott hangers & a hammer & Trowell		0.6.0
To a Bible		0.2.6
To Malt Rings & Sythe & Indian Corn		4.4.6
To Joseph Taylor, Jr.		4.4.9
To Jeremiah Zachary		5.9.0
To Jacob Hollingsworth		1.4.0
To Wm Henrey		1.3.0
To Alexander Ewing		7.7.0
Lived in East Nottingham		
To Joseph Sharp		4.6.0
Lived in London Grove		
[This man married a daughter of Wm. Gillespie there]		
To John Reed		0.10.0
TO HIS INTEREST IN A PIECE OF LAND		10.0.0
(we have been unable to find an application/Warrant/Survey or Patent to John Ewing)		
TOTAL	£	98.18.1

Chester County, Pennsylvania Inventories
 filed the 12th January 1730/1,
 No. 380, "An Inventory of the Goods & Chattles of John Ewings Late Deced"

An Inventory of the Goods & Chattles
 of John Ewings Late Deced
 Appraised by us whose names are under writ

To Cash in Pocket	£ 0: 5: 0
To a Mare	5: 0: 0
To a Saddle & Bridle	1: 5: 0
To Wearing Cloaths	3: 0: 0
→ To a Bond to W ^m Ewing	5: 0: 0
To a Bond on Robert Davis & John Andrews	7: 13: 0
To Thomas Ward by Bill	5: 0: 0
To a note by James Willson & John Withrow	1: 2: 6
To a note by John Howey	1: 11: 10
To Richard Ruffinton Senior	15: 0: 0
To Abraham Davis	5: 0: 0
To John Withrow	10: 4: 6
To the Salt Langers of a Runner of Frowd	0: 6: 0
To a Bible	0: 2: 6
To Math Kingd & Lythe of Indian Comps	4: 4: 6
To Joseph Taylor Junior	4: 4: 3
To Jeremiah Doehory	5: 9: 0
To Jacob Hollingsworth	8: 4: 0
To Wm Howey	1: 3: 0
→ To Alexander Ewing	7: 7: 0
To Joseph Sharp	4: 6: 0
To John Ross	0: 10: 0
→ To his Interests in a Piece of Land	10: 0: 0
Errors Excepted	
James Jew	
Thomas Ruffington	
£ 98: 18: 1	

Chester County, Pennsylvania
 Administrations No. 381 (also #129)
 Robert Jackson's accounting of his Administration on
 John Ewing, deceased,
 25 Jan 1731/2

John Ewing deceased's debts to the said John Ewing as follows.

to Richard Buffington	£ 2-18-0
to J. M. Harlow	6-00-9½
to J. C. Corison Weston	3-13-9
to John Ewing	2-16-0
to J. M. Little	1-02-7
to company of John Ewing, etc.	1-12-0
to Edward M. Williams	0-10-0
to Samuel Bradford	0-13-9
to Rob. Davis	0-7-6
to George Davis	0-10-9½
to Victor Long	0-12-0
to J. M. Little & Co. 9-02-0	
to General Cramer, Expenses, and sent money to deceased.	0-08-0
for Administration	0-02-0
	£ 6-05-10
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to J. M. Little & Co.	0-10-0
to J. M. Little	0-4-0
to Samuel Hall	0-02-6
to Hall	£ 75-07-9
to proving Act	00-11-0



January 25th 1732 Corrected

Robert Jackson

Page from 1730 Tax Roll

Tax taker spelled it HUIN *1730
East Nottingham Rates (17)

1	William [unclear]	12	1	Richard [unclear]	15
2	John [unclear]	11	2	George [unclear]	12
3	John [unclear]	10	3	John [unclear]	7
4	John [unclear]	9	4	John [unclear]	5
5	John [unclear]	8	5	John [unclear]	7
6	John [unclear]	6	6	John [unclear]	4
7	John [unclear]	5	7	John [unclear]	6
8	John [unclear]	4	8	John [unclear]	6
9	John [unclear]	3	9	John [unclear]	2
10	John [unclear]	2	10	John [unclear]	4
11	John [unclear]	1	11	John [unclear]	4
12	John [unclear]	0	12	John [unclear]	3
13	John [unclear]	0	13	John [unclear]	6
14	John [unclear]	0	14	John [unclear]	3
15	John [unclear]	0	15	John [unclear]	7
16	John [unclear]	0	16	John [unclear]	3
17	John [unclear]	0	17	John [unclear]	6
18	John [unclear]	0	18	John [unclear]	6
19	John [unclear]	0	19	John [unclear]	4
20	John [unclear]	0	20	John [unclear]	4
21	John [unclear]	0	21	John [unclear]	1
22	John [unclear]	0	22	John [unclear]	6
23	John [unclear]	0	23	John [unclear]	3
24	John [unclear]	0	24	John [unclear]	6
25	John [unclear]	0	25	John [unclear]	1
26	John [unclear]	0	26	John [unclear]	6
27	John [unclear]	0	27	John [unclear]	3
28	John [unclear]	0	28	John [unclear]	3
29	John [unclear]	0	29	John [unclear]	4
30	John [unclear]	0	30	John [unclear]	3
31	John [unclear]	0	31	John [unclear]	6
32	John [unclear]	0	32	John [unclear]	6
33	John [unclear]	0	33	John [unclear]	6
34	John [unclear]	0	34	John [unclear]	2
35	John [unclear]	0	35	John [unclear]	6
36	John [unclear]	0	36	John [unclear]	6
37	John [unclear]	0	37	John [unclear]	6
38	John [unclear]	0	38	John [unclear]	6
39	John [unclear]	0	39	John [unclear]	7
40	John [unclear]	0	40	John [unclear]	7
41	John [unclear]	0	41	John [unclear]	6
42	John [unclear]	0	42	John [unclear]	6
43	John [unclear]	0	43	John [unclear]	6
44	John [unclear]	0	44	John [unclear]	6
45	John [unclear]	0	45	John [unclear]	4
46	John [unclear]	0	46	John [unclear]	4
47	John [unclear]	0	47	John [unclear]	6
48	John [unclear]	0	48	John [unclear]	6
49	John [unclear]	0	49	John [unclear]	7
50	John [unclear]	0	50	John [unclear]	1
51	John [unclear]	0	51	John [unclear]	6
52	John [unclear]	0	52	John [unclear]	6
53	John [unclear]	0	53	John [unclear]	6
54	John [unclear]	0	54	John [unclear]	6
55	John [unclear]	0	55	John [unclear]	6

sold land to John Ewing

Cristy feuded w/ Alex'dr

Assessment date Dec 14/15, 1730

Chester County, Pennsylvania
Taverns Petitions Volume III, 1738, page 38

To y^e Honourable Court of quarter Sessions held at Chester y^e Last
Tues day in August for s^d County, 1738

The Humble Petition of Thomas Job of East Nottingham Humbly
sheweth

That whereas your Petitioner having about a year & nine months
obtained of this Honourable Court a Licence to sell beer & cyder
by small measures Now desires y^e favour of this Honourable Court
to grant him Licence to sell Rum likewise by small measure
And your Petitioner will be in duty bound to pray

We y^e subscribers not knowing any thing to y^e contrary but
that your Petitioner has behaved orderly in his calling
We therefore desire y^e favour of this Honourable Court to grant y^e
above Petition & we shall be in duty bound to pray

James Coudon	W ^m Price
William Ferrie	George Stealer
George Bennett	John White
Nathan Colinet	Tho: William Lewis
Thomas Ferrie	John Radcliff
James Ewing	Tho: William J ^r
Robert Carter	John Ewing
	Allen Robinet
	James Ogilby
	John Fruit
	James Rouse
	James Ewing
	Chas: Salter

Note signatures of James Coudon and John Ewing
match those on Administration Bond #1433 of
Alexander Ewing dated 21 July 1752

Alexander Ewing, Deceased

21 July, 1752

Alexander Ewing # 1433

Know all men by these presents that we the undersigned John Ewing
 John the elder & James Ewing
 all of the County of Chester in the Province of Pennsylvania do hereby certify
 that we have sold to the said Alexander Ewing of the County of Chester in the Province of Pennsylvania
 the sum of five hundred and thirty five pounds and ten shillings
 the full money of Pennsylvania to be paid to the said Alexander Ewing
 General or his Assigns for the purchase of the said Alexander Ewing's
 well and truly the said Alexander Ewing's Assigns do hereby certify
 and every of them stand for the whole jointly and severally firmly by their
 hands sealed with our seals this twenty first day of July
 Anno Domini 1752

The condition of this bond obligation is such that if the above said Alexander
 Ewing or his Assigns shall at any time hereafter fail to pay to the said John Ewing
 the sum of five hundred and thirty five pounds and ten shillings
 then the said John Ewing or his Assigns shall be at liberty to sell
 the said Alexander Ewing's land and goods to satisfy the said debt
 and if the said Alexander Ewing or his Assigns shall fail to pay
 the said debt then the said John Ewing or his Assigns shall be at liberty
 to sell the said Alexander Ewing's land and goods to satisfy the said debt
 and if the said Alexander Ewing or his Assigns shall fail to pay
 the said debt then the said John Ewing or his Assigns shall be at liberty
 to sell the said Alexander Ewing's land and goods to satisfy the said debt

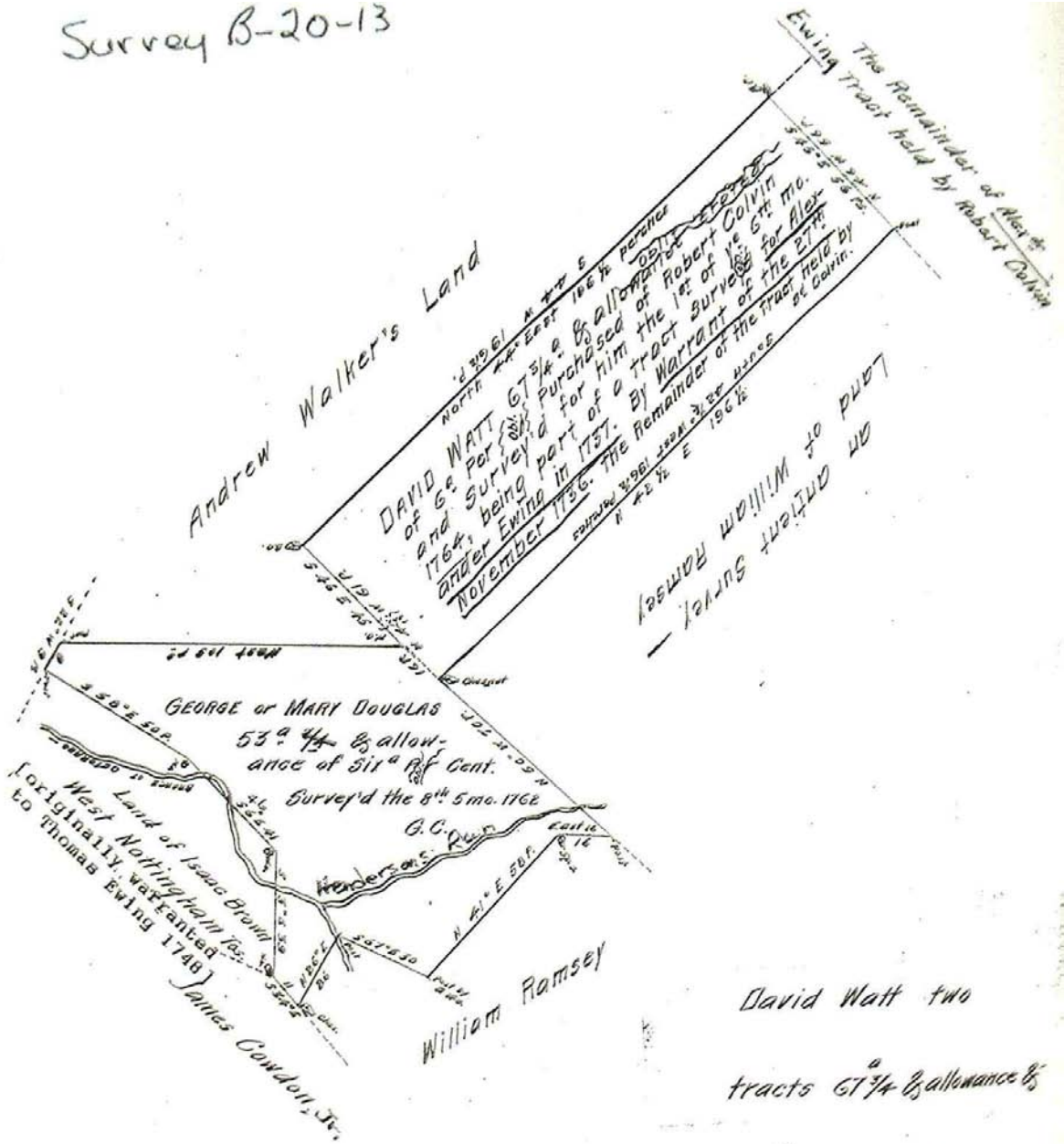
Scaled and Delivered
 In the presence of
 Henry Hatfield
 Elizabeth Bruce

Alexander Ewing
 John Ewing
 John Nathaniel
 James Gowder

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 Nothing

Chester County, Pennsylvania
Survey for David Watt, part of
a tract surveyed for Alexander Ewing in 1737

Survey B-20-13



David Watt two
 tracts 67 3/4 a. & allowance 8 1/2
 53 1/2 a. & allowance
 67 3/4
 120 1/4
 Ret'd 8th 18th Nov. 1784.

The Account was filed by Robert Jackson and was dated 25 Jan 1730/31 No. 129 Robert Jackson's Acct of his Administration on John Ewing Estate filed the 25 January 1731/2, No 381. (Copy presented above.)

"John Ewing deceased Debts to the under named and 'forth' as follows:

To Richard Buffington	£	5.18.0
To William Uaslind (?)		6.00.9
To the Cornier Worton		3.13.9
To Alexd ^r Ewing		2.16.0
To Wm. Litle		1.02.7
To Edward McGillin		5.10.0
To Samuel Brafford		0.13.9
To Robert Daviss		0.07.6
To George Daviss		0.10.9
To Walter Davis (?)		8.12.0
To cost of writt & 2 nd account		4.02.0
To funeral charges and lent money to deceased		23.08.0
for Administering		5.00.3
To trips and Expenses		5.10.0
To Thomas Wood		0. 5.0
To Samuel Usall (?)		0. 5.6
To apprizing Ewing est.		1.12.6
TOTAL	£	75.07.1
To proving acts		0.11.0
January 28th 1731/2 Errors Excepted /signed/ Robert Jackson"		

Alexander Ewing and William Ewing both had borrowed money from John Ewing who seems to be a bachelor. Neither of these two is indicated as a relative and neither was called upon for the Inventory or Account. We found no Administration Bond for him in Chester Co., PA Records.

We can, safely, we think, assume that Alexander and William Ewing were two of many who had borrowed money from John Ewing whose estate was worth £98.18.1.

One of the puzzles is that Alexander Ewing was owed money and also was paid money from the Estate. Also, a Cornier (coroner?) was involved and we wonder if this John Ewing met with an untimely death!]

The fact that William Ewing and Alexander Ewing are, both, listed as owing money to John Ewing, and because we have information on both of them, and because we have found others with which to "match" them we present the following information for your consideration:

- 1729 Tax List East Nottingham twp. Chester County:
 - #55 Alexander Ewing
 - #56 Alexander Ewing, Jr.
 - #71 James Willson
 - #57 John Ewing (He MIGHT be one died 1730/31)
 - #58 William Ewing
- 1730 Tax List East Nottingham twp. Chester County:
 - #31 Alexander Huin (sic) Ewing proves to be Jr. but not son of Sr.
 - #32 William Huin (last time that Alexander, John and William together)
 - #33 John Huin (MIGHT be one died 1730/31)
 - #54 James Willson
- 1732 Tax List East Nottingham twp. Chester County: Called Dec 1732 taken Jan 1733
 - #10 William Ewing
 - #92 Henry Ewing (his first appearance)
 - #94 Alexander Ewing
 - #95 John Ewing (cannot be the one died 1730/31)
- 1734 Tax List East Nottingham twp. Chester County: Called Fall of 1734 Assessed early 1735
 - #8 William Ewing
 - #40 Alexander Ewing
 - #41 John Ewing (also CANNOT BE ONE died 1730/31)
 - #141 Henry Ewing (last time.... becomes Londonderry and then Oxford)

- 1735 Tax List East Nottingham twp. Chester County: Called Fall of 1735 Assessed early 1736
 - #31 William Ewing
 - #91 Alexander Ewing
 - #100 John Ewing (cannot be one died 1730/31).
- 1737/8 Tax List East Nottingham twp. Chester Co. Called fall of 1737 and assessed Jan 1738
 - #33 John Ewing (see Chapter XX)
 - #34 James Cowden (he had married the sister of Henry Ewing in 1724 in Ireland. More of this family in Chapter XVI) .
 - #35 William Ewing [See Chapter XXXIX] Tax lists lost until 1748/9 PA.

PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES SERIES 3 Volume XXIV page 72 shows that Alexander Evans, Jr. made Application for and received Warrant for 150 acres of land in East Nottingham twp Chester Co., PA on 27 Aug 1736. The Survey #25 made on 27 November 1736 for Alexander Ewing, Jr. was for only 29 acres. Alexander Ewing, the younger, and John Christy had already feuded over land as early as 8 July 1734 (according to Court case!).

Alexander Ewing sold 29 acres of his land to James Colvin. At some point Robert Colvin obtained 2 tracts of Alexander Ewing land equal to 120 3/4 acres. These were sold to David Watt who obtained a Patent on 18 Nov 1784. David Watt, it is believed, married Henry Ewing's granddaughter Jean Ewing. She was a daughter of James Ewing and Eleanor Auld Ewing. She was born about 1758.

Alexander Ewing died intestate prior to 21 July 1752 the date of his Administration Bond #1433 in Chester Co., PA. (It was signed by Anne X Ewing her mark), John Ewing, James Cowdon and John Hathorn. James Cowdon married Ester Ewing "sister to Henry Ewing". Signatures of John Ewing and James Coudon match those of 1738 Petitioners in East Nottingham twp (see page 114, 115, 116,) Chester Co., PA. Are they all kind? I think they are.

FROM: VOLUME III TAVERN PETITIONS 1738, page 38 "Chester County, Pennsylvania Archives";

Note signatures of James Coudon and John Ewing match those on Administration Bond #1433 of ALEXANDER EWING dated 21 July 1752.

The widow, Anne, of Alexander Ewing of East Nottingham Township, Chester Co., PA was to report to the Orphan's Court one year from the date of Alexander's Administration Bond. The Bond was dated 21 July 1752. She should have made a report in "August next ensuing" but we never found it. John Ewing, his brother, I believe, was to have made the report with her. John Ewing died prior to 6 March 1754 the date of his Administration Bond #1522 in Nottingham, Chester Co., PA wife Susannah Ewing. A report was to be made to Orphan's Court before the 6 March Anno Domini 1755, but never was. Chapter XX is devoted to above John Ewing, brother to Alexander Ewing.

For the above reasons we have no list of names of children of Alexander and Anne Ewing. Several genealogists have mixed this Alexander with Alexander Ewing born 1676/7 died 1738 in Cecil Co., MD. The names of the children were quite similar, probably. The above Alexander Ewing is the Alexander, Jr. on the 1729 East Nottingham tax, Chester Co., PA. He was, indeed, junior to Alexander born 1676/7 and to Alexander (son of John of Carnshanaugh, Ireland) born ca 1686, who died in Frederick Co., Va. prior to 20 May 1764 unmarried. The above Alexander Ewing "the younger" was brought before the Court of Common Pleas of Chester Co., PA 18th day 7th month [Sept] 1734. He had threatened John Christy as he thought his land was being surveyed to Christy. Also, same day, Robert Porter testified he saw Alexander the younger have fast holt (sic) of John Barrett who held the surveying chain and "struck two blows with his fist".

Believing, as several other genealogists have, that Alexander Ewing might be a son of James Ewing of Inch Island in Lough Swilly, Ireland and from many "papers", quotations, genealogies which "hint" that these might be the children of Alexander Ewing who died about 1752 and a 1st wife. The 2nd wife having been Anne.

They had:

- I. **John Ewing** b ca 1713/16 in Ireland prior to coming to America. I believe he is the John Ewing on the Tax of West Nottingham twp. Chester Co., PA in 1734, 1735, 1737 and 1740 probably, renting land. The tax does not prove whether he was married or not. He moved, prior to 1750, to Mt. Pleasant twp. York Co., PA now Adams Co. See Chapter XXXVI. Son, Alexander, remained in Chester Co. with his relatives and did not come to York Co. until 1771/2. John Ewing died prior to 5 Dec 1768 the date of the probate.
 - They had:
 - A. **Alexander Ewing** b ca 1737/8 who married **Frances Ewing**, daughter of "Old Uncle Henry Ewing", on 7 January 1768. She is listed last in the Will of Henry Ewing of Oxford twp. Chester Co., PA. See Chapter XVII for their children.
 - B. **Martha Ewing** b ca 1738/9 married **Noble Osborn** and lived in Mt. Joy twp. York Co., Pa from about 1755 on. Mt Joy is next to Mt. Pleasant twp. York, now Adams Co., PA

- C. **Isaac Ewing** b ca 1740/41. He was over 21 but still a freeman buying land in Mt. Joy twp. York Co. in 1762. He was married and living in Mt. Pleasant twp. in 1763. We have not located his children nor obtained the place and time of his death.
- D. **Robert Ewing** b ca 1742/3 and died in 1791. He willed his part of his father, John Ewing's estate, to **John Ewing** of my brother Samuel Ewing of Mt. Pleasant twp. York Co., PA.
- E. **Samuel Ewing** b ca 1743/44 married about 1767. He may have had two wives. His wife at his death prior to 11 Oct 1793 was **Rachel**. Children are listed on page 325 this book. He lived in Mt. Pleasant twp. York Co., PA.
- II. **Moses Ewing** b ca 1725/6 d 1804 brother to Squire James Ewing of Washington Allegheny Co., PA" and is mentioned in Squire James' 1804 will as brother. **There is no mention of where Moses lived.** Land was willed to Squire James as stated in the 1804 will. We have been unable to locate any Moses he might have been unless he is the one mentioned living in Cecil Co., MD. "Squire James Ewing in or about the year 1775 came to Pittsburgh, and soon thereafter moved to Robinson township" [Washington/Allegheny Co., PA]. This is a quote from *HISTORY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA*, page 496. On page 26 of the same Book is the statement that "James Ewing was born in Cecil Co., MD about 1730."

We find Moses Ewing in Cecil Co., Md as recorded by Henry C. Peden in his *INHABITANTS OF CECIL COUNTY MARYLAND 1649-1774*. Page 127 shows: "Moses Ewing, a taxable in Cecil Co., MD" and is listed next to Alexander Ewing. It is dated 1752.

- p. 30 shows "Moses Ewings holding an unpatented certificate of land in 1755."
- p. 42 shows "Moses Ewing a taxable in 1761 in South Susquehanna Hundred" listed near Amos Ewing.
- p. 81 shows "Moses Ewing a taxable in North Susquehanna Hundred". He is near Samuel and Amos Ewing (who are father and son or brothers we have not determined). It is dated 1766.
- p. 31 shows "Moses Ewing signed a petition on 23 December 1779 as an inhabitant of Susquehannah Manor asking the General Assembly of Maryland to pass a law to avert the danger of a certain Mark Alexander attempting to escheat land that had been parceled out by George Talbot beginning with the year 1680 until the year 1744 when the Proprietor obtained verdicts in ejectments against several of the inhabitants who were obliged to take leases from him on such term as prescribed by them, etc."

One Amos Ewing signed the same petition. There was a Moses Ewing in Cecil Co., MD who might be one and the same with the brother of Squire James Ewing. We have been unable to locate any sale of this land.

- III. **Alexander Ewing** born 1731 is, I believe, the one who was living near to Moses Ewing in Cecil Co., MD. I believe he left Cecil Co., and moved to Harford Co., MD. See Chapter XXXX Especially page 376, 390, 390.

The Cecil Co., MD information of an early Alexander Ewing there is recorded in *Inhabitants of Cecil County Maryland. 1649-1774*. I feel it necessary to repeat them here:

- p. 30 shows "Alexander Ewings has an unpatented certificate or lease in 1750 in Cecil Co., MD."
- p. 127 shows "Alexander Ewing is listed on page 7 of 10 pages, and it is dated 1752, Taxables in Cecil Co., MD." He is next to Moses Ewing.
- p. 73 shows "Alexander Ewing is a taxable in South Susquehanna Hundred in 1759."
- p. 43 shows Alexander Ewing [sic] is a taxable in South Susquehanna Hundred in the year 1761. [Note: The "sic" was added by either the editor or was on the original list.]

I believe Alexander is the husband of Jane Ewing on the 1776 list of inhabitants of Bush Creek Hundred, Harford Co. and that he was born in 1731.

They had:

- A. **Alexander Ewing, Jr.** born ca 1752 who moved to Fawn twp. York Co., unmarried, by 1771. I have a copy recently released of the Tax Records of York Co., PA above date published by the South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, York Co. April 1980. There was 1771, "Senior Alexander who had also moved there that year (from Chester Co., PA see York Co. Deed 3-Z-268)." But, Rev. Alexander Ewing had moved 1782 from Northumberland Co., PA. The following is from his Pension Application #R-3413 (by Jane). He had married Jane Wilson in Northumberland Co., PA had Volunteered in 1777, 1778 and 1779. They were married 15 May 1776 and she was only 14 having been born in 1762. Rev. Alexander Ewing a "respected Clergyman" was born on 27 June 1750 so he cannot be the eldest son of John Ewing of Mt. Pleasant twp. York Co., Pa who died 1768. Rev. Alexander died in Fawn twp. York Co., PA on 24 Dec 1831 age 81. Alexander Ewing, Jr. married **Jane/Jean Anderson** of Hamilton Ban township, York, now Adams Co., PA 28 Nov 1775. Her family moved from Fawn twp. to Hamilton Ban in 1771.

The above Alexander Ewing, Jr. who married Jean Anderson was called "cousin to Squire Ewing" in a *History of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania*, page 496, "Alexander and Jane Anderson Ewing came from Eastern Pennsylvania ... to them were born four children." His 1798 Will names John, William, Margaret, Anne.

- B. **William Ewing** b ca 1755 married **Elizabeth Billingsley** in Harford Co., MD and served in the Military there in the Revolution. See Chapter XXXX.
- C. **Joseph Ewing** b. 1758
- D. **James Ewing** b. 1765
- E. **John Ewing** b. 1766
- F. **Jane Ewing** b. 1771

IV. **James Ewing** b ca 1730/33 married **Mary McCown** but the date has not been proven. He is said to have been born In Maryland.

In the *History of Allegheny County Pennsylvania*, page 26 James Ewing was the first representative of the EWING family was born in Cecil Co., MD about 1730, emigrated to the west in 1770 and built the first gristmill on Robinson's Run. His claim extended from Chartiers to Walker's Mills ... the township is now called Collier. His will is dated 1804 in Allegheny Co., PA and probated 1826. He may have been born in Chester Co., PA in the part that became Cecil Co., Md after the Mason and Dixon Survey. These are the children as they are listed in the Will:

- A. **William Ewing** said to have married **Elizabeth Kirkpatrick**.
 - B. **Samuel Ewing** married **Letitia McCurdy**. He died in "Fayette twp Allegheny Co." writing his will 20 August 1822 and it was probated 4 Nov 1822. The Executors were "brother William and Isaac Walker." His children were; Mary, Elizabeth Ann, James, Hugh, William, John, Samuel and Andrew. His wife lived to be 107.[Samuel, discussed on page 306 this Book.]
 - C. **Alexander Ewing**
 - D. **John Ewing**
 - E. **James Ewing**
 - F. **Ester Ewing** "married a Mr. **Boyd**"
 - G. **Ann Ewing** "married Major **Walker**, son of Isaac Walker"
 - H. **Elizabeth Ewing** "married a Mr. **Kelso**."
 - I. **Mary Ewing** "married a Mr. **Fryer**"
- V. **Martha Ewing** b 6 August 1745, daughter of Alexander Ewing of Nottingham twp. Chester Co., PA married 22 March 1767 **Elisha Cowgill**, is the information from a Genealogical Journal in Pickaway, Ohio. The book *COWGILL HISTORY* compiled by Beatrice Eleanor Cowgill and edited by Parker John Cowgill, Gateway Press, Inc Baltimore 1986 gives a differing view on page 178, Chapter II. It states:

"Martha Ewing b 6 August 1745 d 26 Jan 1834 age 88 y [years] daughter of Alexander Ewing who is mentioned in *HISTORY OF PENNSYLVANIA* as being a prominent English engineer who built the famous Pittsburgh Fort and Schuylkill Mills along the Schuylkill river." However, the book states prior to that paragraph that "John, father of Elisha Cowgill (born 1 day 1 mo 1742 or 1 March 1742, March being the first month of the new year that early. Ten days must also be added according to the new calendar), died in 1759 as reported in the Nottingham Monthly Meeting (of Cecil Co., MD Quakers, formerly part of the Province of PA)". This certainly places the Cowgill family near Alexander Ewing of East Nottingham, Chester Co., PA near the Cecil Co., Md border. Part of his land became Cecil Co. land as proven by sales in Maryland by David Watt who patented Alexander Ewing land in 1784. "Elisha Cowgill was read 'out of unity' as he enlisted in Military. The *COWGILL HISTORY* 1986 states that Martha and Elisha then located in Hampshire Co., W. Va. and in 1797 moved to Mason Co., KY then to near Chillicothe, Ohio."

They had:

- A. **Rachel Cowgill** b. 2 Nov 1767 married **Jacob Kerns Jr.** Frederick Co., VA died Hampshire Co., Va. where all children born.
 - B. **Ewing Cowgill** b. 1769 d. 1842 Hampshire Co., married **Susan Bullard**
 - C. **Martha Cowgill** b/d same day
 - D. **Elisha Cowgill, Jr.** b 1773 married **Ann Stanton Tarvin**
 - E. **John Cowgill** b 1775 married **Hannah**
 - F. **Eleazer Cowgill** b 1776 d 1863 married 1797 **Jane McFarland**
 - G. 2nd **Martha Cowgill** b 12/13/1775 married 1799 **Joseph C. Tarvin** in Mason Kentucky. [Ancestors of James T. Morgan of Littleton, Colorado who shared this with me.]
 - H. **Henry Cowgill**
 - I. **Alexander Cowgill** b 1784 married **M. Crow**
 - J. **Ann Cowgill** b 1786 d 1828
 - K. **Abner Cowgill** b 1789 d 1824
 - L. **Hannah Cowgill** b 1794 married **Benjamin Swan**.
- VI. **Thomas Ewing** is, probably, another son of Alexander Ewing, I believe he is the Thomas Ewing who witnessed the will of Henry Ewing, Sr. in Oxford twp. dated 1772 with Alexander Ewing. He also witnessed the Codicil in 1776 with one William Ewing. Thomas Ewing purchased land 11 May 1771 in Lower Oxford twp. Chester Co., Pa called

ENDEAVOR containing 93 ½ acres. He wrote his will on January 4, 1828 saying he was “far advanced in years”. His wife was **Hester** and children:

- A. **James Ewing**
- B. **Hester/Ester Ewing** married _____ **Reyburn**
- C. **William Ewing**
- D. **Mary Ewing**
- E. **Jane Ewing**

VII. **William Ewing** of East Nottingham twp. Chester Co., PA was the other EWING involved with the John Ewing who died 1730/31.

We have Chapter XXXIX which, we believe, has to be this man. William Ewin_ of Nottingham, Chester Co., PA applied for and received a Warrantee for Land in “The Township of Nottingham”. It is dated 6 March 1733 and contained 200 acres adjoining to the Barrens. There is no record of a Survey nor Patent to this land, but the Warrant was #26. I own a Certified Copy of the Warrant, issued to me 21 July 1984. William Ewing agreed to pay £15.10.0 for each hundred acres and yearly quit rent of 1 penny Sterling/acre. William Ewing is on the Tax Lists of East Nottingham Twp. Chester Co., PA from 1729 through 1738 when tax lists begin to go missing. William Ewing appears with Henry Ewing in the Londonderry Tax of 1749/50 and 1750/51 then disappears. On the 1751 tax William Ewing is next to David Watt who “purchased on 1 June 1764 from Robert Colvin, 67 3/4 acres of land part of a tract that was surveyed for Alexander Ewing in 1737. A Survey made for George or Mary Douglas on 17 Nov 1752 is now owned by David Watt.”

This William Ewing, I believe, went to Cumberland Co., PA shortly after James Gordon and members of the Douglas family went there. He may have tarried for a while in York Co., PA, but there is no evidence i.e. listing of another William Ewing other than MY WILLIAM EWING of Newberry twp., York Co., PA 1750-1760/61., except the “William Ewing born 1728 Soldier-Preacher in French and Indian War 1759 who served with Braddock and continued in York Co., PA.”

Alexander Ewing, son of this William Ewing, stated on his Pension Application S-8448 he was born in 1756 in, “he thought, York Co., PA.” His application also stated that he “had lived in Chester Co., PA”. I sincerely believe this William is the younger brother to Alexander Ewing of the previous pages. He was an adult, seemingly married by the cost of his tax and not being listed under either “Inmates” i.e. married but no land nor under “freeman” i.e. over 21 and unmarried.

William son, Alexander Ewing, of Sherman’s Valley i.e. Tyrone twp. in Cumberland Co., PA went to the Robinson’s Run and **Charlies** Area of Washington/Allegheny Co., PA where his “cousins” - I believe - lived. Squire James Ewing (probably son of Alexander of this Chapter), Samuel Ewing son of Samuel Ewing and Rebecca George Ewing(brother to Alexander Ewing of this Chapter) also lived in the same area. We know that family members traveled in groups to new lands. This is one reason for our pursuit of who family members might have been.