CHAPTER XVII

"OLD UNCLE HENRY EWING" (1701-1782)

Henry Ewing appeared on the Tax Rolls of East Nottingham Township, Chester Co., PA from 1732-1735. From 1735-1740 and 1750-1751 he is in the newly created Londonderry Township which was formed from part of East Nottingham twp. He is then taxed in Oxford township. Today it is known as Lower Oxford Township. He was on the same property all the time. He had applied for and received a Warrant for 150 acres on 7 August 1738, and an additional Warrant for 25 acres on 24 May 1748. [See attached Churchman Surveys page 132]. After being surveyed they were found to contain 217 ½ acres with 6 ½ being allowed for roads.

Henry Ewing has been the subject of or included in several EWING accounts:

- 1. THE EWING FAMILY OF RACOON TOWNSHIP, BEAVER Co., PA (now) James Nelson Ewing, 1932. It is a very careful study but Mr. Ewing did not have documents to which we have had access today.
- 2. HENRY EWING OF CHESTER Co., PA ANCESTOR OF THE EWING FAMILY OF RACOON TOWNSHIP, BEAVER Co., PA (now), etc. by John Calhoun Ewing, M.D. of Pittsburgh, PA undated but it is some years after the above 1932 work. He also quotes letters from John Gillespie Ewing of New York.

Both of these are very carefully done, yet, as we are all wont to do, they have made some assumptions and "take off" from there. We hope we can clarify who the above Henry Ewing really was.

Col. William A. Ewing, author of *THE EWING FAMILY OF LANCASTER*, *PA* compiled about 1897 and edited by F. N. Trevor about 1901, quoted a statement made to him by Samuel S. Jamison. On page 61 of his book, it reads as given below. Samuel S. Jamison was a great-great grandson of John Ewing of Carnshanaugh, Ireland subject of Chapter XI page 54 this book.

"Samuel S. Jamison born 8 June 1827 now living at Burnet, Texas and a g.g. grandson of John Ewing writes me:

'Old UNCLE HENRY EWING was called the most pious Christian gentleman of the age in which he lived, and his sister (Ester Ewing) married James Cowden, June 16, 1724. Their family was as follows:'." [Col. Wm. A. did not name the children. See Chapter XVI for family of Ester Ewing Cowden].

Henry Ewing can be found in the Diary of Rev. John Cuthbertson who came from London Derry Loch, landed safely at New Castle [DEL] August 15, 1751. His tent was used until 1754 when a Church was built "3 miles from the house of Joseph Walker." It was at the S.E. corner of, now, Bart Township, Lancaster Co., PA. He called it Middle Octoraro Society. We can trace HENRY EWING by the following: 1772 (no month nor day) THE WILL OF HENRY EWING is found in Chester, County, PA WILL BOOK G page 200, #3531 [This is the same year that Samuel Ewing of West Nottingham Hundred, Cecil Co., MD died.] He was Henry Ewing Senr. of the township of Oxford, and County of Chester being in perfect health and mind and memory ... I give demise and dispose of in the manner following, VIZ:

"To my son, James, the Plantation he now lives on and £1 in cash. The land I now hold, if undivided at my decease to be divided equally between sons Henry and John. Henry to have over and above all the houses I now possess on his part of the Plantation. Henry to be equal sharer with John in building him a log house 22 feet by 18 feet with a stone chimney and a barn 20 feet by 16 feet anywhere the said John pleases on his own share of the place. Unto my daughter Catherine, 10 shillings, to my daughter Martha £5, to my daughter Eleanor £5, to my daughter Esther £5. To daughter Margaret £20 paid within two years in three or four different Gales[?] according to her needs and according to my sons Henry and John their abilities to pay within said specified time, also to her a bed and furniture and choice of one cow. To daughter Frances £5. To sons Henry and John all real estate and movables etc. My eager desire is that legatees in their dividends may have no connection with the present civil Law [not clear as to what is meant], I order and appoint James McKnight and George Mitchell guardians and to act if necessary as umpire if two of themselves cannot agree."

/witnessed/Thomas Ewing /s/ Henry Ewing, Senior Alexander Ewing [SEAL]

[Note: No wife is mentioned]

1776 [no month nor day] A Codicil is added to the Will of Henry Ewing and filed in Will Book G page 200 #3531 along with the original will of Henry:

I, Henery (sic) Ewing of the township of Oxford, Chester Co., PA etc ... some alterations have taken which induced me to make amendments such as NO LEGACY is left to my daughter, Catherine. To granddaughter, Eleanor, £3 to be given by Henery (sic) and John, my sons. To my daughter Margaret £1 to be paid by Henery and John and no more left in this will to her.

/witnessed/ Thomas Ewing,

/s/ Henry Ewing, Senior

[SEAL]

William Ewing

1782, 7 January, "Appeared Thomas and Alexander Ewing who swore they saw Henry Ewing sign his last Will and Testament." [I believe that Alexander to be his son-in-law as will be seen. Thomas, I believe to be youngest son of Alexander who died 1752.]

1783, 18 December "Letters of Administration (i.e. an Administration Bond) was made to and signed by Henry Ewing, Thomas Ewing and John Ewing." [This is unusual when there is a Will for Probate. There is, however, a notation on the Bond which states "Will Attached."]

1783, 18 December East Caln wownship) Chester Co., PA Then personally appeared Thomas Ewing and on his solemn oath ... say that he was present and did see and hear Henry Ewing the Testator above sign seal publish pronounce and declare the foregoing ... his last will and testament ... and was of sound and disposing mind and memory ... and that Alexander Ewing signed his name at the same time appeared William Ewing witness to the codicil ... declared to the same effect. Ordered Recorded.

1784, 29 June 7 mventory #3531. Inventory of Henry Ewing's Estate filed 29 June 1784 by Robert Colvin and John McCamont Appraisers. The estate was worth only £14. It reads:

"Chester Co., Pa January 10, 1783 came Robert Colvin and John McCamont before the subscribers and on their solemn Oath saith that the above is Just and True Appraisement of the Several articles above mentioned witness my hand ... Philip Scott" [Note: Robert Colvin owned two parts of land owned by Alexander Ewing who died in 1752. It was Patented in the year 1784 by David Watt.]

The Will of Henry Ewing written 1772 and probated 1782/3 tells us who his children are. One Henry Ewing married Jane Allen in 1760. We do not know if it was this Henry but we do know it was not his son who married Eleanor Armstrong nor was it Henry's grandson, Henry, who died at the Battle of Brandywine 1777 unmarried. It was not Henry Ewing of East Nottingham Cecil Co., MD tho it seems he had two wives none named Jane. As Henry who married Eleanor and his brother, John, were quite young in 1772 their mother might have been Jane Allen. When the Administration Bond was made all references to Orphan's Court proceedings were marked out indicating all children of Henry Ewing were over 21. The date as mentioned above was 18 Dec 1783.

Here is a brief summary of his children and probable birth dates that we have gleaned from our various sources. We believe that he is one and the same with the Henry Ewing who was baptised in Burt Congregation, and is registered there. His father was James Ewing of Inch Island in Lough Swilly about 5 miles from Londonderry, Ireland. See page 17.

Chapter XXXXI gives the children of James Ewing (and Henry Ewing is IV.) SO,

IV. **Henry Ewing** baptised 11 August 1701 in Ireland. He died prior to 7 January 1782. He married prior to 1725 when his son, James was said to have been born. He had, at least, 8 children named in his Will.

We are confident he was a brother to Ester Ewing Cowden and named one daughter for her. As before stated he was on the tax of East Nottingham Township, for the first time, in the year 1732. (See the beginning of this Chapter re Tax rolls.) Henry Ewing had:

A. **James Ewing** b ca 1725. Applicants for D.A.R. and S.A.R. membership state he was born in Ireland but we have not found this proof as we are not sure when Henry came to America.

One James Ewing appears on the tax of Londonderry twp. Chester Co., PA in 1750, seemingly already married. By 1754 James Ewing, Jr. and James Ewing, Sr. are on, now Oxford twp. Tax with Henry Ewing. Henry had given James 36 acres from the southern part of his Warrant. James applied for additional land dated 1 March 1759 for 20 acres and on 6 June 1750 for 20 acres. Interestingly enough and showing the many errors made in surveying James Ewing had a total of 120 acres on his final survey. James Ewing wrote his will 17 March 1785 (Will Book 8 page 9, #3736) and probated 31 October 1785 by wife, Elinor. He had married **Elinor** who had a daughter Elizabeth Auld.

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His will reads, briefly:

"To my beloved wife, Elinor, 1/3 of all my real estate during her natural life. To my four sons VIZ: Alexander, James, John and Moses, the sum of £5 each, two years after my decease. To my step-daughter, Elizabeth Auld, one English Guinea. To my loving daughter, Jean, one feather bed, bed cloathes and bed stead, side saddle worth £5, and £5 four years after my decease. To my loving sons, Matthew and Samuel the residue of my personal estate together with my real estate after legacy paid. My loving wife Elinor to be sold executor."

/witnesses/ /signed/ James Ewing [SEAL]

Henry Ewing John Ewing Philip Scott

The Administration Bond was signed by Elinor and included "cash paid to John Ewing £15.1.0 and cash paid James McDowell as per legacy" (this was puzzling for it was not in the Will). [NOTE: This James Ewing was not in the Revolutionary War. He was too old to serve being 51 or more by 1776. He may have been on a list of Militia expected by age 54 to report. His son is the one who served see below.]

James and Elinor Auld Ewing had:

- 1. Alexander Ewing b ca 1750 or before died 1844/45 in Racoon twp. now Beaver Co., PA. He married Margaret McConnell daughter of Alexander McConnell. (Information re this family from James Nelson Ewing's Book 1932 mentioned above.) Henry Ewing b 4 Feb. 1785 married Jane Purdy married Agnes/Nancy Estep; John Ewing b 1786 d 1866 married Jane McAllister; Elizabeth Ewing b ca 1790 married Rezin Gamble; James Ewing b 1792 in, it is said, Moon twp Allegheny Co., Pa and died 1849 in Racoon twp. He married Elizabeth Todd; Alexander Ewing, Jr. born 1795 died 1854 Racoon twp. married Agnes/Nancy Hunter. Alexander b 1750 "served under Capt Evans 2nd Battalion in 1778 Chester Co., PA."
- 2. **James Ewing, Jr.** b 1756 in Oxford twp. Chester Co., PA according to his Military Pension Application #S2203. "On 21 August, 1832 his brother, Samuel Ewing, testified to the fact that James Ewing served as a Private in the Company of Captain Hays and Colonel Evan Evans Militia for 6 months."

On the 17 Feb 1846 his sons, David B. Ewing of Village Green and Jesse Ewing of Nottingham twp. applied for Survivor Pension #R3412 (which was Rejected). They stated that James Ewing died 24 Feb. 1843 at age about 93 (if so he was born in 1750). They stated that James Ewing's brother, Henry Ewing, had been killed at the Battle of Trenton, that James served several terms and that his wife, Jane, died in 1835. He was a "saddler" and on the 1781 tax of Oxford twp. Chester Co., PA. On 17 Dec 1803 James Ewing and wife, Jane, sold 44 acres of land purchased from Nathan Stockman in 1801 to Philip Lefeber for £150. Jane Ewing signed with an "X". It was by "other land of James Ewing." (Land from the "estate of Joseph Drennon the father of Jane Drennon"). So, the wife of this man was Jane Drennon NOT Jane McLaughlin as has been given in two Genealogical reports. Jane McLaughlin was the daughter of William McLaughlin and Michael McLaughlin was her brother not her father.

Jane McLaughlin is identified in Chapter XXXIX. She was a niece of Margaret Patterson, wife of William Ewing who died 1814 in Little Britain twp. Lancaster Co., PA. Jane McLaughlin's mother was Elizabeth Patterson McLaughlin. James Ewing and Jean Drennon had:

- a. David B. Ewing who was 55 in 1846 so born 1791. He lived in Delaware Co., PA. The obituary for David gave his birth year as 1785.
- b. Jesse Ewing, lived in Nottingham in 1846, no age given.
- 3. **Jean Ewing** born ca 1758 and she married on 11 Oct 1791 **David Watt, Jr.** David is the son of David Watt and Susannah _____. [Marriage record found for Jane Ewing and David Watt, Faggs Manor Presbyterian Church, Londonderry twp., Chester Co., PA.

The marriage date is found in the "Marriage, Death and Baptism Records" of Rev. John Evans Findley, third pastor of Faggettianor Presbyterian Church, (1781-1793), Londonderry Township, Chester County, PA.

The father, David Watt (Sr.) was born about 1720 in Scotland and he married Susannah in Scotland in 1742. (DAR Application Frances C. Harper #88053.) David warranted 20 acres of land in Chester Co., PA in 1747. (PA. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol 24 page 105.) Between 1743 and 1753 David and Susannah had five children: Susan, Martha, David, Jennet, and John.

The will of David Watt, Sr. Of Oxford Township was dated 29 Dec 1792 and was proved in Chester County, PA 25 Jan 1793, will #4269. The will names wife, Susanna; sons: David and John, daughters: Jannet Reed, Martha Cunningham, and Susanna Douglas and Son-in-laws, James Reed and David Cunningham. Also, David Reed, a grandson, is named. From the will, David, Jr., is to have "one Full Half of the Plantation I now live on, _?_ with the appurtenances, to him, his heirs, and assigns, _?_ I likewise give unto my son David One Hundred Pounds Lawfull Money as A Recompense for his Labors on the Plantation from the time he was of age until the time that he Bargained for A Part of the Profits of the place annually

... to have Negro - Jacob for the Term of four years from my Deceas^d if at the end of the four years the s^d Negro - Jacob can pay unto David my son the Sum of Sixty Pounds, he is to be free" [LDS Film #1429139]

David Watt, Jr., had died in January and before 30 January 1794 in Chester Co., PA when his widow, Jean, Mathew Ewing, James Ewing and Nathaniel Patterson signed a Letter of Administration of David Watt late of Oxford. See page 137.

On the 17th of March 1795, Jean Watt, widow of David Watt, Jr. who died in January 1794, asks the Court to appoint a guardian for her son David. John Ewing of East Nottingham and Sam¹ Hood of Oxford were appointed as guardian of David Watt who is under the age of 14 years.

On Dec 12, 1809, David Watt petitioned the Orphans Court for the County of Chester to appoint James Hutchison, Jun^r as his guardian in the room(?) of John Ewing appointed by the Court when he was _____ of choosing for himself. This David would have been less than two years old when his father, David, Jr., died.

The accounting of the estate of David Watt, Jn^r, deceased, was filed January 30th 1810 by Matthew Ewing. The last page of the accounting contains the following which identifies David Watt Jr as a son of David Watt Sr. Through the transfer of ownership of a Negro - Jacob:

"One Negro man Named Jacob who by the Last Will and Testament of David Watt Sen^r D^d [deceased] was bequeathed unto David Watt Jun^r since Decea^d with the Provision that if S^d Negro could Procure the Sum of Sixty Pounds to David Watt Jun^r he was to be free on the first Day of January A.D. 1797 otherwise to Serve as Slave During Life."

- 4. **Henry Ewing** b ca 1760 was killed in the Battle of the Brandywine on 11 September 1777. He must be Henry Ewing on the Roll of Capt. James McDowell's Co. of Militia 4th Batt. Chester Co., Poster e wrote his parents on 28 July 1776 stating he was "in East Jersey in sight of the English but no fear of the Ontrooming over." He was unmarried.
- 5. **Moses Ewing** b ca 1760. One Moses Ewing was a Private Soldier in Lower Oxford Co. 2nd Battalion. Chester Co. Militia. By 1794 he is found in Allegheny Co., PA. He married **Sophia Chapman** prior to E. Nottingham Chester Co. tax of 1785 as married. The two above mentioned Genealogies state that "Sophia Chapman Ewing was robbed, shot and killed in her home on Sunday 11 May 1837 age 69." So she was born in 1768. She is buried in Union Cemeter in Allegheny Co., PA. Moses wrote his will prior to 6 April, 1845 found in Allegheny Co., PA Will Book 6 page 2227 It was Proven 23 April 1845. He is buried in Union Cemetery. Had:
 - a. James Ewing

b. Samuel Ewing

c. John Ewing

d. Daniel Ewing

- e. Lea Ellen Ewing
- 6. **John Ewing** b ca 1764 died 1837 at age 73 yrs 3 days. He is buried in the Chestnut Level Cemetery. He married 31 Dec 1789 **Jane McGrew** daughter of Finley McGrew and was one of 8 daughters of Finley. Rev. Joseph Coudon was the Episcopal minister (first-cousin-once-removed of John as John's grandfather was brother to Ester Ewing Coudon). Jane McGrew was born 1768 and died 1824 age 56 yrs, 8 mo. 6 da. She, too is buried in Chestnut Level Cemetery. Their children:
 - a. James Ewing

b. Finley Ewing;

c. Philip Scot Ewing;

- d. **Eleanor Ewing** b 1795 d 1828
- e. **Isabella Ewing** b 1797 d 1823 buried Chestnut Level.
- 7. **Matthew Ewing** b. ca 1766/67 and inherited with Samuel, his father's farm in (now) Lower Oxford twp. Chester Co. He is on the Tax Rolls there in 1800. He died prior to 1817. He inventoried the estate of David Watt, Jr. in 1810. The tax does not indicate he was single but we find no other records for him.
- 8. **Samuel Ewing** b ca 1769. He was in Lower Oxford twp. Chester Co., PA and wrote his will 5 Feb. 1841. His wife is **Mary** and the children were: a. Samuel Ewing and b. Mary Ewing named for himself and wife. His will was probated 1 June, 1843.
- B. Henry Ewing We are not sure that he is the second child of Henry Ewing, Sr. but he is the second son mentioned in the 1772 Will of his father. He is the Henry Ewing "freeman" on the 1769 tax of Oxford twp. So he may have been b ca 1744/5 some 20 years after older brother James. Prior to 3 August, 1781 he married Ester Armstrong daughter of Thomas Armstrong. He was willed ½ of the 217 ½ acres (see Survey on page 132) which he sold to Thomas Watt on 16 Nov 1785. They moved to Rockbridge Co., VA where he died by 28 June 1798. His Inventory is found in Appraisal Book #2 p. 88, made by H. Barclay, Wm. Taylor, Elisha Barklay and David Cloyd (?), recorded 4 Sept 1798 for £90.13. Rockbridge Co., VA. marriages "James Adams and Eleanor Ewin, daughter of Henry Ewing dec^d., 13 Sept 1803, mother Esther indicated she was over 21 yrs." A will of John D. Ewing in Book 6 page 466 is filed in Rockbridge Co., Va. who may be a son.

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C. **John Ewing** We are not sure that he is the third child of Henry Ewing, Sr. but he is the third son mentioned in the Will. He seems younger as his father asked Henry, Jr. to help John build a house. John received 87 1/4 acres of his father's land, as his quota of the Survey of 1784 (see page 132). His brother, Henry Ewing, was to the West of him and Widow Wilson of William Wilson (formerly James Gordon's land) was to the North, and John Wilson's land was to the south. The "lines" were renewed for John Bailey on 24 May 1788 as he bought the land from John Ewing. See Deed Book B 2 page 108, Chester Co., PA "John Ewing and **Rebeckah** his wife, sold to John Bailey for £150 lawful money paid by John Bailey and assigned unto Bailey 87 and 1/4 acres." John Ewing and Rebeckah his wife then moved with Henry Ewing (Jr) to Rockbridge Co., Va. He then moved to Blount Co., TN, wrote his will found in Vol. I page 41 dated 28 April 1827 and probated 24 Dec 1827. His land was on "Baker's Creek" in Blount Co., TN. His will briefly states:

"I, John Ewing of the county of Blount and State of TN give my right and claim to the tract of land where I now live and my other personal property to my son William Ewing, my son William giving to my wife, Rebeckah Ewing, a comfortable support while living and my daughter, Margaret Ewing, a horse worth \$70 (also her living if she lives with William)." He makes other small bequeaths to Rebeckah as beds, cows etc. and also to Margaret. Also, "I here to fore have portioned off to my daughter Jane, and ditto to daughter Eleanor, sons Henry and John. I hereto set my hand this 25 April 1827."

/witnesses/

William Edmondson

/s/ John Ewing [SEAL]

David Edmondson

It is believed that William Edmondson/Edmeston is, probably, his brother-in-law as he lived within the area of Henry and John Ewing and left Chester Co., PA about the same time. We have not explored the maiden name of Rebeckah Ewing any further.

John Ewing and Rebeckah Ewing had:

- William Ewing b ca 1780-90. He was on the 1830 Blount Co., TN Census as being 40-50. One William Ewing was
 baptised to John Ewing by Rev. Cuthbertson on 27 Feb. 1781 in Middle Octoraro Society,, across Octoraro Creek
 from Oxford, Chester Co., PA
- 2. **Margaret Ewing** no more known.
- 3. **Jane Ewing** is believed to have married **James Beard** in Blount Co., TN 14 Oct 1823. In Blount Co., Tn Marriages
- 4. **Eleanor Ewing -** no more found.
- 5. **Henry Ewing** no more found.
- 6. **John Ewing** "b 1795 in VA" on 1850 Census. He is called John Mose Ewing. He married 26 Sept 1816 **Sarah Jane Laughlin McGauhey** daughter of Samuel McGauhey in Blount Co., TN. They moved to Lawrence Co., AL in 1818. John Mose Ewing died in 1866 in Mississippi. We have not traced this family.

D. Catherine Ewing

The 1772 Will of her father, Henry Ewing, Sr., carried a Codicil dated 1776. It removed Catherine from the Will and added "her daughter, Eleanor," giving no last name.

- E. **Martha Ewing**. She was still alive in 1776 but no more is known of her.
- F. **Ester Ewing**. She, too, was alive in 1776 but no more is known of her. Presumably she was named for her Aunt Ester Ewing Coudon/Cowden.
- G. **Eleanor Ewing**. Some have put her birth date as 1748 but offer no proof. It is possible and probable that she married **Joshua Ewing** born ca 1732/3 in London Britain Township, Chester Co., PA only a short distance from her home. Joshua Ewing was the eldest of two sons of John Ewing, Jr. and Sarah Jenkins Ewing there. See Chapter XI page 64 this Book. Joshua and Eleanor went to what became Bath Co., VA where he wrote his will in 1804 and died prior to April 1811. His will names his children.
- H. **Frances Ewing**, last daughter/child named in the Will of Henry Ewing, Sr. Rev. John Cuthberton recorded in his diary that "married **Alexander Ewins** and Frances Ewins at Henry Ewins, Esq on 7 January 1768."

Alexander Ewing, b ca 1737, is probably the one who appears on the 1765 tax of Oxford twp. Chester Co., PA with 130 acres. He bought the land in 1763 from James Graham who had obtained it on 4 Jan 1744. (See page 117 of Churchman Surveys attached and Survey A-26-173 made by George Churchman for land of James Graham "near Octoraro Creek" in Oxford. Churchman states it had been "surveyed by my father.") The land to the North of James Graham was, later, purchased by Thomas Ewing possibly youngest son of Alexander Ewing died 1752/3. It bordered land of David Watt, Sr. and of William Edmeston. The land of James Ewing, eldest brother of Frances (Ewing) Ewing was nearby as was the land of her father, Henry Ewing, Sr.

Frances Ewing and Alexander Ewing moved to Fawn twp. York Co., PA prior to 13 Jan 1771 as proven by the Diary of Rev. Cuthbertson. He records the following Baptisms:

- 1. Helen (she is really Eleanor) baptised 22 Dec 1768 at Middle Octoraro Society to Alexander Ewing.
- 2. Mary baptised 13 January 1771 at Lower Chanceford Society in York Co., PA to Alexander Ewing
- 3. Martha baptised 2 May 1773 at Lower Chanceford Society to Alexander Ewing
- 4. James baptised 2 April 1775 at Lower Chanceford Society to Alexander Ewing
- 5. Rebec(ca), baptised 16 April, 1777 at Lower Chanceford Society to Alexander Ewing
- 6. Henry baptised 22 April 1779 at Lower Chanceford Society to Alexander Ewing
- 7. Thomas baptised 24 July 1782 at Lower Chanceford Society to Alexander Ewing
- 8. Mary baptised 6 June 1784 at lower Chanceford Society to Alexander Ewing (we assume the first Mary has died)
- 9. Alexander baptised 11 October 1784 at Lower Chanceford to Alexander Ewing (another son, John, was not in Rev Cuthbertson's Diary for he had died. Proof of him is in the Deed we quote. These are the 5 males under 16 in the 1790 Census)

York Co., PA Deed 3-Z-268/9 dated 3 September 1829 and information Anne Kimball shared from DOW, BALL, EATON and ALLIED FAMILIES, 1947 pages 30-31 tell us the story of Thomas Ewing, son of Frances and Alexander Ewing. Evidences of the EWING Family in York Co., PA until 1850 printed by the York Co. Historical Society gave us other information about this couple. Frances Ewing and Alexander Ewing sold their land in Oxford twp., Chester Co., PA and moved to Fawn twp., (Lower Chanceford Society being the name of the Church established by Rev. Cuthbertson), prior to the baptism of Mary Ewing on 13 Jan 1771. The Deed 3-Z-268/9 states that:

On 3 Dec 1829 Thomas Ewing et al sold to Alexander Ewing (JE) land that had been purchased on 13 April 1771 (they lived on it before the actual Deed was executed). Namely, "Thomas Ewing, Eleanor Ewing, Martha Strawbridge, James Ewing and Nancy his wife, Henry Ewing and Ann his wife, Thomas Ewing and Rebecca his wife, John Ewing and Ann his wife all of the 1st part to Alexander Ewing of the 2st part."

Evidently the first Mary baptised in 1771, Rebecca baptised 1777, Mary born 1784, have died for they are not on 1790 Census nor this Deed.

"And, whereas Bennoi Sterrett and Mary his wife conveyed to Alexander Ewing a tract of land in Fawn twp., 155 acres and Alexander Ewing afterwards obtained a Patent from the land Office for 104 acres and 55 perches and died intestate do sell the land to Alexander Ewing for £50 to him in hand paid by the following" (names are repeated and signatures are witnessed). Interestingly the separate signings are dated: Thomas, 3 Dec 1829; Martha Strawbridge 11 Feb. 1835; Henry Ewing 14 Feb. 1835; John Ewing 31 May 1834; Eleanor Ewing and James Ewing on 15 January 1840 (could be 1848 as writing is horrible). It was not recorded until 8 December 1854!

In the DOW, BALL EATON book is stated:

"Thomas Ewing, earliest known ancestor of the EWINGS in Newfane, Niagra Co., N.Y. was born in Pennsylvania about 1782." In Deed Book 41 page 218 Ontario Co., N.Y. Thomas Ewing and wife, Rebecca [Hartman, b 12 Aug 1779 in MD d 6 Oct 1854. They had moved to Niagra Co., N.Y. in 1804. He died 20 March 1859. This information from John Gillespie Ewing], 'conveyed land to Nezur Sutherland.' It Continues with: "Thomas Ewing is on the 1830 Census with Alexander Ewing and Francis Ewing each being between 20 and 30 years and head of a family ... The 1850 Census of N.Y., Newfane, gives us the family of Thomas Ewing aged 68 born in Pennsylvania."

- H. Frances (Ewing) Ewing and Alexander Ewing had:
 - 1. **Eleanor Ewing** (bap. 22 Dec 1768 as Helen) is still alive in 1829 seemingly living with brother James
 - 2. Mary Ewing bap 13 Jan 1771 died before 1790
 - 3. Martha Ewing bap 2 May 1773 married _____ Strawbridge
 - 4. **James Ewing** bap 2 April 1775married Nancy _____ died 4 Jan 1855 at 79 years. Buried Gatchelville Cemetery, Fawn twp.
 - 5. **Rebec(ca) Ewing** bap ,16 April 1775 is not on the 1829 deed.
 - Henry Ewing bap 22 April 1779. Wife was Ann on 1829 Deed. He-died 24 Feb. 1855 and is buried Gatchelville, York Co
 - 7. **Thomas Ewing** bap 24 July 1782 married **Rebecca Hartman** ca 1803. She was born 1779 in MD (see above Dow Ball info)

They had:

- a. **Alexander Ewing** b 1803/4 in Fawn twp. York Co., PA
- b. Francis Ewing born prior to 1810 in N.Y.
- c. **Elijah Ewing** b ca 1817 and was in the family of Thomas Ewing as late as 1850.
- d. **Sarah Ewing** b ca 1818 in Ontario Co., N.Y. married **Hamilton Tice** age 38 b N.J. Children b in Newfane N.Y. are James W. Tice age 5 years in 1855 and Tamer Tice age 7 mos in 1855.
- e. **Abigail Ewing** b ca 1822-3 in Ontario Co., N.Y. She married **Hamilton Eaton**, miller. She was "28 b N.Y." on the 1850 Census State Census 1855 calls her Abigail E. Eaton.
- 8. **Mary Ewing** bap 6 June 1784. She was not involved in the Deed of 1829. However she was involved in Deed 3E, 228 dated July 9, 1819. Evidently she died after that.
- Alexander Ewing baptised 11 Oct 1784 died 24 Feb. 1855 at age 73 and was probably born in 1782. He is buried
 in the Gatchelville Cemetery in Fawn twp. York Co., PA.

10. **John Ewing** born about 1786 for he was one of the 5 males under 16 on the 1790 Census of York Co., Fawn twp. His wife in 1829 was named **Ann**. He seemed to have bought all the land of his father, Alexander, eventually. There are several York Co. Deeds which seem to indicate this. However I have not pursued them. I had already owned all the EWING Deeds of York Co. from its creation in 1749 until past 1800.

Records do not tell us when Alexander Ewing and wife, Frances Ewing died. We must assume both died Prior to 1829.

The (see page 134), Surveys from the Churchman collection show us where Alexander purchased land in 1765 which he sold to go to Fawn Twp. York Co., PA prior to 13 Jan 1771 where his second child was born.

Alexander Ewing bought land 1763 next to William Edmeston and Thomas Ewing's purchase of Nov 1771. Thomas is, I believe, the youngest son of Alexander Ewing who died 1752 in East Nottingham twp. Chester Co. He would have been the above Alexander's Uncle though, maybe, younger than his nephew! Note the land of David Watt who had married Jane Ewing the only daughter of James Ewing eldest son of Henry Ewing the subject of this Chapter.