

CHAPTER XVI

ESTER EWING married JAMES COWDEN

**ESTER EWING baptised 24 May 1697, married JAMES COWDEN
16 June, 1724, a SISTER to OLD HENRY EWING, to Alexander Ewing,
to John Ewing, to William Ewing and
Mother to Rev. Joseph Cowden et.al.**

Elizabeth (Ewing) Jamison, in Chapter XI page 54, was quoted from a letter she had written. It contained information about the EWING family of her father Samuel Ewing, born 1719, son of OLD JOHN EWING and Jenet McIlvenny of CARNSHANAUGH. Her writing included the family of Ester Ewing who married James Cowden whose daughter Catherine Cowden had married Samuel Jamison. They were the parents of James Jamison who married Elizabeth Ewing who wrote the most valuable information regarding these two families. Elizabeth Ewing Jamison/Jameson's grandson, Samuel S. Jamison of Burnet, Texas wrote a History of the Jamison Family quite well documented. Sallie Jamison also wrote valuable letters regarding these families. Sallie said:

“This record was gotten by Uncle Joseph Beatty Jamison while he was visiting relatives in Pennsylvania and Maryland in 1837.” James Cowden and Ester Ewing were married 16 June 1724 in Ireland.

“John Cowden, first child, born March 30, 1725

Catherine Cowden, Second child, born Nov 10, 1729 (She is the one who married Samuel Jamison)

Maggie Cowden, third child, born May 23, 1733

James Cowden, fourth child, born July 15, 1736

Ester Cowden, fifth child, born October 26, 1738

Joseph Cowden, sixth child, born June 22, 1742

“None of these old traditions tell us any more about Ester Ewing than that she was a sister of OLD UNCLE HENRY EWING, ‘the most pious Christian Gentleman of the age in which he lived’.”

“My great-grandmother married James Cowden and had six children: three boys and three girls. [Named above except Maggie is called Marjorie.] Marjorie married Thomas Parker ... had three children: a daughter Hetty [Ester for her mother] and Robert Parker and Joseph Parker. Joseph Cowden was an Episcopalian Minister.” [That is what I have believed for a long time prior to finding Sallie's statement.]

In Chapter XV, page 119, we presented extracts from the early Tax Lists of East Nottingham Township, Chester Co., PA showing Alexander Ewing, John Ewing and William Ewing near each other. In 1734 Henry Ewing came there and his property becomes Londonderry then Oxford Township quite nearby. In 1737 James Cowden appears on the Tax List of East Nottingham Township and remains there until he moved to his warranted land in Little Britain Township, Lancaster Co., PA. During the time he remained in East Nottingham twp. Chester Co., PA, he was one of the signers of the Administration Bond of Alexander Ewing dated 21 July 1752. He, James, signed the Administration Bond of John Ewing East Nottingham twp. dated 6th March 1754. One John Hathorn signed both, also, but we have been unable to determine who he was. Both Bonds indicated there should be “Orphan's Court Report” one year following the BOND. Sadly, neither man's children are indicated in Orphan's Court Records. However, the sons of John Ewing, deceased prior to 6 March 1754, are easily traced by land Acquisitions and Deeds. John Ewing's Inventory filed 27 March 1754 showed they had Pewter, table linen and candlesticks.

However, it is the opinion of the writer that these people who remained close together for over 20 years were, surely, close friends if not KIN. It is possible that Esther Ewing is sister not only to “OLD HENRY” but to John Ewing who died 1753 on land next to James and Ester Ewing Cowden. John's son Henry who died 1809 is, then, a nephew to Ester Ewing Cowden!

Below are some of the children of Ester (Ewing) Cowden. Several on whom we have found information additional to that of Elizabeth Ewing Jamison and Sallie Jamison.

I. Ester (Ewing) Cowden and James Cowden married 16 June 1724

They had:

- A. **John Cowden/Coudon** b 30 March, 1725. One note given me was that he married a Miss **Brown**. There is a John Coudon in West Fallosfield twp Chester Co., PA 1765/1771. A William Couden died in W. Fallowfield twp., Chester Co. in 1745 who had daughters but only one son, Robert, who inherited the estate and was there, unmarried, also 1765/1771.
- B. **Catherine Cowden** b 10 Nov 1729 married 29 May 1745 **Samuel Jameson** (Jamison) who died 1773 at 48 years. Catherine d in 1784 at age 57. They are buried in Morrison's Graveyard near Hensel (Chestnut Level), Son James married Elizabeth Ewing.
- C. **Maggie Cowden** (Marjorie) b 23 May 1733 married **Thomas Parker**
Had:

1. **Ester Parker**
2. **Robert Parker**
3. **Joseph Parker** who married Marjery and they Had:
 - a. **Robert Parker** b 1 Aug 1790,
 - b. **Samuel Parker** b 6 Apr 1794
 - c. **Joseph Cowden Parker** b 11 Jan 1787
 - d. **Edward Parker**
 - e. **Nancy Parker**
 - f. **Hetty Parker**

The last 3 dates obliterated from "Register of Hartford Co., MD Circuit Methodist Church 1809-76. LDS film #0014132.

- D. **James Cowden, Jr.** 15 July 1736 appears on E. Nottingham tax "freeman" in 1763/4 then as married in 1765. In 1766, he is in W. Nottingham twp. Chester Co., PA.
- E. **Ester Cowden** b 26 Oct 1738. Possibly married 1st **James Corbit** of N. Susq. Hundred, Cecil Co. in 1758/60 and married 2nd **Daniel Corbit** 12 June 1770 and Had:
 1. **James Cowden** b 1772
 2. **Margaret Cowden Corbit** b 6 July 1774, both bapt St. Mary Annes.
- F. **Joseph Cowden/Coudon** b 22 June 1742 and d 14 April 1752.

Erroneous statements have been made in several printed works. ONE in E.W.R. Ewing's *Clan Ewing of Scotland* page 182 says Anne [one of the immigrant siblings to Nathaniel by 2nd wife] "who married Rev. Joseph Crowder (sic) Episcopal clergyman." Anne Ewing was born no later than 1710 for she had her first child about 1725. She married George Gillespie. Thinking, years ago, that it might be that Anne married the father of Rev. Joseph, I wrote to the Episcopal Historical Records Center and received information about Rev. Coudon who served, last, St. Annes Episcopal Church and died in Philadelphia when he was in his "51st year" proving he was born about 1742, Oct not yet reaching his 51st birthday. I have corresponded with Mrs. Joseph Coudon VI. They live in the home called WOODLANDS in Perryville, Maryland. I shared with them the Deed showing Joseph Coudon, Jr. bought this land after he married Ann Stump, daughter of John Stump and Cassandra Stump and granddaughter of William Husbands who made the division line for the sons of Alexander Ewing (1676/7-1738). In the *Annals of the American Pulpit*, Vol. V, page 312 "Joseph Coudon in 1782 became lay reader in North Elk Parish having been previously Master of the Free School in Kent County, MD which, in 1783 became Washington College. In 1784, Joseph Coudon received the degree of Master of Arts. He was a lay member of the Convention of the Diocese, and was prominent in organizing the Church of England, as it was called, as the Protestant Episcopal Church! In 1787 he was admitted to Deacon's Orders by Bishop White, in his forty sixth year, and became the Rector of North Elk Parish. The next year he was put on the Standing Committee holding also a parish in Delaware he was a delegate in the General Convention from that Diocese. He was in Philadelphia when he died 14 April, 1792 in his 51st year leaving a widow and 5 children." Rev. Joseph Coudon was honored at St. Mary Annes Church in North East Maryland in 1987 at the 200th Anniversary of his Ordination there. Washington College, which had conferred on him an honorary Master of Arts Degree in 1784 sent me further information on him. They indicated "George Washington attended the Commencement at which Rev. Coudon received the Degree."

- Kent Co., MD DEEDS DD# 5, p. 185-187
2 Nov 1776 Daniel Kennard/Kinnard sold to Joseph Cowden land in Kent Co., MD. Hard to read, three pages, no wife mentioned.
- Kent Co., MD DEEDS EF # 6, pp. 370-371
Joseph Coudon of Cecil Co., MD, Gentleman, 1 Nov 1784 sold to John Kennard of Kent Co., MD the same land he bought in 1776. No wife, tho he had married in Newport, DE Miss Rachel Wallace 18 May 1783.

The 1790 Census of the U.S. for Maryland shows Joseph Coudon in North Elk twp. Cecil Co., MD with 1 male over 16, 2 males under 16 and 4 females. Rev. Joseph Coudon then had 2 wives and the first is probably buried in Kent Co., MD. No record there. Rev. Coudon is buried in the Chancel of the Church where there is a "large well-preserved slab lying directly in the center of the Chancel." This was written by Gilbert W. Mead, President of Washington College, Chesterton, MD on 12 Dec 1842. He was most interested in the Rev. Joseph Coudon and the above is from a letter he wrote.

My last communication with Mrs. Joseph Coudon VI indicated that there was, now, as of 1984 a Joseph Coudon VIII.

- F. Joseph Cowden/Coudon and wife 1 had:
 1. **Ester (Hettie) Cowden/Coudon** b ca 1776 married 25 May 1793 Rev. **William Duke** b 1774 d 1840. Rev. Duke received a call to North Elk Parish in September of 1792 which he accepted. This, of course was the Parish Church where Rev. Coudon was Rector. Hettie Coudon Duke died 17 Feb. 1795 leaving an infant daughter.
 2. **Daughter** b ca 1779
Rev. Coudon married Rachel Wallace 18 May 1783 and had:
 3. **Daughter** b ca 1784/5
 4. **Joseph Cowden/Coudon, Jr.** b 30 May 1787 married 5/25/1820 **Ann Stump** a daughter of John and Cassandra Stump

5. **James Cowden/Coudon** b 1789 Called "Jammie" in a diary of Rev. Wm. Duke re the widow his mother-in-law.

The son of Rev. Joseph Coudon, Joseph Coudon who married Anne Stump, became a minister after 1812. There was a reassessment of the land [now known as WOODLANDS) in Perryville, MD and he was called "Mr. Coudon". By 1849 he was called "Rev. Joseph Coudon, Sr." In 1854 his son, known as Joseph Coudon, Jr. married Caroline Whitaker.

James Coudon and Ester (Ewing) Coudon continued to pay taxes in East Nottingham township, Chester Co., PA through the year 1769. He had received, 29 November 1758 a Warrant of land, Survey #B-16-79 for 112 acres in Little Britain twp., Lancaster Co., PA. He seemed never to have lived on this land. On 17 April, 1770 Lancaster Co., Pa deed book RR Vol 2 p. 364 records:

"James Coudon and Samuel Jamison both of Little Britain twp., farmers, to John Warnock Innholder, of East Nottingham twp. Chester Co., Pa, 112 acres for £114. [Samuel Jamison had married Catherine Coudon daughter of James] "James Coudon's land is bordered by that of Malcolm McMichael [father to Margaret who married Samuel Ewing b. 1719 son of Old John of Carnshanaugh] and land of James Montgomery, John Hill in right of James McAfee and Wm. Oldfield in right of James McAfee. Samuel Jamison and his son, John Jamison who also claimed right of his father, also signed the Deed." It was recorded 7 June 1770.

James Coudon is not on the tax records of Little Britain twp. Lancaster Co., PA and James Coudon, Jr. disappears from the tax list of W. Nottingham twp. Chester Co., PA after 1770 tax. We have not been able to determine where of if they moved away. James would have been at least 70 years old.

John Warnock died soon after this sale and his executors sold the land in two pieces to John Hill and the Griffin family.

It is necessary to quote a statement made by a daughter of Amos Ewing, Jr. son of Amos Ewing, Sr. son of Samuel Ewing who married Rebecca George in 1740 at the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, PA. Amos Ewing, Jr. was born 1793 and died 1872 so he was a "few years removed" from Rev. Joseph Coudon who died in 1792. However, his son, Joseph Coudon who was a minister by 1846 might have known Amos Ewing, Jr. Ester Ewing, daughter of Amos Ewing, Jr. was quoted by Col. Wm. A. Ewing on page 60 of his manuscript this way:

- "Miss Ester E. Ewing b. Nov 28 1835) wrote me 14 July, 1894: Rev. Joseph Cowden did marry a full sister of my great grandfather" (i.e. Samuel Ewing who married 1740 Rebecca George.) The Cowdens addressed my father as cousin Amos.
- "This much I do know, Mrs. Ann (sic Ester) Cowden was a sister of my great grandfather, Samuel Ewing." Col. Wm. A. Ewing continues his manuscript with the following: (it is fair to state that Nathaniel B. Hogg of Pittsburgh says of this same lady: 'Ann Ewing married Samuel [George Gillespie and had two children, Samuel and Ann.] [MEF: seven]
- "If he be correct then she must have married twice for I have conversed with Miss E.E. Ewing and she is positive the above statement is correct."

Her father, Amos Jr. was, also, positive he was correct but he was WRONG about over half of HIS statement. Anne Ewing the immigrant and half-sister to Nathaniel Ewing of Cecil Co., MD, as will be proven, lived first in Lancaster Co., PA with her only husband, George Gillespie. They moved 1734 to the Plantation GREENBERRY or GREEN'S DELIGHT, next to the DIVIDING plantation of Nathaniel and half- brother Joshua. See Chapter XXX.

Before we present the Family of OLD UNCLE HENRY EWING it is imperative that we point out that of these early EWING families in America we know of two who came from the BURT CONGREGATION, five miles west of Londonderry. Finley Ewing's son, Thomas, and probably others of Finley came to southwest New Jersey in about 1718. John Ewing, merchant and Burgess of Londonderry and of Carnshanaugh brought his children to America and we find them in southwest Chester Co., PA before 1738.

It is believed, but not proven, that some of the Cecil Co. Ewing men came from the BURT CONGREGATION along with Porters, namely the Alexander Ewing who died in 1738 (whose children I indicated previously had been erroneously "given" to another Alexander Ewing ... the one I THINK died 1751/2)

**Part of ENDEAVOR purchased by
John Ewing of William and Barbara Hog, 1745
North edge of lots were in Pennsylvania**

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Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
Little Britain Township
Survey B-16-79, November 29, 1758 for James Cowden

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There is another "family" from the BURT CONGREGATION who must be parents and siblings of Ester Ewing Coudon and her brother Henry Ewing. See pages 16 and 17 of this manuscript and pages 117-119 E.W.R. Ewing, *CLAN EWING OF SCOTLAND*:

24 May 1697 Ester Ewing baptised father James Ewing
22 Jan 1698/9 John Ewing baptised father James Ewing
11 Aug 1701 Henry Ewing baptised father James Ewing
11 Aug 1701 Samuel Ewing baptised father James Ewing
5 Nov 1704 Thomas Ewing baptised father James Ewing

No other James Ewing was on Inch Island and these were all recorded as being of INCH.

Samuel S. Jamison born June 8, 1827, a great-great grandson of John Ewing of Carnshanauqh wrote to Col. Wm. A. Ewing:

"Old Uncle Henry Ewing was called the most Pious Christian gentleman of the age in which he lived, and his sister (Ester Ewing) married James Cowden, June 16, 1724."

Samuel Jamison also visited Chester Co., Pa and Cecil Co., MD and obtained this information from the Coudens and the relatives still in Chester/Lancaster Co., so he says in his Book on the *JAMISONS in America*, which I have found to be extremely well documented and correct.