

## ***Ewing Settlers of Southwestern Pennsylvania Part 1: Some James Ewing of Inch Descendants***

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Scant information is available about the two dozen or so Ewing families who settled Southwestern Pennsylvania in the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Some of the available information is flat-out wrong. Some of it is incomplete and internally inconsistent. Some of it is poorly documented. Most of it is focused on one or two families with tantalizing comments about possible, but unexplored, relationships to other Ewing settler families.

This is the first in a series of articles intended to correct this situation. The information in these articles comes from first integrating the conclusions of several Ewing researchers, all the while recording sources, noting inconsistencies which could not be immediately resolved, and posing questions to guide further research. The result was then augmented, clarified and validated by consulting a variety of primary sources (Wills, Family Bible Records, etc.), a half dozen or so cemetery readings, and several miscellaneous sources (for example, the 1798 Allegheny County Tax Rolls), as well as by analyzing Federal Census Records for 1790 through 1880.

The overall intent is to create a well-documented, broad record that exposes inter-relationships among the Ewing settlers, provides a sense of their motivations, describes how they coped with the difficulties they encountered, and generally gives a sense of their lives. Initial articles will establish a "lay of the land" by identifying, inter-relating and discussing several Ewing settler groups. Later articles will address genealogical conundrums and provide sociological information about the settlers' lives.

This first article focuses on a very small part of Southwestern Pennsylvania – current-day Collier, Moon, North Fayette and Robinson Townships in current-day Allegheny County – and one Ewing settler group – six brothers, cousins and nephews<sup>1</sup> who are descendants of the James Ewing who lived on Inch Island (Lough Swilley), County Donegal, Ulster, Ireland, at the turn of the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

### **British Isle Settlers of Southwestern Pennsylvania**

Many English, Scottish and Scots-Irish families settled Southwestern Pennsylvania in the period between the end of the French and Indian War (in 1763) through the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. A very rough, "eyeball" scan of the 1790 Census for that part of Allegheny County taken from Washington County indicates that approximately two-thirds of this area's settlers were in these ethnic groups. One can, again very roughly, assume that this reflects the percentage of British Isle settlers of Southwestern Pennsylvania in general.

An early presence was created by trappers who established cordial, mutually-beneficial relationships with the local Indian tribes. These early trappers left their mark through geographical-feature names such as Campbell's Run, Pinkerton's Run, Riddle's Run and Robinson's Run. From these names, we

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<sup>1</sup> I have not yet had time to work on the distaff side of this Ewing settler group.

can infer that the Scots-Irish were minimally, if at all, involved in this first stage in the settlement of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

A second settlement stage involved the migration of settlers to areas west of the Laurel Mountains in the late 1760's and early 1770's.<sup>2</sup> These settlers established squatter, "tomahawk" claims: claims defined by demarcating their boundaries by notching trees. These claims had no official status, and their conflict with subsequent claims – based on land grants as well as on warrants, surveys and patents from Pennsylvania and, sometimes for the same areas, from Virginia – created some tensions. For example, it is said that George Washington, once he realized the value of the considerable land grants he had received for participating in the French and Indian War, first evicted families inhabiting his land and then invited them to purchase back their squatter, "tomahawk" claims. More often than not, however, disputes were amicably settled with the exchange of money and a firm handshake.

Extensive settlement of Southwestern Pennsylvania began in the very early 1770's, coincident with the formation of Westmoreland County, an event that clearly signaled that the land was open for settlement. Many English and Scottish families "went West" to take advantage of the availability of fertile farm land. They were accompanied by many Scots-Irish families. The migration was in groups, frequently groups of Presbyterians from previous-generation settlements in Southeastern Pennsylvania. For example, Allison reports that: "From 1770 to 1773, some seventeen or more families came from Nottingham Parish (Presbyterian) around Colora, Cecil Country, Maryland, to take up land in the Chartiers watershed."<sup>3</sup>

The families in these Presbyterian groups were extensively inter-related, through decendancy and inter-marriage. Among them were several Ewing families, including not only families with this surname but also families in which the wife was a Ewing. In absolute number, there were very few Ewings; the 1790 Census lists 1079 families in that part of Allegheny County annexed from Washington County but identifies merely seven Ewing families.

However, this misrepresents the participation and influence of Ewings in the settlement of Southwestern Pennsylvania. For example, I am descended from one of the seven Ewing settler families identified in the 1790 Census for that part of Allegheny County annexed from Washington County.<sup>4</sup> However, I can trace my heritage to at least a baker's dozen of the families listed in this part of the 1790 Census, most all of them part of a Presbyterian group that emigrated from Cecil County, Maryland, over a period of about a decade. Presbyterian groups were tightly knit – genealogically, sociologically, religiously and philosophically. The effect of the small number of Ewings was amplified by being part of very influential Presbyterian groups within which they were major "players."

In addition, the presence and effect of the Ewing settlers was further amplified during a third settlement stage when cousins and nephews followed the second-stage Ewings starting in the late-1770's. These third-stage settlers had a noticeable effect on the area's evolution, roughly in 1810, from being a federation of self-reliant, self-sufficient farms to being a collection of towns, populated by specialized

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<sup>2</sup> The Laurel Mountains are in the rolling countryside of the Ligonier Valley in north-central West Virginia. Prior to the early 1770's, these mountains demarcated the western edge of the area approved for settlement.

<sup>3</sup> Allison, Milton M. *Robinson Run Sketches: Pioneers John and Martha McDonald*. Pennsylvania Historical Magazine, Vol. 36, Page 39.

<sup>4</sup> James Ewing (1733-1825) and his wife Mary McKown (1739/40-1825).

service providers (tanners, weavers, blacksmiths, spinsters, etc.) and both led and governed by the community rather than by the church (for example, towns with constables and teachers).

## **Allegheny County, Pennsylvania**

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, is currently bounded on the north by Butler County, on the east by Westmoreland County, on the south by Washington County, and on the west by Washington and Beaver Counties. It was originally established 24 September 1788, partially from a part of the previously established Westmoreland County and partially from land in northwestern Pennsylvania which had not previously been included in any Pennsylvania counties. Allegheny County originally comprised all the land north and west of the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers; it originally extended north and west to Lake Erie. Early the next year, 1789, part of Washington County was annexed and added to Allegheny County. This established that part of Allegheny County which is south of the Ohio River. Allegheny County was subsequently reduced, somewhat drastically, by the formation of several counties (Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Crawford, Erie, Mercer, Venango and Warren Counties, as well as parts of Clarion and Indiana Counties) from the northern 75% or so of the original Allegheny County.

For administrative and governance purposes, and sometimes for purely political reasons, counties in Pennsylvania are divided into townships which, in turn, are divided into boroughs and towns. When Allegheny County was established, it was originally divided into seven townships. Moon Township is the original township pertinent to this article. Over the years, Moon Township was reduced to its current boundaries by the carving out of new townships which were then often later split into smaller townships. This article concerns four current-day townships – Collier, Moon, North Fayette and Robinson – that resulted from the township-formation court degrees over the first half of the 1800's. In this article, we refer to the area comprising these four townships as the *Settlement Area*.<sup>5</sup>

## **Settlers Descended from James Ewing of Inch**

This initial article concerns six Ewing families who helped settle the Settlement Area and have proven to be descendants of James Ewing of Inch.<sup>6</sup> More of his descendants will undoubtedly be identified, not only for the narrowly-defined Settlement Area, but also for Allegheny County and Southwestern Pennsylvania in general. In particular, I expect that there are several female descendants of James Ewing of Inch who migrated to the Settlement Area in the late 1700's with their husbands. In addition, a slew of Ewings settled Beaver, Indiana and other Counties to the north, Fayette County to the east and Washington County to the south. Some may be descendants of James Ewing of Inch. Others are possibly (distant) cousins. In any event, they are part of the Ewing Settlement of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

The following abbreviated descendency chart identifies these six James Ewing of Inch descendants, highlighting their inter-relationships and identifying their immediate descendants. In the chart, "+"

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<sup>5</sup> When not qualified, place names in this article are those which are currently used. For example, "Moon Township" refers to the current-day Moon Township whereas "Moon Township as originally defined" refers to this township as it was established coincident with the creation of Allegheny County.

<sup>6</sup> My personal work focuses primarily, but not exclusively, on James Ewing (1733-1825), his brother Moses (1725/26-1798/1814) and his nephew Alexander (1740-1798) as well as their descendants. I have worked on the other Ewing settlers, but for them I have integrated the extensive information I have received from others (after checking of its validity to at least some degree).

indicates a marriage and "..." indicates uncles, aunts and siblings that have been omitted either because it is known that they settled some other area (for example, Ohio) or because it is uncertain where they resided.

The chart extends, first, to the level of the first person along a particular branch who migrated to the Settlement Area; these settlers are indicated in **text displayed with a gray background**. The chart then identifies these settlers' children with the intent of helping others place their ancestors with respect to the individuals identified here.

Annotations for each Ewing settler family briefly describe the timing of their movement into the Settlement Area and where in this area they settled. Annotations in the chart also identify families descended from these settlers. This is done by listing surnames and middle names for descendants. A Surnames list indicates families which inter-married with the Ewings; the appearance of Ewing in a Surnames list indicates the (frequent) inter-marriage of cousins. A Middle Names list indicates the appearance of middle names – primarily first showing up in the middle 19<sup>th</sup> Century – that were possibly surnames in previous generations.<sup>7</sup> The identification of middle names is intended to provide often-valuable ancestry hints. For example, "Harvey" was a surname within the late-1700, early-1800 population of the Settlement Area. Its appearance as a middle name in the middle-1800's hints at some descendancy from these previous-generation families.<sup>8</sup> The Surnames and Middle Names lists are provided to establish an additional way to help others connect their ancestry to the individuals identified here.

**James Ewing of Inch Island (Lough Swilley), County Donegal, Ulster, Ireland**

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— **Alexander Ewing**, b. circa 1693/94 County Donegal, Ulster, Ireland, d. before 21 Jul 1752 Chester Co, PA

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— **Moses Ewing**, b. circa 1725/26; d. between 1798 and 1814 Allegheny Co, PA  
never married

Moses most certainly joined his younger brother, James, in migrating to Southwestern Pennsylvania about 1773. Like his brother, he homesteaded land in Collier Township. While alive, he rented part of his approximately 400 acre homestead; having no sons, he needed help in working the land. At his death, Moses left his land to his brother James.

— **Alexander Ewing**, b. 1731, d. 1799

+ Jane <unk>

— **Alexander Ewing**, b. 1740; d. Aug 1798 Allegheny Co, PA  
m. 28 Nov 1775 Franklin Co, PA

**Jean Anderson**, b. circa 1748 Franklin Co, PA; d. circa 1833 Allegheny Co, PA

Prior to moving to Allegheny County, Alexander lived in Adams County, Pennsylvania. He was a teamster and hauled goods back and forth between Eastern Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh area. He moved to the Allegheny County area about 1779 and settled in North Fayette Township on land to the west of land owned by Isaac and Gabriel Walker (and which he possibly purchased from the Walker's). He was accompanied by his wife and his first two sons, John and Thomas.

— **John Ewing**, b. 9 Sep 1776 Adams Co, PA, d. 5 Nov 1848

+ **Sarah Long**, b. circa 1783, m. 10 Jan 1811, d. between 1850 and 1860

— ... [Surnames: Acheson, Phillis]

<sup>7</sup> The selection of these names is highly subjective. "Margaret" and "William" are obviously *not* possible surnames. "Harvey" is, however, a likely surname because Harvey families lived in Southwestern Pennsylvania (and specifically in the Settlement Area). However, including "Neal" in a Middle Names list is just a guess. "Neil" might be a more normal, current-day spelling. Does "Neal" indicate a possible ancestry? Who knows? Given the ambiguity, I've included it in the pertinent Middle Names list.

<sup>8</sup> Later, these names were sometimes used as first names. For example, my father was born in 1907 and named Harvey Washington Riddle. Other examples include the appearance, mostly in the late 1800's and early 1900's, of "Ewing" and "Walker" as first names.

— **Thomas Ewing**, b. 15 Aug 1778, d. between 1789 and 1798

— **Ann Ewing**, b. 7 Jul 1780 PA, d. between 1850 and 1860 Allegheny Co, PA  
 + **Samuel Turner**, b. circa 1770 PA, m. Nov 1803, d. between 1850 and 1860 Allegheny Co, PA  
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— **James Ewing**, b. 19 Aug 1782, d. between 1789 and 1798

— **William Ewing**, b. 14 Feb 1785 Allegheny Co, PA, d. 13 Dec 1868 Allegheny Co, PA  
 + **Jane Walker**, b. 1784 Allegheny Co, PA, m. 12 May 1808, d. 5 Apr 1852 Allegheny Co, PA  
 — ... [Surnames: Armor, Bell, Collins, Daub, Drake, Dunbar, Evans, Fife, Gibson, Glass, Grace, Hays, Hopper, Keebler, Kelly, Kyle, Langer, LaVelle, Loraine, Maslin, McKown, McMichael, McWhirler, Miller, Neely, Pericord, Richards, Riddle, Robinson, Rovensky, Russell, Snyder, Taylor, Turner, Wagner, Walker, Watson, Williams, Wooldridge]  
 ... [Middle Names: Abercrombie, Beer, Bell, Cromwell, Ewing, Lisle, McClelland, Neely, Nelson, Orr, Parker, Perry, Rovensky]

— **Margaret Ewing**, b. 16 Apr 1787, d. after 1807  
 + **George Buxton**, m. 16 Apr 1807

— **Jane Ewing**, b. 10 Jul 1790, d. between 1790 and 1798

— ... [Surnames: Billingsley]

**James Ewing**, b. 1733 Cecil Co, MD; d. 20 Feb 1825 Allegheny Co, PA  
 m. 28 Jan 1771

**Mary McKown**, b. 1739/40; d. 30 Nov 1825 Allegheny Co, PA

James Ewing went West about the time (1773) that Westmorland County was created from Bedford County. He was accompanied by his wife, Mary McKown, and first son, William. He was also probably accompanied by his brother Moses. It is probable that he first settled land along Montours Run, near its mouth with the Ohio River, in the area that became known as Ewing's Mill. His 1814 Will refers to "land on Montours Run adjoining David Smith, William Holland and a second parcel held by patent on which are both a Grist Mill and Saw Mill lying (together, my whole claim on the waters of Montours Run)." He subsequently homesteaded – with the assistance of several slaves to help clear his land and erect improvements – some 680 acres in the area near Walker's Mill in Collier Township. Later, he purchased an additional 350-or-so acres from Robert Boyd, this land lying between his original homestead and the land of Isaac Walker. He apparently also owned some land in North Fayette Township, to the west of the Walker's, that he transferred to his cousin Samuel Ewing (1741-1820).

— **William Ewing**, b. 1 Dec 1771 Caroline Co, MD, d. 23 Jun 1845 Allegheny Co, PA

+ **Elizabeth Kirkpatrick**, b. circa 1766, m. before 1789, d. 18 Mar 1843  
 — ... [Surnames: Allen, Botkin, Burns, Cunningham, Dawson, Gehring, Grace, Groetzinger, Harbison, Hoey, Hooper, Jamison, King, Kuby, Kyle, LaVelle, Marple, McClelland, McFadden, Miller, Nesbit, Noble, Phillips, Rae, Rovensky, Scott, Smoose, Stockdale, Stroud, Talcot, Turner, Walker, Watson, Williams, Wills, Woods, Wooldridge, Young]  
 ... [Middle Names: Abercrombie, Beacom, Beer, Bell, Cromwell, Cunningham, Denniston, Duncan, Emery, Finley, Guy, Humphrey, Lisle, Marks, McFadden, Munson, Neely, Plumer, Rovensky, Russell, Stewart, Woods, Young]

— **Samuel J. Ewing**, b. 3 Aug 1773 Allegheny Co, PA, d. 29 Aug 1822 Allegheny Co, PA

+ **Letitia Ann McCurdy**, b. 23 Nov 1774 Adams Co, PA, m. 13 Nov 1793, d. 18 Dec 1881 Armstrong Co, PA

— ... [Surnames: Andrews, Berry, Blakely, Campbell, Curtis, Dennis, Erdman, Farrar, Fisher, Fitzpatrick, Flack, Gay, Hart, Hill, Koenig, Laney, Lazenby, Mathison, McCandless, McComb, McKee, Means, Morton, Seybert, Shallberg, Shearer, Tate, Thompson, Tidwell, Virtue, West, Wilson, Wray]  
 ... [Middle Names: Boyd, Buchanan, Calvin, Draper, Grant, Harvey, Herrick, Moreland, Records, Smith, Walker]

— **Alexander K. Ewing**, b. 2 Nov 1775 Allegheny Co, PA, d. between 12 May 1841 and 19 Mar 1841 Allegheny Co, PA

+ **Martha Larimore**, b. between 1776 and 1780, m. before 1792, d. 16 Aug 1834 Allegheny Co, PA

— ... [Surnames: Adams, Addis, Barrett, Barwick, Besserer, Bisi, Booth, Calohan, Cherry, Cole, Covey, Cubbage, Cunningham, Deemer, Doolittle, Douglas, Fissell, Fletcher, Grier, Guy, Haigh, Hill, Hulf, Hunt, Hysell, Jeffrey, Lehman, Kress, Manion, Marshall, McCluskey, McCormick, McCutcheon, McIntyre, McMillan, Murdock, Panella, Quinn, Rhodabarger, Riley, Ryall, Smith, Spangler, Standish, Stewart, Townley, Weidlein, Williams, Wolhlmuth, Woods, Zimmerman]  
 ... [Middle Names: Cobb, Cunningham, Emberson, Fisher, Grier, Guy, Johnson, Keiler, Patterson, Ryall, Wallace]

+ **Nancy Cubbage**, b. Allegheny Co, PA, m. 31 Jan 1839, d. between Mar 1844 and Oct 1847

— **Elizabeth Ewing**, b. 1777, d. 1819

+ **Mark Kelso**, b. 1769 Cumberland Co, PA, m. 1795, d. 1853 Washington Co, PA

— ... [Surnames: Allison, Betts, Boyce, Burns, Cleek, Cowden, Cowen, Cummins, Cummings, Digregorio, Donaldson, Dunbar, Elder, Finley, Gamble, Gilmore, Gregg, Harbison, Heagan, Heakin, Hertzog, Hickman, Kelso, Kuhn, Mark, Matthews, McCarrell, McClelland, McDonald, McGhee, McKnight, McLaughlin, McMillan, McNary, Miller, Mitchell, Motice, Parks, Peacock, Phillips, Rankin, Reed, Rhodes, Robb, Scott, Springer, Smith, Thompson, Vogel, Waldie, Weir, Welch, Wilkison, Wilson, Young]  
 ... [Middle Names: Anderson, Cowden, Findley, Hunter, McCormick, Rankin, Thompson]

— **Esther Ewing**, b. between 1777 and 1778 Allegheny Co, PA, d. 7 Sep 1854 Allegheny Co, PA

+ **James Boyd**, b. 1770, m. circa 1795, d. 4 Sep 1809 Allegheny Co, PA

— ... [Surnames: Alexander, Bash, Berry, Bridge, Buchanan, Caldwell, Campbell, Chambers, Combs, Cooper, Crawford, Cresswell, Critchfield, Drummond, Fife, Fleming, Fulton, Gordon, Gurney, Herriott, Hill, Jack, Jones, Kerr, Knox, Laing, Leach, Lillich, McConnell, McCracken, McLaughlin, McKenna, McKenzie, Mehaffey, Miller, Nonamaker, Orr, Patterson, Peterson, Phillips, Polk, Reed, Riley, Roach, Russell, Seward, Shaw, Shryock, Smith, Taylor, Thomas, Walker, West, Whitehouse, Wilson, Yates, Zonns]  
 ... [Middle Names: Bell, Boyd, Caldwell, Carter, Davison, Ellwood, Fleming, Forsythe, Harris, Holton, Johnson, Newton, Reed, Sherman, Sterling, Walker, Wilson]

— **Ann Ewing**, b. 25 Jan 1779 Allegheny Co, PA, d. 28 Jan 1862 Allegheny Co, PA

+ **Isaac Walker**, b. 15 Aug 1780 Allegheny Co, PA, m. 7 Jul 1808 Allegheny Co, PA, d. 25 Jun 1850 Allegheny Co, PA

— ... [Surnames: Abbott, Anderson, Bayerbach, Bell, Blose, Boobyer, Boyd, Breneman, Brownlee, Burkett, Calvert, Chalfant, Clark, Cooke, Cooper, Douds, Felkes, Godfrey, Gordon, Herron, Hickman, Hidge, Hill, Hutton, Irvin, Johnston, Kress, Kyle, Lawther, Leonard, Logan, Madden, Mahon, Marple, McBride, McConnell, McKown, Michaelian, Miller, Moore, Morledge, Oehm, Peyton, Proctor, Schantz, Scott, Scudder, Shorey, Sidler, Stewart, Sturgeon, Tereleine, Thayers, Thomas, Thompson, Walker, Weaver, Webb, Wendt, Westbay, Wilson, Young, Zenn]  
 ... [Middle Names: Addison, Allen, Bell, Calvin, Edison, Ewing, Harvey, Hickman, Howard, Kress, LeRoy, Lewis, McConnell, Neely, Scott, Verne, Vernon, Walker, Weir]

— **Mary Ewing**, b. 1780 Allegheny Co, PA, d. after 1850 Allegheny Co, PA

+ **John Fryor**, b. between 1779 and 1780 Ireland, d. after 1850 Allegheny Co, PA

— ... [Surnames: Lea]

— **James Ewing**, b. 1788 Allegheny Co, PA, d. 6 Nov 1839 Allegheny Co, PA

+ **Lilly <unk>**, b. circa 1785, m. after 1820, d. 29 May 1821

+ **Rebecca Robb**, b. between 1804 and 1805 Allegheny Co, PA, m. before 1826, d. 1884

— ... [Surnames: Cowden, Ewing, Fleck, Flynn, Gallagher, Greenleaf, Harrington, Hilley, Husted, Issacs, Miller, Morgan, Phillips, Riddle, Schmidt, Taylor, Ward, Woods]  
 ... [Middle Names: Bell, Calvin, Clinton, Ellis, Harvey, Keeley, McCurdy, Milford, Ross, Saudray, Stockton, Washington, Wilson, Woods.]

— **John P. Ewing**, b. 1789 Allegheny Co, PA, d. before 1830 Allegheny Co, PA

+ **Elizabeth Walker**, m. before 1829

— ... [Surnames: Ewing]

— ... [Surnames: Bullard, Chamberland, Chow, Cowgill, Eaton, Ewing, Hartman, Kerns, Long, McClellan(d), McFarland, Osborn, Reyburn, Snow, Stanton, Strawbridge, Swan, Tarvin, Tice, Townsley, Roberts]

— ... [Middle Names: Neal, Wright]

+ **Anne Joshua**, m. after 1745

— **Samuel Ewing**, b. 1700 County Donegal, Ulster, Ireland, d. 10 Feb 1773 Cecil Co, MD

+ **Rebecca George**, m. 9 Dec 1740 PA, d. Cecil Co, MD

— **Samuel Ewing**, b. 1741; d. 24 Jul 1820 Allegheny Co, PA  
 m. before 1775

— **Mary Oldham**, b. circa 1750; d. circa 1825 Allegheny Co, PA

Samuel Ewing and his wife Mary Oldham started out their married life in Cecil County, Maryland. They may have moved to Allegheny County in steps, stopping in Redstone, near Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. They were living in North Fayette Township by the time of the 1800 Census but not, as well as can be determined, at the time of the previous 1790 Census. Their son Amos had married by the time of the 1800 Census and is listed separately. Samuel and his son probably settled on land near the current town of Oakland in North Fayette Township that he obtained from his cousin James Ewing (1733-1825).

— **Amos Ewing**, b. 15 Jun 1776, d. 21 Apr 1855 Allegheny Co, PA

+ **Letitia Potter**, b. 1776, m. circa 1795, d. 1855 Allegheny Co, PA

— ... [Surnames: Carmony, Cole, Coulter, Crone, Day, Dobbs, Falls, Foote, Galbreath, Gregg, Hirsch, Hutchinson, Long, McNeal, Miller, Reed, Smith, Stewart, Stuart, Sturgeon, Thompson]  
 ... [Middle Names: Cole, Galbreath, Walker]

— **William Ewing**, b. circa 1778, d. Beaver Co, PA

— **Rachael Ewing**, b. circa 1784  
+ **<unk> Ralston**, m. after 1810

— **Rebecca Ewing**, b. circa 1784  
+ **John Dunlap**, m. after 1810

— **Samuel Ewing**, b. between 1785 and 1790, d. Aug 1822 Columbiana Co, OH  
+ **Nancy Ann Franks**, b. 1784, m. 1 Jul 1818 Columbiana Co, OH, d. 1870 OH  
└ ... [Surnames: Benner, Brown, Burbick, Forbes, McPherson, Patterson, Williams]  
└ ... [Middle Names: Otis]

— **Hannah Jane Ewing**, b. between 1785 and 1790, d. 1873 Allegheny Co, PA  
+ **Jacob Whitmore**, b. circa 1791, m. 1812 Allegheny Co, PA, d. 1 Apr 1875 Allegheny Co, PA  
└ ... [Surnames: Brown, Campbell, Finley, Fritz, McCalmont, Meanor, Stonecipher, Tidball]  
└ ... [Middle Names: Lathrop]

— **Mary Ewing**, b. circa 1790  
+ **Gabriel McGregor**, m. after 1820

└ ... [Surnames: Clendennin, Patton, Steel]

— **Henry Ewing**, b. before 11 Aug 1701 County Donegal, Ulster, Ireland, d. before 7 Jan 1782 Chester Co, PA  
+ **Jane Allen**, b. Ireland, m. Ireland, d. Chester Co, PA

— **James Ewing**, b. 1725 Ireland, d. Chester Co, PA  
+ **Eleanor <unk>**, b. Chester Co, PA, m. Chester Co, PA, d. Chester Co, PA

— **Moses Ewing**, b. circa 1760 Chester Co, PA; d. 6 Apr 1845 Allegheny Co, PA  
m. before 1800  
**Sophia Chapman**, b. between 1766 and 1770 Allegheny Co, PA; d. 11 May 1837 Allegheny Co, PA

Like his second cousin Alexander Ewing (1740-1798), Moses became attracted to Southwestern Pennsylvania while a teamster hauling freight between Pittsburgh and Eastern Pennsylvania. He migrated to the area in 1792 and eventually settled, some fifteen years later, some 180 acres in Robinson Township.

— **Leah Ewing**, b. circa 1794 PA, d. between 1850 and 1860  
+ **John McMichael**, b. circa 1794 PA, d. between 1850 and 1860  
└ ... [Surnames: Armor, Ewing, Fife]

— **James Ewing**, b. 11 Sep 1800 Allegheny Co, PA, d. 17 Nov 1890 Allegheny Co, PA  
+ **Annie McCurdy**, b. 16 Dec 1796 Allegheny Co, PA, m. circa 1824, d. 16 Dec 1835 Allegheny Co, PA  
└ ... [Surnames: King, Verner]  
+ **Margaret Deemer Rouser**, b. 22 Feb 1803, m. circa 1840, d. 10 Apr 1875  
└ ...

— **Samuel Ewing**, b. between 1802 and 1803, d. after 1839  
+ **<unk>**

— **John Ewing**, b. between 1804 and 1805, d. after 1839  
+ **<unk>**

— **Daniel Ewing**, b. 23 Mar 1807, d. after 1840

— **Ellen Ewing**, b. 27 Apr 1812

└ ... [Surnames: Watt]

└ ... [Surnames: Armstrong, Catchell, Ewing, Lisey, Ryland, Scott]

— **William Ewing**, b. circa 1706/7 Ireland, d. 30 Nov 1774 Cumberland Co, PA  
+ **Jane Gordon**, m. 1750

— **Samuel Ewing**, b. Feb 1750/51 Chester Co, PA; d. 1805 Allegheny Co, PA  
m. circa Apr 1773  
**Jean Neal**, b. circa 1758; d. <unk>

Samuel and Jean (Neal) Ewing moved from Perry County to Southwestern Pennsylvania prior to the birth of their son John in 1798. At the time of his death in 1805, Samuel's family lived in Moon Township; this is probably where he originally settled. It appears that after

Samuel's death, his family relocated to Beaver County to live near Samuel's brother James. It is most likely that this James settled in Beaver County prior to his brother's death. Alternatively, however, James may have moved to Beaver County at the time of his brother's death to support his sister-in-law, Samuel's wife Jean, and her young, minor children.

— **Mary Ewing**, b. Perry Co, PA  
+ **William Morgan**

— **Isabella Ewing**, b. Perry Co, PA

— **Jean Ewing**

— **Margaret Ewing**, b. Perry Co, PA

— **Susanna Ewing**, b. Perry Co, PA

— **Sarah Ewing**, b. Perry Co, PA

— **William Ewing**, b. 7 Oct 1775 Perry Co, PA, d. 27 Jun 1856 Wayne Co, OH  
+ **Agnes White**, b. 8 Dec 1775 Perry Co, PA, m. 1795 Perry Co, PA, d. 13 Jan 1846 Wayne Co, OH  
└ ... [Surnames: Barnard, Bechtel, Becker, Billman, Brinkerhoff, Brothers, Cornelius, Crawford, Cutter, Daniels, Dunn, Duplantis, Fry, Glass, Houmard, Howey, Huber, Keller, Kline, Lingle, Maxwell, McLaughlin, Pomeroy, Ramsey, Reed, Reese, Rhodes, Richards, Roseborough, Stanley, Testor, Totten, Wachtel, Walters]  
... [Middle Names: Carpenter, Cleveland, Curtis, Delmar, Gilbert, Snow, Stone, Valandingham]

— **John Ewing**, b. circa 1798 Allegheny Co, PA, d. 22 Oct 1863 Beaver Co, PA  
+ **Sarah Furgeson**, b. 12 Feb 1795, m. circa 1817, d. 6 Aug 1881 Beaver Co, PA  
└ ... [Surnames: Carothers, Kiefer, McCollough]

— **Samuel Ewing**

└ ... [Surnames: Anderson, Eaken, Hagan, Hunt, Kennedy, Lindsey, Munnell, Rearick, Richeal, Stevenson, Sweezy, Wilson, Wood]  
... [Middle Names: Snyder]

└ ... [Surnames: Cowden, Yeates]

## Sources

I have used many primary sources (Wills, Estate Administration Filings, Guardianship Petitions, etc.) in my personal research concerning James Ewing (1733-1825), his brother Moses (1725/26-1798/1814) and his nephew Alexander (1740-1798). In addition, I have analyzed, verified and integrated information developed by many others to arrive at what is presented here. This includes information developed by Dennis Ardinger, David Neal Ewing, James Gilbert Ewing, Madjesia Ewing, Margaret Ewing Fife, Jane (Ewing) (Rovensky) Grace, Jerry Leeper, Linda McCalmont, Jane McCandless, Dorothy Parry, Kriss Replogle, Leona Scott, Irene Taylor and Jean Walker. It also includes information I have received from the many, *many*, others I have interacted with over the past 30-or-so years. Finally, I have relied on cemetery readings, other primary sources, and my personal analysis of the Federal Census Records of 1790 through 1880 for Allegheny County and, in a few cases, nearby counties.

## For More Information

A more complete version of the descendency chart appears on my WebSite: [www.WmERiddle.com](http://www.WmERiddle.com). Over time, this more complete version will be expanded to treat all of Southwestern Pennsylvania rather than just the Settlement Area treated here. At the moment, however, the more complete version: identifies the Ewing settlers' uncles, aunts and siblings that have been omitted in this article (but noted by the use of "..."); provides more extensive discussions of the Ewing settler families as well as, in many cases, annotations for the settlers' children that discuss their residency in Southwestern Pennsylvania and their lives; and explicitly lists my sources.

Also posted on my WebSite are various other reports related to the Ewings who settled Southwestern Pennsylvania. In particular, detailed descendency and *Journal*-style reports for James Ewing (1733-1825) and Alexander Ewing (1740-1798) appear on my WebSite.

## **Please Help**

In these articles, I'll report as much as I can, as quickly as I can, as correctly and coherently as I can, and "proven" by as much solid primary and secondary documentation as I can find and analyze. But I cannot create a complete and accurate accounting of the Ewings who settled Southwestern Pennsylvania merely by myself; as they say "life's too short." Nor can I interconnect all of the possibly-related settlers who settled near by, for example to the south in Washington County, to the east in Fayette County and to the north in Beaver and Indiana Counties. Therefore, I *very much* hope that readers will help me create and verify this emerging record for the Ewing settlers of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

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