

CHAPTER -XXVIII

JAMES EWING (1712-c1788)

**JAMES EWING and wife Anne, of Amelia/Prince Edward Co VA
Half-brother to Nathaniel Ewing (1693-1748)
Children, probably, Samuel, William, Eleanor and Elizabeth**

There are three pieces of documented information that prove to me, without a doubt, that the above James Ewing was, indeed, a half-brother to Nathaniel Ewing.

First, I must quote again from "*THE COURIER JOURNAL*" article submitted by Col. Wm. A. Ewing in 1897. It was written by Nathaniel Ewing's grandson, Nathaniel Ewing (1772-1846), before he died. Why Col. Wm. A. Ewing waited 50 years to make use of it is a puzzle. However, this is what Nathaniel Ewing said prior to 1846 about James Ewing. (Chapter V, see page 20, this book.)

"My great grandfather whose name, I believe, was William, was twice married. By his first wife he had but one son, Nathaniel, who was my grandfather, by his second marriage he had several children, viz. William, Joshua and James and some others, who I do not now recollect. James I have seen and had from him a portion of my information. He was at that time upward of eighty years of age and lived in Prince Edward Co. VA."

Second, From BOOK I, *LAND COMMISSIONS OF CECIL COUNTY MD 1724-1751* pages 265-270 (especially page 265) is Cecil Co., MD June Court 1736:

"The Justices of Cecil County afores^d in Court Judicially Setting...To Mr. Randall Death, Mr. Wm. Husbands, Mr. Joshua Ewing of Cecil Co. Gent."

Depositions are taken from several persons in the area regarding settlement of a land dispute. On page 270 of the report:

"October 28th 1736 The Deposition of James Porter aged about thirty years and Joshua Ewing aged about 32 and James Ewing aged about 24 years and Samuel Ewing aged about 31."

"Taken and reduced into writing and sworn on the Holy
Evangelist of Almighty God this 28th day of October
Anno Domo 1736 Before us

Nathan^l Ewing
William Husband
Randall Death

Recorded 20th Nov 1737"

Third, in the *VIRGINIA GENEALOGIST* Vol. 25 (1981) page 183 the "Claims of Spiers, Bowman & Co., (at their Prince Edward Store, 29 January 1802 pages 2-46)". Also entitled BRITISH MERCANTILE CLAIMS. Many familiar names are listed but the most important is:

"James Ewing Senr. £28.7.-. Dead; his children removed to Kentucky. He was insolvent in 1783 and ever since."

Reid Ewing of winter Park, FL and I have purchased more than 65 Deeds re EWING in Amelia/Prince Edward/Charlotte/Lunenburg/Augusta Counties in Virginia to try to get at the history of James Ewing. The more Documents we bought the more men named James Ewing we found. We studied closely the use of the names James SR James JR. and the dates involved and who was whose neighbor. We, of course did the same for those named Samuel Ewing, William Ewing and George Ewing. I could not have completed this without Reid's help. We concluded there were two James Ewing's early and one more after 1757, known as James Ewing, Jr. twin of Dr. John Ewing born 1732. We know the following facts:

- James Ewing was one of the half-brothers of Nathaniel Ewing who was the first child born 1693 in Coleraine, Ireland.
- James Ewing, one of the half-brothers, came a little later than the others. Born in 1712 he was only 13 when the others came, about 1725.
- James Ewing, one of the half-brothers, was in the area of Lancaster Co., PA by 1735, just across the Octoraro Creek from Cecil Co. MD where Nathaniel and half-brother Joshua lived. He was, by then, about 23 years of age.
- James Ewing in Chapter XXII (see page 167) is mentioned in *LANCASTER CO. PA COURT OF COMMON PLEAS RECORDS (1729-1742)* on 4 pages from the Abstracts of those Records
p40: dated August Term 1735 Court:
"petition of the Inhabitants of Drumore Township seeking a road from James Alexander's to Octoraro Creek at a place called Niles Ford to joyn (sic) a road leading to Christian (sic) Christiana Creek. William Gelaspie (sic) James Ewing, James M'Quisten (sic) Alexander Williamson, William Scot and Robert Dixon (any four) are to view and layout a road if possible and report back to the next court." .

p49: dated August Term 1736 Court:

"Persons sworn and affirmed on the Grand Inquest; John Caldwell, John Small, Andrew Hamilton, John White, Adam Tate, John Reynolds, William Patterson, Alexander Sewright, Lazarus Lowry, Thomas Black, Thomas Gale, Joseph Work, Walter Denny, Thomas Paxton, Robert Dixon, James Ewing, and Francis Jones."

p74: dated August Term 1738 Court:

"Petition of Divers Inhabitants of Little Britain twp., [Created 7 Feb 1737 from Drumore twp. above] indicating that while a road had been laid out from Chester Co., PA to meet it and they ask that they (sic) road may be altered to meet a road that is already laid out in Chester Co. from Henry Reynolds Mill to s^d Creek. James King, Samuel Boyd, James Montgomery, Samuel Ewing, James Ewing and John Jemison or any four, view, alter, and report back to the next Court."

p97: dated 5 August Term 1740 Court:

"Petition of the inhabitants of the township of Little Britain setting Forth the necessity of a road through their township and pray that they (sic) same may be laid in the manner following; viz, Beginning at the North East Corner of a field of Caleb Pennells, thence by the nearest way to Britain's Ford over Conawingo Creek, thence by James Porter's Store to be continued till it meet a road laid out in Chester County to Mile's Ford on Octoraro: signed Robert Love, James Ewing, William Gelaspy (sic), William Crawford, John Smith and James M'Quisten or any four, view layout and report back to the next court."

One William Gillespie of Cecil Co. State of Maryland purchased land in West Pennsboro twp., Cumberland Co. PA from one James M'Quisten. who is also mentioned in the estate settlement, 1750, of Nathaniel Ewing. William Gillespie "of Lancaster Co. PA" purchased MT. GILLESPIE in Octoraro Hundred, Cecil Co. MD next to the land DIVIDING owned by Nathaniel Ewing and half-brother, Joshua Ewing. William Gillespie later sold it to Stephen Gillespie, son of George and Anne (Ewing) Gillespie. William Gillespie then moved to West Pennsboro twp. Cumberland Co. Pa where he died.

p 99 of ABSTRACTS notes that "a road from James Porter's James McQueston to Nathaniel Ewing's Lane." Land surveys of Maryland proved they all lived near to each other.

James Ewing and Patrick Gillespie were witnesses to the will of Mary Ewing, Tavern Owner of Little Britain twp. Lancaster Co. PA dated February 1741/42. Her son-in-law, Robert Gillespie was the executor and it was proved 24 March 1741/2. The will is found in Lancaster Co. PA WILLS, Book A-1 page 67. Her daughter, called Franke is wife of Gillespie and the other daughter we have determined is Jean Ewing who married Ezekiel Calhoun in Chestnut Level Little Britain twp. Lancaster Co. PA. Mary Ewing's will asks that Nathaniel Ewing and George Gillespie see to the burying of her mother and father. Robert Gillespie purchased land in Amelia Co. VA Deed Book 2 page 139, dated 17 May 1744 from Edward Briefwate [aka Brifware, Briswate, Brafford etc. indicating "easy spelling" of the day. Edward Braithwate had Patented 1 March 1743-Patents Book of VA #23 page 671-2 for £7.5.0, 1445 acres on both sides of the South Fork of Falling Creek of Buffalo River. Gillespie's land is described as 606½ acres purchased for £100 in Raleigh Parish bounded in part by Fort Creek and land of James Allexander on Fort Creek. Robert Gillespie, wife "Franke" wrote his will in 1757.

Samuel Ewing purchased land from "Briswate" on 17 May 1744 for £100, 600 acres in Relif (sic) Parish bounded in part by Fort d Creek and land of James Allen (sic) Allexander.

James Allexander purchased from Briswate on 17 May 1744 for £100 in Amelia Co. VA Deed Book 2 page 180, 600 acres in Relif (sic) Parish bounded in part by Fort Creek and Cobb's corner and Randolph's line being a part of a greater patent to Edward Briswate.

Amelia Co. VA and Prince Edward Co. VA could not locate an early deed to James Ewing. We KNEW he lived there and were told to ask Virginia Archives in Richmond for a "grant". They found those to Samuel, William and George, Sr. all EWING but none to James. Alycon Trubey Pierce, C.G. of Falls Church VA hired by Hon. Thomas W. Ewing Congressman from Illinois located the deed in Amelia Co. DB K2 page 315 where JAMES ALLEXANDER sold to JAMES EWING 300acres, FT. CREEK!! It reads, in summary:

- 1746, 16 May -Amelia Co. VA. (as above)
"James and Ann Alexander of said county sell to JAMES Ewing for £60, 300 acres of land bounded in part by the mouth of a Branch N/S Fort Creek, Samuel Ewing's corner and the creek." [this was only half of land that James Alexander purchased of Braithwait].
- 1749, 30 September -Amelia Co. VA Deed Book 3 page 531
"James and Ann Alexander sell to John Reed for £42.10, 300 acres N/S Fort Creek adjoining lines of Col. Randolph, Robert Galaspye" (sic Gillespie-he had married Frances Ewing daughter of Mary Ewing whose 1741/2 will., was witnessed by James Ewing and Patrick Gillespie) " wit. James Ewing, Samuel Ewing, and James Parks."
- 1746, (only date) Amelia Co. VA Order Book 3 page 1:
"Robert Baker petitioned for a road to be cleared from Sandy Ford to Spring Creek with Col. Richard and Wm. Randolph." signatures include that of James Ewing.
- 1747, (only date) Amelia Co. VA will Book 1735-61 page 44 re the estate of Francis Baldwin, dec^d:
"Samuel Ewing, Samuel Wallace and James Ewing were chosen to appraise the estate," [Samuel Wallace married Esther Baker sister to Mary who married Robert Ewing and Martha whom Charles Ewing", daughters of Rev. Caleb and Martha Baker. See P.E. Co. Will Book 1 page 3, 6 Feb 1754]

- 1750, 15 June -Amelia Co. VA Deed Book 3 page 291:
"Patrick Gillespie of Amelia Co. Va appointed his brother, William Gillespie of Lancaster Co. in the Province of Pennsylvania, his attorney, to sell a certain part of a lot lying and being on Market St. in Charlestown in the province of Maryland. Isabella Gillespie signed away her dower right." /witnesses/ George Ewing James Ewing, Samuel Wallace.
- 1750, 15 June -Amelia Co. VA Deed Book 3 page 371:
"James Ewing of Amelia Co. VA gives power of Attorney to his friend Joshua Ewing of Cecil Co. MD to sell ½ acre of land in Cecil Co. MD. Anne Ewing signed away her dower right as wife of James Ewing." [Both signed their names.] /witnesses/ George Ewing, Samuel Wallace.

Ms Alycon Trubey Pierce, C.G. of Falls Church, VA, mentioned above, see page 236, advanced the theory that the wife of James, Anne, might be Anne Dun/Dunn/Dune "after making a name by name search of Amelia Co., Va Tithables from 1745, when Samuel Ewing was the only EWING listed. In 1746 James Ewing appeared between Samuel Wallace and James Alexander (from whom he bought 300 acres that year on Ft. Creek at Samuel Ewing's corner.) In the following year, 1747, James Ewing was assessed for himself and for a John DUN. This might be a clue that James Ewing had recently married an Anne "DUN" whose younger brother was John Dun, especially if their DUN father had died. In 1749 James Ewing again had John DUN assessed to him." This was in her Report No. 2 page 3 dated 3 September 1993 to Congressman Thomas W. Ewing of IL., Longworth Bldg., Washington D.C.

John Dunn is listed in *Tyler's Quarterly Magazine Vol. 18*, page 53 dated 1755 as a Tithable between George Ewing and James Ewing. In 1776 he signed the "Petition for Religious Liberty" found in *THE HISTORY OF PRINCE EDWARD CO.* Appendix 2 page 670, and he is listed as John Dune. John Dunn was a witness to 27 March 1782 Deed (See below) when James Ewing, Sen' and Samuel Ewing sell to James Ewing, Jun' 15 acres.

Joshua Ewing "friend and attorney" of Cecil Co. MD never sold the ½ acre that James Ewing, Sen' had asked him to sell. It is not recorded in any Cecil Co. Deed Book. It may be, however, listed in the sale of lots in Charlestown, MD. They thought it was to be a "boom" town and large port and many bought parts of lots. We have not found James Ewing's lot. The connection between Cecil Co. MD and James Ewing is clear, however. as is the connection between Patrick Gillespie (his lot in Charlestown, MD) and his brother,"William of Lancaster Co., PA" in 1750. On 9 March 1759 William Gillespie received Patent after a "Special Warrant" to MT. GILLESPIE, 250 acres joining a tract of land called DIVIDING in possession of William Ewing and Patrick Ewing (eldest sons of Nathaniel and Joshua Ewing who had owned it.) William Gillespie sold it in. 1759 and moved to West Pennsboro twp. Cumberland Co. PA having bought land there from James McQuisten.

Joshua Ewing's will can be found in Cecil Co. MD will Book BB #2 folio 125. It was probated 16 August 1753, See Chapter XXV this book..

1754, 22 March -"A Poll taken for the House of Burgesses by Mr. John Nash, Sr. was recorded in "Tyler's Quarterly Magazine Vol 17 page 244-45 (July 1935-Apr 1936)." Some of the more familiar names connected to EWING are:

James Ewing	William Ewing	James Daniel
William Davidson	Abram. Baker	Samuel Baker
George Ewing	Henry Baker	Alexander Ewing
Andrew Porter	Samuel Ewing	Robert Gillespie
Edward Brathwaithe	John Crockett	Patrick Gillespie
John Morrow		

There were a total of 161 names and a new County Prince Edward Co. VA is being created.

1755, (only date)"A List of Tithables, from Buffalo to the County Line" as recorded on page 51-54 of *TYLER'S QUARTERLY MAGAZINE*, Vol 18 (July 1936-Apr1937)

There were 328 Tithables which included Slaves. They are indicated by a number in () parenthesis and a total of Tithable Males after that. We believe that Samuel Ewing was in charge of the List for it was signed by him with the number (328) after it. Most interesting is they are grouped together as if living in the same household. At times one male might be alone. We have indicated them as they were in TYLER'S as near as possible.

[MEF: CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT]

[MEF: COMMENTS]

John Caldwell "Fort Creek" and Thomas Caldwell	2
* Robert Galispie (3)	4
He had 3 slaves	
Samuel Baker (3)	4
He had 3 slaves	

One John Caldwell married Eleanor Ewing daughter of Samuel who died 1758. no slaves).
Robert Gillespie married "Franke" Ewing daughter of Mary.
He was a son of Caleb and Martha Baker of Amelia/P E .

James Ewing and Joshua 2 (no slaves)	James Ewing born 1732 may be JR., son of Nathaniel Ewing. Joshua b. 1732? maybe of John d. 1736, see Chapter XI, see page 67.
John Porter 1	Married Mary Anthony lived on Vaughan's Creek. .
Samuel Ewing and Alexander Ewing (2) 4	Samuel signed this list. His younger son, Alexander, was living with him. 2 slaves)
George Ewing (1) 2	George, son of Samuel died 1758, is "JR" married Caldwell
John Dunn 1	Is, now, adult. Brother to Anne. Bro-in-law of James
James Ewing 1	No slaves, no sons 16+ He becomes James, "Sr."
Andrew Porter 1	married Margaret Ewing daughter of Alexander and Rebeckah in Cecil Co. MD.
George Ewing (2) 2	married Catherine Lawson daughter of Hugh becomes George Sr of Vaughan's Creek
William Ewing, Thomas Ewing and William Ewing 3	William Ewing, Sr. died 1782 on Vaughan's Creek. Wife, Catherine daughter of Margaret married Morrow, Thomas married Sara died in SC 1800 son William married Rachel
"Martha Baker's List"	She helped Samuel Ewing. She was the widow of Caleb.
John Morrow and James Morrow 2	John Morrow married Margaret Ewing daughter of William died 1782. They lived Vaughan's Creek.
Robert Bird, Williamson Bird, and Philemon Bird (4) 7	Philemon Bird's daughter Diana married Samuel Ewing son of Alexander son of Samuel died 1758. Philemon moved to Georgia died 1809.
Samuel Wallace (2) 3	married Ester Baker of Caleb and Martha, sister of Mary and Martha.
List was /signed/ by SAMUEL EWING	

*Patrick Gillespie was listed there with Strog . . . 2 He was the friend of James Ewing born 1712, called "Sr."

-1757, 10 May- Prince Edward Co. VA Deed Book 1 page 95:

"James Ewing, Jr. purchased of Wm. Browning 250 acres on Buffalo River for £65. See Chapter XXIV.

- 1758, 30 September-Prince Edward Co. VA Will Book 1 page 17
Probate date of Will of Samuel Ewing. It was witnessed by Charles Venable, James Ewing and Nathaniel Ewing. [James Ewing may be the JR. who came to Prince Edward prior to 10 May 1757... see Deed that date. Nathaniel Ewing is, probably, the youngest son of Joshua Ewing, who died 1754 in Cecil Co., MD.]
- 1759, 12 December -Prince Edward Co. VA Deed Book 2 page 17
William Ewing, Jr. of the Province of MD gave his power of Attorney to Andrew Porter of Prince Edward Co. VA to act in his behalf when the settlement of the estate of Samuel Ewing was made. [Andrew Porter was the husband of Margaret (Ewing) Porter daughter of Alexander Ewing who died 1738 in Cecil Co. MD. William Ewing, Jr. , was a son of Alexander died 1738 and brother to Margaret. William Ewing, Jr. was married to Jane (Ewing) Ewing, a daughter of Samuel Ewing, above, who died 1758. They lived in Cecil Co., MD then moved to Montgomery, Wythe Counties in Virginia. [Chapter XXIII see page 172.] Again, it is important to show the relationship between Prince Edward Co., VA EWING, and Cecil Co. MD EWING.]
- 1760, 10 June -Prince Edward Co. VA Deed Book 1 page 134
Charles Ewing purchased of Josias Chambers for £20, 200a on Harris Creek part of 400 acres granted to Edward Harris. Charles Ewing had married Martha Baker a daughter of Caleb and Martha Baker.

His brother, Robert married Mary Baker another daughter of Caleb, and was granted land in 1749 in Augusta Co., VA bearing a Patent dated 15 Dec 1749 for £38, 160 acres on a branch of Roan Oak called Glade Creek. He sold it 23 Jan 1755 to Benjamin Sterrett of Augusta Co., VA. Robert and Mary were "of Lunenburg Co., VA" but to obtain the relinquishing of her "Dower Right" two of the witnesses had to go to Bedford Co., VA. The Deed was endorsed there and the sale completed. It was witnessed by Patrick Calhoun, Hugh Calhoun, James Calhoun, Joseph Long and William Sayers. That Deed is located in Augusta Co. Deed Book 7 page 182 with several dates. "Because Mary could not travel conveniently to the Court of Augusta, Ben Howard, Clerk, commissioned Zachary Isbell and Samuel Hanstone to visit her in Bedford Co. VA and obtain her permission, privately, for the land to be sold." The Deed was properly recorded on 21 August 1755 by John Manson, Clerk of Augusta Co. VA.

- 1763, 20 January -Prince Edward Co. VA Deed Book 2 page 141
Charles Ewing sold to Daniel McMaim 200 acres on Harris Creek. [As we mentioned before, Caleb Baker's 1750 Will was probated in Prince Edward Co. VA, 6 Feb 1754, and that of his wife Martha Baker. WB 1 page 24 probated 8 May 1759.]

Earlier it was indicated. that there were, early, three men by the name of James Ewing. One, on 3 Feb 1753 bought 400 acres in Lunenburg Co., VA from James Lucky of Lancaster, PA James was "of Amelia Co. VA" Recorded DB K3 page 339. He was "of Augusta Co., VA" 19 Oct 1770 when he sold it. It was, now, in Charlotte Co., VA DB K2 page 418, 400acres on Cub Creek.

- 1772, 20 April Prince Edward Co. VA Deed Book 5 page 751
"James Ewing, Jr. bought from Samuel Goode 292 acres that George Ewing and wife, Eleanor, had sold to Goode on Nov 19, 1770. It was left to George Ewing in the 1758 will of Samuel Ewing to belong to George after the mother, Margaret, died. George and Eleanor are "of Botetourt Co., VA." The land is described as being "on Fort Creek by James Ewing Sr.'s line, Alexander Ewing's line [second son of Samuel died 1758] Wallace's line [Samuel Wallace who married Esther Baker], Powell's line and Thompson's line [The Thompsons had purchased Samuel Ewing's other land in 1770. James Ewing, SR. still owns his land in Prince Edward Co. VA.]
- 1773, Prince Edward Tithable Lists 1773-75,
1777 at Virginia State Archives, located by Alycon Trubey Pierce, C.G. and shared with me by Congressman Thomas W. Ewing of IL. Re: 1773 "This folder did not contain a list on which any EWING were seen." [However]:
- 1774, "Charles Venable's List
James Clarke, Wm EWING, Jack, Peter Isaac, Beck, Nancy, Grace, Ruth 9 [tithes]
William EWING, Senr 1 James EWING, Junr., Charles, Jack, Jane 4
James EWING, Senr., Samuel EWING, Negro Fan " 3
- 1775, "Charles Venable's List
James Clarke, William [Name garbled?] Jack, Peter, Isaac, Burk, Grace, Nancy, Ruth 9
James EWING, Sen', Samuel EWING" 2
- 1776, 24 September -Prince Edward Co. VA "THE PETITION FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY" signed by 130 men living in Prince Edward Co. VA. It was located in *HISTORY OF PRINCE EDWARD CO.* Appendix 2 page 670-671. Some of the familiar names of signers were: Sam^l Baker, Jno. Dun, Sam^l Porter, James Ewing, Sen^r, Samuel Ewing: William Gillespie, George Gillespie, James Gillespie [sons of Robert died 1757 and Franke died 1795] James Ewing, Jun^r, Samuel Ewing, Patrick Gillespie, John Porter, Sen^r and others. William Ewing, brother to Samuel Ewing was not there, and we wonder why.
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- 1777, 15 August -Prince Edward Co. VA Deed Book 6 page 354:
"James Ewing, SR. sells to Samuel Ewing 150 acres for £30 half the land that James Ewing now lives on Fort Creek."
/s/ James Ewing [SEAL]
witnesses:
Mary Davison (her mark)
John Davison.(his mark)
William Davison

No wife signed away her dower The margin reads "Delivered Wm. Ewing"

Mary Ewing had married Richard Davidson earlier. She was a daughter of George Ewing, SR. See Chapter XXIX. Richard died 1783 One John Davidson married Eleanor Ewing 4 Dec 1778. One William Davidson married Elizabeth Ewing 21 Jan 1782

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We believe those EWING men with 'arrows' are half-brothers to Nathaniel Ewing, eldest, born 1693 died 1748 in Cecil Co. MD. He owned land "DIVIDING" jointly with his brother, Joshua Ewing who died 1753. The other, Ewing, James Ewing, Jr. 18 a twin son, born 1732, of Nathaniel Ewing. Samuel Wallace married Esther Baker sister to the Bakers who married Robert and Charles Ewing said to be "kin". William Gillespie is the eldest of Robert, died 1758, and Franke Ewing Gillespie (daughter of Mary Ewing d Little Britain typ. 1743). Robert Gillespie witnessed the will of Alexander Ewing of "THE LEVELL" who died 1738 in Cecil Co. MD.

- 1782, 27 March -Prince Edward Co. VA Deed Book 6 page 440:
 "James Ewing, Senior and Samuel Ewing to James Ewing, Jr. 15 acres of land for £10, land on the North Side of James Ewing, Sen's land, Beginning at a red oak at a 'oald' road, thence along his line to a corner in John Watson's line, then to the old road to a corner White Oak, thence to a new line to the first station."
 Recorded Apr1782 (signed) Jams Ewing [Seal]
 (signed) Samuel Ewing [Seal]

 /witnesses/
 William Ewing
 _____ Ewing (+ her mark) [No wife signed away dower right.
 John Dunn (+ his mark) John Dunn still nearby.]
 Philomon Bird
- 1783, 17 March -Prince Edward Co. VA Deed Book 7 page 5
 "James Ewing, senior to William Ewing 150 acres of land for £40. Land on Fort Creek, half of the tract on which James Ewing now lives, bounded by James Ewing, Jr. John Watson, and John Davison." Recorded 18 August 1783.
 (signed) James Ewing [Seal]

 /witnesses/
 John Davison Marginal note:"Delivered (to) William Ewing"
 William Davison
 Samuel Ewing
- 1789, 9 June -Prince Edward Co. VA Deed Book 8 page 176
 "John Davison of Fayette Co. Kentucky District, appoints William Ewing of Prince Edward Co. VA as my true and lawful attorney to make and convey in fee simple all that tract of land which descended to me as heir at law to my late father, Richard Davidson, about 300 acres, unto William Biggar, late of King William County."
 Recorded 20 July 1789.
 Teste (signed) John Davison [Seal]
 Pugh Price
 Frances Haskins
 Catey Price

British Mercantile Claims of 1802 indicate that"Richard Davidson, dec'd. Died before 1783 and his family moved to Kentucky with sufficient estate."

- 1790, 17 July -Prince Edward Co. VA Deed Book 8 page 216
 "William Ewing (Attorney in fact for John Davidson of Kentucky) and John Crocket of Prince Edward Co. to William Biggar of King William Co. VA..for £150 did convey 300acres on the North side of Fort Creek bounded by lines of P. Randolph, Jos. Parks, Jas. Clarke, William Ewing and Francis (sic) Frances Gillespie" [Widow of Robert Gillespie d 1757]. Recorded 19 July 1790.
 /witnesses/ (signed) William Ewing, attorney
 Wm Porter in fact for John Davidson [Seal]
 Sam'l Ewing (signed) John Crocket [Seal]
 Robert Porter
 Andrew Porter

There are several Deeds concerning the Davidson/Crocket/Biggar families that would be interesting to explore. As our emphasis is on "EARLY EWING" we have not explored further into the 19th Century. We, however, list from the Index for you – All in Prince Edward Co. VA Deeds re this property:

- Deed 3 page 28 date only ca 1764-5 No land given in Index, William Crockett sold to Richard Davidson
- Deed 3 page 468 date only ca 1768 No land given in Index Richard Davidson to Nathan'l Venable & Co.
- Deed 8 page 157 date Recorded Sept 2, 1789, 300 acres on Ft. Creek by John Davidson to William Biggar. (John of Richard)
- Deed 9 p40 date Recorded 20 September 1790, 300 acres on Ft. Creek by John Davidson to William Biggar. (same as above)
- Deed 8 page 255 date Recorded Oct 10, 1790. 300acres on Ft. Creek by Mary Davidson "Widow of Richard Davidson" of Fayette Co., KY, to William Biggar.[Mary Ewing of George SR]

It took years to settle this. In Logan/Butler Co. Court of Common Pleas May Term 1827 is a notation [referring to will Book A page 8, June 1, 1799 of William Ewing probated Nov 1799] which reads:

"James Ewing, John Porter & Florence Ewing executors of William Ewing deceased of (now) Butler Co. KY---money in Davidson estate 'respecting a collection of money of William Biggar in Richmond, VA', some still due in 1802."

In "Account #11" of his estate is the reference:

"Thomas Carson paid for the above William [Biggar] in Virginia for satisfaction of the same. Dated June 14, 1830:"

- 1795, 21 September -Prince Edward Co. VA, Deed Book 10 page 362:
 "William Ewing and Samuel Ewing, forever, hath hereby , granted and sold to Abram McGee 225 acres for £30 on Fort Creek beginning in James Ewing's tine [he is the one called JR. earlier, hinting SR is not involved,] to Samuel Ewing's spring Branch near a road to John Watson's line then to James Ewing's corner along his t line.
 /witn/ (signed) William Ewing [Seal]
 Ja^s Ewing (signed) Samuel Ewing [Seat]
 Tho. Carson
 James Allen
- 21 July 1795, This indenture acknowledged by William Ewing and Samuel Ewing parties thereto to be their Act & Deed and 'Florence wife of said William and Elenor the wife of said Samuel being privily examined relinquished their right to dower in the Land in this Indenture' mentioned and ordered to be Recorded & Certified (sic)."
 Teste T. Watkins, Cl^k
- 21 September 1795- Prince Edward Co. VA Deed Book 10 page 363
 "Samuel Ewing and Eleanor Ewing, William Ewing and Florence Ewing sell to Gideon Glenn part of a tract whereon the said EWINGS now live, beginning on a branch on the West side of Fort Creek up the branch to Bigger's Line Clark's line, Watson's line containing 83 acres for the sum of £46."
 witnesses /s/ Samuel Ewing and Elner
 James Ewing /s/ William Ewing & Flourence
 James Allen
 Thomas Carson

Deed Book 8 pp 176 and 216 are discussed more fully in Chapter XXIX re GEORGE EWING, SR. The land described and who was there, sales, etc.]

1 June 1799 - Logan Co. KY. will Book A page 8 is the will of William Ewing It is condensed below:

"I William Ewing of the County of Logan and state of Kentucky being in a low state of health but perfectly sound in mind and memory...do make and ordain this my last will...First I recommend my soul to God... Item 1, I give unto my daughter Mary Halsey a colt, to my daughter Sarah Stroud a colt, to my son James

Ewing 2 colts, to my beloved wife Florence Ewing, my home plantation, negroes, cattle and stock, house and furniture during her widowhood. Should she marry the estate except the lands be sold and divided between her and children, home plantation to be my son William Ewing or at her death his. Negro Sarah to be hers until death then son, James Ewing shall have her. Son, Samuel Ewing, a tract of land lying on waters of Little Muddy Creek. To my son Nathaniel Ewing, my negro named Roger [William Ewing owned a negro named Roger in Prince Edward Co. VA "Personal Property Tax Lists" in 1783, who was "over 16"] Daughters Betsy and Peggy. My friend John Porter and my son, James Ewing and my wife, Florence Ewing executors."

Attested to by us /signed/ William Ewing [seal]
 M. Thompson
 John G. Hay
 John G. Rice

"At a Court held for Logan County at the courthouse in Russellville on ____ day of November 1799, last will and testament of William Ewing, dec^d, was produced by Florence Ewing the executrix proven by oaths of M. Thompson, John G. Hay and John Rice and ordered to be recorded."

Teste: Sam^l Caldwell cl cr.

The following will of Samuel Ewing of Clark Co. Ky. Will Book 2 page 34, proves the two (William and Samuel) were brothers. It was dated 27 September 1804. It is condensed below:

"I, Samuel Ewing of Clarke Co. KY being sick and in a low condition will and bequeath all my estate both "real and personal to my beloved wife, Eleanor, and at her death a public sale [to be made] and the money equally divided among the following;

Mary Halsy daughter of my brother William Ewing, dec^d,

Patrick Gelaspie, son of William Gelaspie

Eleanor and Nancy Nunley daughters of Buckner Nunley, dec^d.

And I do hereby appoint William Gelaspie and William Robinson, Jun^f, the Executors. Witness my hand this 27th day of September 1804."

/Teste/ /signed/ Samuel Ewing
 John Lyle
 Jas. Kinney

"At a court held for Clarke Co. KY, 24 Feb 1805 the will of Samuel Ewing was approved for probate and recorded."

The above Will is proof that Samuel Ewing now of Clarke Co. KY and William Ewing, deceased in Logan Co. KY 1799 were brothers. It is also proof that they did, indeed, move to Kentucky prior to 1802 as indicated by the Report of the Mercantile Co. of Prince Edward Co., VA. It is our belief that they are, unquestionably, sons of James Ewing and Anne (Dunn) Ewing of "Fort Creek" Prince Edward Co., VA.

Further proof, we also believe, is found in the relationships of the families of Ewing, Gillespie and Porter in both Cecil Co., MD, Lancaster Co., PA, and Prince Edward Co., VA.

The will of Patrick Gillespie (who witnessed documents in Little Britain twp. Lancaster Co., Pa with James Ewing, moved to Prince Edward Co., VA when James Ewing did, married Isabell Ritchie about the same time James Ewing married, arranged to sell his Cecil Co. MD Lot at the same time James Ewing did) was written 14 July 1779 proved May 1780 and recorded in Will Book #1 page 8. He listed his children as: William, David, George, Ellinor, Margaret and Mary. The executors of his estate were to be William and David Gillespie, sons and James Ewing. /witnesses were/ Richard Sankey, Jas Gillespie, James Ewing.

There were, still, two men named James Ewing there.

Friendships and family ties lasted a long time between these people.

Ms. A. Pierce, identified above stated in a letter to Hon. Thomas Ewing dated 29 June 1993 that:

Research conducted in published county and state records as well as compiled genealogical material available at the Library of Congress presented a strong case that...William Ewing migrated to Logan Co. KY by 1797 with his wife, Florence Porter and other Porter in-laws from Prince Edward Co. VA...Florence Porter was the daughter of a John Porter and his first wife, Mary Anthony...Circumstantial evidence points to James Ewing as being the father of... William Ewing" [and Samuel Ewing, brothers]. (I agree! !)

The will of John Porter of Vaughan's Creek, Prince Edward Co. VA is dated 18 Jan 1781 and recorded in June 1781. He lists wife, Anne children: John, William, Oliver, Francis and Ann. We know that Francis moved to Logan Co. Ky prior to William, John and Oliver. Why Florence is not mentioned is a mystery.

The 1787 Tax Records of Prince Edward Co. VA show John Porter, Jr., William Porter, and Oliver Porter. Francis Porter seems, already, to have moved to KY.

I believe James Ewing born 1712 in either Coleraine or Londonderry in Ireland, came to Cecil Co. MD with, possibly, Robert and Charles Ewing who subsequently married Baker sisters. I believe he came to the home of his half-brother Nathaniel Ewing (1693-1748) or to the home of his full brother, Joshua Ewing both of whom lived on land called DIVIDING which they had purchased "jointly".

I believe it was this James Ewing who went to Amelia Co. VA and purchased 300 acres of land in 1746 and that he married Anne Dunn/Dun/Dune sometime near the purchase date.

I believe he had come to Amelia Co. VA with his brothers, William Ewing, Samuel Ewing, and George Ewing, Sr. and that Samuel and George, Sr. are among the "some others" mentioned by Nathaniel Ewing (1772-1846) in what he remembered of the History of the Ewing Family, and I believe it is this James Ewing who "gave Nathaniel Ewing the information" about the family EWING. James Ewing had remembered his brother, William, for he died in Prince Edward Co. Va in 1782 (See Chapter XXVII). He named brother, Joshua, and he was the one to whom James Ewing gave Power of Attorney in 1750 to sell half acre of land in Cecil Co. MD (see Chapter XXV). He did not name Samuel nor George for Samuel died in 1758 and George, Sr. had moved away in 1763 to Mecklenburg Co., N.C. then to Spartanburg, SC where he died in 1797/8 (See Chapters XXVI and XXIX).

I believe James Ewing and Anne Dunn Ewing were educated people as both signed the 1750 power of Attorney. They educated their sons who, both, wrote intelligent wills. Sadly, James Ewing wrote no will. We continue to search for exact dates of marriage, birth, death dates and places of each of them.

James Ewing and Anne (Dunn) Ewing had:

- I. **Samuel Ewing** b ca 1747 in Amelia Co. VA and d prior to 24 Feb 1805 in Clarke Co. KY married ca 1777 in Prince Edward Co. VA. **Eleanor Gillespie** daughter of James Ewing's long-time friend Patrick Gillespie and Isabell (Ritchie) Gillespie. Samuel and Eleanor had no children. He was in the process of buying more Logan Co. Ky land and buying 9 acres of land on Boone's Creek in Fayette Co. KY when he died. See page 242 where his will is quoted.
- II. **William Ewing** b ca 1749 in Amelia Co. VA died prior to 1799 in Logan Co. KY married ca 1770/1 **Florence Porter** (b ca 1754 Amelia, Co., VA and died after, 8 August 1822, Butler, KY. She was a daughter of John and Mary (Anthony) who lived on Vaughan's Creek in Prince Edward Co., VA William Ewing's will is quoted above, see page 242. Deed Book A page 84 in Butler (formerly Logan) Co., KY. "hints" that Florence died by 13 Feb 1812. A later deed executed in 1822 proves she was still alive that date. See page 246 ahead. William and Florence (Porter) Ewing had:
 - A. **James Ewing** b ca 1771/2. I am using this date for James was shown as being assessed with William Ewing in 1793. He was of the age to be a "tithable" i.e. 21 years. In 1787 a law was passed that the Tax Commissioner must

go to the homes of taxables and note the date and names. This practice was not continued that strictly before or after. However, the Prince Edward Co., VA tax taker seems to be quite efficient. James Ewing was not listed as a tithable in 1794, perhaps he had already gone to Logan Co. KY. We can identify all men "by the name of James in 1794 and 1796. James Ewing b 1771/2 married **Mary "Polly" Howard** (b ca 1783 in Hanover Co., VA, died 1853) daughter of James and Elizabeth (Meredith) Howard. Their marriage took place, probably in Logan Co., KY in 1801 or 1802. James Ewing wrote his will in Butler Co. KY (which had been formed from Logan and Ohio Counties in 1810) on 5 Feb 1833 and it was probated in July Court 1833. It was witnessed by W.F. Boykin, Benjamin Porter, Hugh S. Porter and David Porter. He does not name all his children but descendants have sought long and hard for them i.e. Thomas W. Ewing, from Pontiac, IL.; Larry Ewing of Kansas City, KS; Dorothy Dillard Hughes, Lubbock TX; Lois Lester, Chanute, KS; Janie Lester, Grant Pass, OR; Diana Self Parker, KS and Jean Myles of Reno, NV. The Will of James Ewing is located in Butler Co. KY Will Book A page 81. James Ewing and "Polly" (Howard) Ewing had:

1. **Alney Ewing** (aka Abney) b ca 1802 Butler Co. KY married 3 April 1828 **Florence Stroud**, his cousin and daughter of Sarah Ewing and Thomas P. Stroud. Alney was willed 100 acres by his father in 1833 "on Little Muddy Creek, Butler Co. KY". He moved in 1869 with part of his family to Bourbon Co. Kansas. Florence (Stroud) Ewing was born ca 1805 and died 4 August 1883 in Bourbon Co. KS. Alney Ewing died after 1885 there. They had:
 - a. **William J Ewing** b ca 1829 married 1st) 18 act. 1850 **Frances Berry** married 2nd) 1 Feb 1860 Lucy Ann Sterrett. William J. d 26 Oct 1901.
 - b. **Mary Jane Ewing** b ca 1830 married 20 Dec 1852 **Abner Lack**. She d 16 Oct 1856, Butler Co. KY
 - c. **James Thomas Ewing** b ca 1832 Butler Co. KY married **Almeda Jackson Givens** 15 Mar 1861 Butler Co. Ky d 18 Dec 1898 near Ingalls, OK. [This is the ancestor of Larry J. Ewing of Kansas City, KS.] James Thomas Ewing and Almeda Givens Ewing had among others:
 - i. **John Franklin Ewing** who had among others:
 - (I.) **John Franklin Ewing, Jr.** who had among others:
 - (A.) **Larry J. Ewing**
 - d. **Gertrude Ewing** b 1833 d after 1885 never married, took care of parents.
 - e. **Sarah Ewing** b 1835, invalid, did not go to KS d ca 1862
 - f. **David Pleasant Ewing** b 1837 Butler Co. married 24 Oct 1861 to **Sela J. Webster**. Joined 11th KY Volunteers 21 Oct 1861. Mustered at Calhoun Ky 9 Dec 1861. No more found.
 - g. **Susan B. Ewing** b 1839 Butler Co. KY. No more found.
 - h. **Nathaniel R. Ewing** b 1841 Butler Co. KY, never married, d 3 Jan 1863. Was in Battle of Stones River TN. Wounded.
 - i. **Permila Ewing** b 1845. On 1850 Census but no more.
 2. **Pleasant Ewing** b ca 1804 Butler Co. KY. On Census of 1810, 1820 and 1830 but not after.
 3. _____ Ewing (male) on the Butler Co. KY Census 1810, 1820, not named.
 4. **John R. Ewing**, the 4th child of James and "Polly" Ewing:

"Private in the Black Hawk War, Indian Country, ILL., died April 19, 1897, aged 90 yrs. 3 mo. 2 days" is on his tombstone in Galena, KS just across the state line from Joplin, MO. His last wife, **Susan (Patterson) Coley Ewing** is buried beside him b 2 Dec 1827 d 9 Aug 1913. Dorothy Dillard Hughes found this in March of 1990. She has shared much about her search for this man. We agree he was born 17 Jan 1807. John R. Ewing seems to have married four times. In 1829 when he was on the tax list of Butler Co. Ky he is shown with two daughters between 4 and 15 years. He was then only 21+ years old. Butler Co. KY marriage records show that he married October 1833 Mary "Polly" Cohrons. They moved to Dubuque, Iowa where she is buried. She died 20 June 1836 and Dorothy Dillard Hughes has located her grave there. John R. Ewing then met and married Serena Wolf Gehon 27 October 1836. (She was b 1816 and d 31 May 1866) . We have no names of children other than those by Serena. They had (all born in Iowa):

 - a. **Lorr McD. Ewing** b July 1840 married **Louise O.** (Raised 3 of 4)
 - b. **Pleasant Ewing** b 1842 d 14 April 1864 in Civil War.
 - c. **Mary Elizabeth Ewing** b 17 March 1844 married 3 July 1866 in Iola, Allen Co., KS **Thomas Hughes, SR.** Moved 1872 to New Mexico Territory. They had:
 - i. **Bertha Hughes;**
 - ii. **Frank Hughes;**
 - iii. **Lena R. Hughes** married **Charles O. Cushman;**
 - iv. **Lou Hughes;**
 - v. **Lillian L. Hughes** married **Oscar C. Watson;**
 - vi. **Emma Hughes;**
 - vii. **Mary Elizabeth Hughes** b ca 1879 married **Clarence Ellis French** [grandmother of Jean Myles of Reno, NV] and
 - viii. **Thomas Hughes, Jr.** b ca 1885 married **Rose E. Huntzinger**. They had:
 - (I.) **Robert Claire** b 1907 married 1st) **Verlyn E. Neeley**, married 2nd) **Dorothy Zula Dillard** of Lubbock, TX . Thomas, Jr. and Rose had others listed in Dorothy's Book.
 - d. **Josephus J. Ewing** married Lydia A. Henrich
 - e. **Francis G.F. Ewing** married **Catherine** _____.
 - f. **Hellen P. Ewing**
 - g. **Phineas Ewing** died at 14 years
 - h. **Washington Ewing**
 - i. **Warren Ewing**
 - j. **Marion Ewing**

5. **Florence P. Ewing** b ca 1810 in Butler Co KY. married **William B. Young** 25 March 1837 in Butler Co. KY (marriages).
 6. **William H. Ewing** b. ca 1811 in Butler Co. KY married 26 Sept 1838 **Sarah H. Young** in Logan Co. KY (marriages). He died in Butler Co. Ky in 1848.
 7. **Nathaniel P. Ewing** (in father's will is Nathaniel "D" but has been proven "P") b 4 Oct 1812 in Butler Co. KY married 17 Feb 1836 **Nancy Elmira Young**. Nathaniel P. Ewing died 24 Jan 1876. We do not have the dates for Nancy E. (Young) Ewing. After his father, James, died in 1833 he purchased the home farm and lived there until 1853 when he and his family moved to McLean Co. IL near Pekin in Mt. Hope twp. This family of Nathaniel P. and Nancy (Young) Ewing has been traced in the part "Descendants Of Sally Olin Wright" of a Book on the Olin family sent to us by the Hon. Thomas W. Ewing of Pontiac, IL. Nathaniel P. Ewing and Nancy (Young) Ewing had:
 - a. **Susan Jane Ewing** b 3 August 1839 d 15 July 1926 married **James Palmer**
 - b. **John Henry Ewing** b 18 July 1841 in KY d 19 July 1864 in MO. He was in the 145th Illinois Infantry and died at Rolla, MO.
 - c. **William Watt Ewing** b 6 May 1843 in KY d 1940 married **Sirilla M. Crain** (b 1849 d 1939) He served in the 2nd Illinois Cavalry.
 - d. **Samuel Young Ewing** b 25 Aug 1845 in KY married 1 Sept 1875 **Catherine E. Wright** (daughter of William F. and Electa Wright). Samuel Y. died 5 Mar 1882. Samuel and Catherine Ewing had:
 - i. **Katie S. Ewing** b 7 June 1876 d 11 Jan 1947 married 24 Oct 1900 **Walter Witham**. Two sons, Lawrence and Lyle and a daughter, Eleanor, b 1908 married 1934 James B. Turner.
 - ii. **Nathaniel Porter Ewing** b 12 April 1879 in IL. d 10 Jan 1930 married 1st) 1896 **Florence E. Smith** (1879-Dec 1897) They had :
 - (I.) **Hazel Ewing** b 3 Aug 1897 married 1916 **Kenneth Dye** (2 sons). She died 23 August 1943. Nathaniel Porter Ewing married 2nd) **Jane Ruth Little** (1875-1953). They had:
 - (II.) **Ruth Ewing** b 5 Aug 1901 d 13 Nov 1973 married 1st) **Ralph Connell** had: Jane Connell and Matthew N Connell.
 - (III.) **Samuel Young Ewing** b 19 May 1905 d 20 Oct 1979 married 16 Nov 1930 **Harriet Irish** (b 15 Dec 1908 Atlanta, IL) They had:
 - (A.) **Nathaniel Harry Ewing** b 1 July 1934 Logan Co. IL married Donna Cook and had: Nathaniel H. and Cindy Marie.
 - (B.) **Thomas William Ewing** b 19 Sept 1935 Logan Co., IL married 1st) **Janet Kay Haning** and they had:
 - (1.) **Jane Elizabeth Ewing** b 6 Sept 1965 McLean IL.
 - (2.) **Kathryn Ann Ewing** b 19 Sept 1968 Cook Co. IL.
 - (3.) **Samuel Young Ewing** b 21 July 1970 McLean Co. IL. Thomas married 2nd) **Connie Lupo** 7 Nov 1981. No issue. Three step-children: Christine Lupo Mast (Tim); John Michael Lupo; Stephanie Lupo..
 - e. **Mary F. Ewing** b 6 Nov 1847 in Ky married **Walter Trott**
 - f. **Sara J. Ewing** b 14 Feb 1853 in KY d 30 Jan 1858 IL
 - g. **Nancy E. (Lizzie) Ewing** b 2 Aug 1855 in KY married Calvin W. Crain. They went to Nebraska.
 - h. **James Marieth Ewing**
 - i. **Beverly N. Ewing**
 8. _____ Ewing (female) born and died in Butler Co. on Census to 1830
 9. **Savanah B. Ewing** b ca 1820 in Butler Co. Ky married 14 May 1840 (in Butler Co., Marriages) **William W. Read**. They had 4 children.
 10. **Sarah A. Ewing** b 1822 Butler Co. KY (see 1840-50 Census) married 17 July 1840 **James D. Porter** (Butler Co. Marriages) and had 11 children.
- B. **William Ewing** b ca 1774/5 in Prince Edward Co., VA is the second son of William and Florence (Porter) Ewing. He bought from his siblings - all the land left to them by their father - "after the death of their mother." He paid each of them \$1,000 for their part, sisters Mary Halsey and Peggy Porter were widowed. William Ewing was on the Census 1810, Butler Co. KY and shows: 2 males 16-25, possibly brothers; 26-45 himself; 1 female under 10 (he is not married so this is a niece possibly); 2 females 16-25, possibly his two youngest sisters; and 1 female over 45 which, surely is his mother (Florence Porter Ewing.) It should be noted that the Deed above was dated 1 June 1811 Deed Book A:84. He owned 8 slaves in 1810. It is said he served in War of 1812. William Ewing married in October of 1814 at the age of forty, Rebecca Hay who had, also, come from Prince Edward Co. VA background. William Ewing was also on the 1820 and 1830 Censuses of Butler Co. Ky. and in 1830 he had 1 son under 10; 2 sons 11-16; 1 son 16-18 and himself 45+. There was a female under 10 and 1 female 45+. His wife, Rebecca was said to have died in Davis Co. KY as did William. We do not have his Children.
- C. **Mary "Polly" Ewing** b ca 1777/8 in Prince Edward Co. VA. She married 21 October 1797 **Elijah Halsey**. (sic) The "Memoirs of Captain John M Porter (1839-1884)" written 1872 indicated the name was really HALSELL and that she was the grandmother of Judge Halsell." Polly married in Logan Co., KY. Polly Halsey signed the 1811 Deed in Butler Co. as her husband had died prior to that date. Polly married a second time Jeremiah Thompson and lived in Warren Co. KY.

- D. **Sarah Ewing** b ca 1780 in Prince Edward Co. VA. She married **Thomas E. Stroud** the same year Polly married Elijah Halsey, 1797. Thomas E. Stroud and Sarah had at least one daughter whose identity we know. She is the Florence Stroud who married 3 April 1828 Alney Ewing the eldest son of James and Mary "Polly" (Howard) Ewing who married in 1801. See Alney for their children.
- E. **Samuel Ewing** b ca 1783/4 in Prince Edward Co. VA. It is believed that he may have married twice. "Samuel Ewing married on 4 September 1811, **Betsy Helms**." He would have been 26 that year. Samuel Ewing married "in 1812 **Mary "Polly" Laureance**" (sic). We know that Samuel had at least one daughter, Elisa Ann Ewing who married Samuel C. Porter in 1837 in Butler Co. KY. Samuel Ewing got the land on "Little Muddy Creek" from his father's 1799 will, which became Butler Co. Ky land. The marriages of Samuel Ewing and "his daughter" Elisa Anne Ewing were, all, in Butler Co. KY. Samuel Ewing was on the 1820 Census of Butler Co. KY showing: 2 m -10; 1 m 16-23 and 1 m 26-44; 2 f -10; 1 f 10-15; and 1 f 26-44. He is also on the 1830 Census.
- F. **Margaret "Peggy" Ewing** b ca 1787/8 in Prince Edward Co. VA. She married **David Porter** in Logan Co., KY on 22 August 1808. In the Butler Co. KY Deed A:84 she is a widow as of 1 June 1811 having been married 2 months less than 3 years.
- G. **Nathaniel Ewing** b ca 1790 in Prince Edward Co. VA and was a small boy when his father died in 1799 in, then, Logan Co. KY. He signed the 1811 Deed in Butler Co. (created 1810 from Logan Co. KY) showing that he had had "schooling" as requested in his father's will. He is probably the "male 16-25" living in the household of William Ewing (Jr) his older brother on the 1810 Census. We have not learned any more about him.
- H. **"Betsy" Elizabeth Ewing** b ca 1792/3 in Prince Edward Co. VA signed her own name to the 1811 Deed A:84 in Butler Co. KY. Thus she, too, had been "schooled" according to her father's 1799 will. She was, probably, one female 16-25 in the 1810 Census of Logan/Butler Co. KY. living in the household of William Ewing (Jr.) her brother. We have not learned any more about her.

* On the foregoing pages it had seemed that "Florence (Porter) Ewing" may have died prior to the 1 April 1811 Deed A:84. Some Records have chosen this date saying "she died prior to 1 June 1811." However that is not the case. Larry J. Ewing shared this: Proof that Florence Ewing was still alive on 20 June 1821 is found in Butler Co. Deed Book B:991. It reads in part:

"I, Florence Ewing of Butler Co. KY...for and in consideration of \$114.00 in hand paid by William Ewing, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, sell unto William Ewing a tract of land containing 114 acres by survey 17 June 1817 on Little Muddy Creek in Butler Co. KY." [Evidently she acquired this land as a widow.] It further states "She will, now and at all times defend his right of title of said land other claims." [She clearly did not want to be involved in a suit-is the way I read that.])

attest:

/signed/ Florence Ewing [Seal]

William Hay [4 day Aug 1821]

"X" her mark

Samuel Ewing [8 August 1822]

Recorded 8 August 1822 by Robert Campbell, Clk Ct.

The 1 June 1795 will of her husband William Ewing who died about 1799, had been misinterpreted. His will says, very definitely:

"It is also my desire that my wife should have it in her power to give to any of her children such things as she thinks proper without being called to an account for the same"

Evidently William Ewing (Jr.) had made enough money to buy his siblings part at \$1,000.00 each. After 12 years, conditions had changed, two of the daughters were widowed and some of the sons were more successful, financially, than others.

- III. **Eleanor Ewing** b ca 1755 married 4 December 1778 **John Davidson** in Prince Edward Co. VA. We sincerely believe she is the eldest daughter of James Ewing and Anne (Dunn) Ewing.

We have investigated the names of all parents in Prince Edward Co. VA with last name EWING. This can only be a daughter of James and Anne. John Davison, William Davison and Mary Davison witnessed the 15 Aug 1777 Deed, Book 6:354 to Samuel Ewing and 17 Mar 1783 w/Samuel DB J5 8:176, Jas. Sr. to William Ewing brother to the above Samuel Ewing (we have proven by Wills) and we are confident, sons of James Ewing, Sr. who sold the land. John Davison had to have been 21 by this date so he is not the one who asked William Ewing to be his Attorney at Law in 1789. That John Davidson/Davison was a son of Mary Ewing Davidson daughter of George Ewing, SR. (see Chapter XXIX) and was still age 16-21 on the P.E. CO. Tax in 1787. That John Davidson/Davison was the son of Richard Davidson who died in 1783 as proven by Prince Edward Co. Deeds.

- IV. **Elizabeth Ewing** b ca 1758/9 married **William Davidson** on 21 January 1782 in Prince Edward Co. VA marriages. He is the one mentioned above who witnessed 1777 and 83 Deeds.

We have been unable to find out exactly which Davidson he was. We have bought wills and Deed Indexes and Deeds to try to determine this. We will indicate a few below:

- John Davison sold land in Amelia Co. VA as early as 1744 to George Stawart Deed 2 page 96 and to John Owen 1749 Deed 3 page 282 and to Thomas Scott 1752 Deed 4 p438.

- John Davidson was one of the first in Prince Edward Co. VA (formed 1753/4 from part of Amelia Co. VA) to write a Will in P.E. Co., WB 1 page 7. "Wife Anne, Children, William, Richard, Joshua, Daniel, Elizabeth, George and Ambrose." William and Joshua, sons, were Executors. Recorded 11 June 1754. No son John is indicated.
- **William Davidson first sold land P.E. Co. VA 14 Feb 1758 to Thomas Palmer DB K 1:120-100a. He was over 21 in 1754.
- **Richard Davidson first sold there in about 1764 to Nathan Venable & Co. DB K 3:468, 300 acres, was 21 by then, too.)
- *Joshua Davidson sold land P.E. CO. VA in ca 1764 to Donald Robert & Co. DB K 3:339, 200 ac, over 21 in 1754.
- *Daniel Davidson sold 10 Nov 1761 to Abraham West DB K 2:30, 100 acres.
- *George Davidson sold land, also to Abraham West, 3 October 1764, DB K 3:39100 acres, over 21 in 1764.
- *Ambrose Davidson had only one sale that to James Atkins 9 Jan 1764 DB K 2:223, over 21 in 1764.
- **Richard Davidson married Mary Ewing daughter of George ca 1768 for their son John Davidson was not 21 until 1790. Richard died in 1783 "on his way home from the REV. WAR."
- ***William Davidson wrote his will 16 April 1805, recorded 15 February 1808. "Wife Sarah; Grandsons Jack Davidson, Abner Davidson; Devisee: George Davidson; granddaughter, Sally Davidson, Children: +John, ++Joseph, Anney Thompson (husband Jesse), Nancy Broadway. wit: Jas Blanton. Exr: Joseph, son, John Broadway son-in-law. Note: Sally Davidson married John Blanton 2 Oct 1807 "her father, Wm., consents P.E. Co. VA Marriages".

One John Davidson, who may be the husband of Eleanor Ewing, bought Land In Prince Edward Co. VA ca 1778/9 from Ezekiel Hendrick recorded in DB K 6 p449.

The William Davidson who died in ca 1808 is not the husband of Eleanor unless she died and he married again. It seems unlikely.

However, Abstracts of Rev. War Pension Files furnished us by Anne Kimball indicate the following:

- Joseph Davidson, Mary, #W6977. Lived in Prince Edward Co. VA at enlistment & applied there 24 Sept 1818 aged 63 (born 1755) thus, probably, the second son of William who died 1808 and died there 11 June 1841. He married Mary Broadway 2 Feb 1792. Widow applied 4 Aug 1843 P.E., CO. VA aged 71. "Soldier's brother, William Davidson who enlisted and served with him was taken prisoner at Charleston and after his release died on his way home.
- John Davidson, served as a Dragoon in Lee's Legion in the VA line rec'd a disability Pension from 4 Sept 1794 while a resident of Prince Edward Co. VA and was later paid through the KY Agency but his papers were burned in the War Office Fire of 1800 or 1814.
- Joshua Davison #S1192 Cont and VA line. His name appeared on a list of applicants for invalid pension returned by Virginia to the House of Representatives on 28 Feb 1795. He had served as a Dragoon in Lee's Legion in the Virginia Line and was disabled at Guilford, NC on 15 March 1781. He lived in Prince Edward Co., VA in 1795 and had lived there at enlistment. In 1823 he was a resident of Franklin Co., KY and in 1833 was a resident of Nicholas Co. KY.

CHAPTER XXVIII
Supplement

James Ewing born ca 1730, wife: Martha Wilson
Children: James, Jr., Joseph, Martha and Nancy.
Can not be half-brother to Nathaniel (1693-1748)
Possible "cousin", (brother to Robert & Charles ?)

Amelia Co., VA was created in 1734 from Brunswick and Prince George Counties.
Lunenburg Co., VA was created in 1746 from Brunswick Co. VA
Prince Edward Co. VA was created in 1753/4 from Amelia Co., VA
Charlotte Co. VA was created in 1764/5 from Lunenburg Co., VA
Augusta Co. VA was created from Orange Co. a vast Empire 1734.

At one time Augusta covered land now in states of: W. Va . parts of Kentucky, North Carolina and Virginia. It included Beverly Manor Grants, Borden's Grant, The James River settlement, and Roanoke Grant. Each of these contained hundreds of thousands of acres.

We have purchased either Deeds or Indexes to Deeds of all the Counties listed above for the name EWING. We purchased all the early ones. There are none extant for Brunswick and none in Prince George Co. There is only one in Lunenburg and one in Charlotte Co. Two are in early Augusta-one is William of Rockingham Co. Va and one is Robert and wife, Mary (Baker) Ewing "of Lunenburg Co." who are in the process of moving to Bedford Co. VA. There is one of Amelia Co. VA as of 1753 who is "of Augusta Co. VA as of 1770. This has made for very interesting exploring. Charles Ewing bought and sold. one piece of property in Prince Edward Co. VA.

Here are some of the overlapping facts:

- 1751 (yr. only) Two men named James Ewing on Amelia Co. Tax.
- 1753, 3 February Lunenburg Co. VA Deed Book 3 page 359: (James Ewing is indexed as James Ewing, Jr.)
"James Ewing of Amelia Co. VA purchased of James Lucky of Lancaster Co. VA for £31, 400 acres of land described as being on the Branches of Cub Creek and a Branch called Colhoons (sic Calhoun's) Creek in the county of Lunenburg containing 400 acres beginning at Duggins corner white oak then along Duggins Line north to a Spanish Oak in Thomases Line to an ash on a Branch thence along Colhoons Patten Line to Richardson's corner along his line to the first station."

signed James Lucky
"X" his mark

(In presence of
James McMackey, Andrew Dune
Thoamos (sic Thomas) Coldwell (sic Caldwell)

- 1770, 19 October Charlotte Co., VA Deed Book #2 p418:
"James Ewing of Augusta Co. VA sold to Meredith Kitchings of Charlotte Co., VA in consideration of the sum of £40 paid for 400 acres of land described as being in the Co. of Charlotte on the waters of the middle fork of Cub Creek beginning at a white oak on Richardson's line then along William's line to a corner then along Thomas's Line to Richardson's line to a corner then along said Richardson's line to the beginning." /s/ James Ewing
/w/ William Watson,
Douglas Watson and Isaac Evins
- 1755, 23 January Augusta Co. VA Deed Book 7 page 182:
"Robert and Mary Ewing, his wife, of the County of Lunenburg colony of Virginia of the one part and Benjamin Sterrett of the county of Augusta and colony of Virginia before the sealing of sale paid 5 shillings or 1 pound (but the next Indenture shows the full price etc.)
- 1755, 24 January Augusta Co. VA Deed Book 7 page 183:
"This Indenture between Robert Ewing and Mary his wife of the County of Lunenburg Colony of Virginia and Benjamin Sterrett of the County of Augusta and colony of Virginia for sum of £38.10.0 ...have sold unto Benjamin Sterrett a certain tract of land in the county of Augusta Colony of Virginia containing 160 acres...on a branch of Roan Oak commonly called and known by the name of The Glade Creek, which land was granted unto the said Robert Ewing by Patent bearing the date 15 December 1749 of Record in the Secretary's Office at Williamsburg, ...beginning at a white oak and north and east by the mouth of a large spring, and north and west by the head of a spring" etc. (no names of persons are included in this description of the property). It is signed
witnesses/
James Calhoun
Joseph Long
Robert Ewing [SEAL]

William Sayers
 Hugh Calhoun
 Patrick Calhoun

"At a court held 21 August 1755 this release for land indented from Robert Ewing to Benjamin Sterret was in Open Court proved by oath of Patrick & James Calhoun,"

- 1755, 26 May 1755 Augusta Co. VA Deed Book 7 page 185:
 "...And whereas the said Mary cannot conveniently travel to our County Court of Augusta,..the said Mary shall be willing to make before you of the Conveyance aforesaid (i.e. Zachary Isbell, Samuel Harstone and Richard Callaway) who are commanded to go personally to the said Mary and Receive her acknowledgment of the same and to be examined privately and apart from the said Robert Ewing and when you have received her acknowledgment and examined aforesaid that you ...and openly certify as there of in our Court, witness Ben Howard Clerk of Our county Court of Bedford 27 May 1755.
 BY VIRTURE of this Commission etc. she, Mary, did freely and voluntarily without his (Robert's) persuasion or threats and she was willing. The same should be recorded in this court given under our hand and seals this 26 May 1755."
 /signed/ Zachary Isbell and Samuel Hanstone.

QUESTION:

Although Robert Ewing received a grant of land in Augusta Co. VA in 1749, he is never known to have lived on it. He is "of Lunenburg Co. VA" in which Co. the only EWING to have bought land was James Ewing who went to Augusta Co. to live. Both Robert and Charles were married as of 1750 (will of Caleb Baker 24 Nov 1750).

Did Robert Ewing live for a time on the land that was purchased in Lunenburg Co. VA by James Ewing in 1753?

Did Charles Ewing live there until he bough land in Prince Edward Co. VA then in Bedford Co. VA?

- 1755 "Tithables Between Bush and Buffalo Rivers" in, now, Prince Edward Co. VA as listed in Tyler's Quarterly Magazine showed a James Ewing and a Joshua Ewing together, evidently in the same residence. See page 238. James, twin son of Nathaniel Ewing would have been 23 years old that year. Whether it is that James or James who bought land in 1753 is not known but we know that twin, James, bought his first land in 1757. We believe that the Joshua Ewing who was *on* the tax is Joshua born ca 1732/6- in London Britain twp. Chester Co. PA son of John Ewing, Jr. a son of "old" John and Jennet McIlvenny Ewing. See page 64.

As shown previously the man who became James Ewing, Sr. was the only James Ewing on the 1754 tax record in Prince Edward Co. VA.

- (1754-1758) Book I Court Order Books, Prince Edward Co. VA found in VA State Archives microfilmed Records. Two suits by James Ewing but no way to tell which one.
- (1759-1765) Book 2 same, page 45:
 "Joshua Ewing vs John Caldwell, Assault & Batt (Feb 1760)" is the only reference to be found in either Amelia or Prince Edward Co. VA , to Joshua Ewing of the 1755 tax.
- 1761, 10 Feb James Ewing "of Staunton, VA" defendant re bond this date, in Prince Edward Co. VA suit is dated March, 1784. James Ewing was called a "Chapman" i.e. Peddler or Travelling Salesman, Merchant.
- 1760, 10 June Prince Edward Co. VA Deed Book 1 page 134
 "Charles Ewing purchased 200 acres of land part of 400 acres originally granted to Edward Harris on a Creek Called Harris Creek, from Josias Chambers."
- 1761, exact date unknown:
 James Ewing is married to Martha Wilson, daughter of Col John Wilson and Martha Wilson. Col. John Wilson was a member of the House of Burgesses and had children some of whom were Marta married Jas Ewing; Sallie married Crawford; Matthew married Eleanor Mitchell, Capt. Samuel Wilson (unproven). This from VA Gene. Soc. Bulletin #14, pages 223-23.
- 1763, 20 January Prince Edward Co. VA Deed Book 2 page 141
 "Charles Ewing sold 200 acres of land on Harris Creek to Daniel McMain." He appears in Bedford Co. VA later but no one to date has proven exactly when either Robert or Charles arrived in Bedford Co. VA for no one has found Deeds to land there for either of them. E.W.R. Ewing in CLAN EWING page 247 indicates they both lived in Prince Edward Co. VA until 1761 but the Deeds and Tax Records do not indicate that except for Charles. Robert's wife, Mary Baker, was already in Bedford Co. as early as May of 1755-see Deed that date above.
- 1770 See page 248.
- 1772, 13 February-Augusta Co., VA Deed Book 18 page 101.
 "William Dean to James Ewing for 5 shillings paid by Ewing sold a tract of land containing 252 acres in Beverly Manor in Augusta Co., beginning at Hugh Davis line to James Trotters line to John McCutchions (sic) line on Nathan Lusks line back to Hugh Davis. Land part of 802 acres to Mary Dean late Mary Cook and to Jean and John Cook all descended to Mary Dean the only surviving heir." Signed only by William Dean. on page 103 dated 13 April 1775 Mary Dean releases her dower right. This is the land willed to son, Joseph, by the 1795 will of James Ewing. It had been recorded on 17 March 1772. /w/ Wm. Bowyer, Robt. Reed, Jno. Cawley, Dnl. Kidd

- 1785, 16 August-Augusta Co. VA Deed Book 25 p114.
"John Cunningham attorney for Patt Cunningham and Jane his wife of Wilkes Co. Ga. sells to James Ewing a tract of land in Augusta Co. in Beverly Manor on the waters of Middle River, 150 acres for £50.0.0 bounded by David Cunningham, Sr. and William Trotter to Cunningham's line to Samuel Steel's line and to William Steel's formerly Wm. Bunton's," etc. Witnessed only by recorder.
- 1786, 20 September -Augusta Co. VA Deed Book 25 page 414.
"William Scott of Lincoln Co. VA and James Ewing of Augusta Co. VA...William Scott sells to James Ewing for £192 acre tract of land containing 190 acres being in Augusta Co. VA in Beverly Manor on waters of Middle River by Hugh Davis etc. to the head of a spring etc. etc. by James Ewing's to the beginning." This was a highly irregular piece of land and the description is quite lengthy. This is the land that James Ewing willed to son, James Ewing, Jr. in his 1795 Will. However, on the margin of the Deed is a notation: "Delivered to Joseph Ewing, son of the Grantee this 4th day of January 1800." /w/Jno. David Cunningham, William Sterrett.
- 1786, 20 September -Augusta Co. VA Deed Book 25 page 415.
"William Scott sold to James Ewing 2½ acres joining his above plantation for £10." The same notation appears on the margin of the Deed "Delivered to Joseph Ewing son of Grantee 4 January 1800." witnesses were John Cunningham, David Cunningham and William Sterrett
- 1795, 3 February -Augusta Co. VA wills Book 8 page 244
"To my beloved wife, Martha, 1/3 of all land as long as she lives and other household furnishings and slaves.
To my son James Ewing all lands that William Scott conveyed to me on the East Side of the land I now live on between lands of Philip Singer and James Hathorn and 200 acres joining on the S.W. of James Hathorn and Matthew Wilsons land in Beverly Manor (land to be located with warrant of 500 acres) and ½ of the still and 1/5 of the horses. .
To my son Joseph Ewing the Plantation I purchased of William Dean and now lives upon with ½ of the still and other plenishings etc. 1/5 of horses.
To daughter, Martha, one negro named Benjamin, 1/5 of horses and 1/3 of cattle and 1/3 household plenishings, etc.
To my daughter Nancy, one negro named Frank, 1/5 of the horses and 1/3 of cattle and 1/3 household plenishings.
I have a bond on Frances McCormick for £125 and land I purchased of John Williams on Gauley River to be sold and the money collected with that of McCormicks bond to pay last debts and remainder to be divided between wife, Martha and two daughters." See Land Entry Book-Greenbrier, Ky. page 68-Capt. Jas. Ewing warrant #2228, 1000 acres on branch Gauley.
Witnesses were: Robert Hanna, John McCutchen and William Wilson. Executors were to be Wife, Martha Ewing, John Wilson and Matthew Wilson, Jr. Matthew Wilson, Jr. asked to be excused and James Ewing, Jr. was made one of the Executors in his place. Mathew Wilson, Jr. called James Ewing "Captain Ewing."
/s/ James Ewing [Seal]
The will was probated on 18 October 1796.
Settlement of the estate, inventory etc was not made until 1808.

Census and Tax Records indicate that both James, Jr. and Joseph Ewing remained in the area. Joseph seems never to have married and, his mother lived with him. James and Joseph both were "60-70" in 1830.

We were unable to find a will for Martha Ewing. It is our belief that Nancy Ewing married William Scott for there are land transactions between them and James Ewing, Jr.

The following are Deeds in Augusta Co. VA that seem to be related to this family. We have bought many and do not list below those pertaining to other families. All Augusta Co. Deed Books:

- Book 1-A page 299 (B & S) dated 1800, April 2 "Heirs of James Ewing to Samuel King."
- Book 48 page 441 (B & S) dated 1826, January 28, "John D. and Drusilla Ewing to Samuel Finley."
- Book 50 page 513 (Assignment) dated 1828, Oct 30 "Joseph Ewing to John Randolph"
- Book 58 page 459 (B&S) dated 1837, August 7, "Allen Ewing to Jeremiah Cross.

There are deeds concerning the "Executors of Martha Ewing dated 1856, Sept 26 and Oct 15" Whether they are the unmarried daughter of James Ewing, Sr. "Captain" is not known.

After long years of studying the three men named James Ewing (who were all at one time in Amelia Co. VA) it is my earnest belief that this James Ewing who married Martha Wilson is close kin to Robert Ewing who married Mary Baker and Charles Ewing who married Martha Baker daughters of Caleb Baker who lived in Amelia/Prince Edward Co. VA wrote his will 1750 in Amelia Co; d -1754 in P.E. Co.