

CHAPTER XXI

WILLIAM EWING (1762-2 June 1837)

Of Blake/Blue Ball/East Nottingham Hundred Cecil Co. MD

Chapter XX required that we include these findings on yet another WILLIAM EWING. He is featured on pages 228-9 on *CLAN EWING OF SCOTLAND* by E.W.R. Ewing, 1922. He states:

“William came from the old country and settled near to what is now, Blake, Cecil Co., Md in 1790 bought land and built a comfortable home and to him and his wife were born John, whose birth occurred in transit on the ocean, Henry, Ellen and one other son who immigrated early in life to Ohio.”

Dr. Harvey Ewing born 1858, a son of William H. Ewing, great grand son of the above William Ewing, was credited with this information. At the time he was living in Wilmington, Delaware and died in 1932. Additional family information indicates that William came to New Castle Delaware on the ship *Rising Sun* and was the father of Nathaniel who reached Cecil Co. in 1790! Yet that statement cannot be true since Nathaniel has been proven to have been born in 1693 and died in 1748 in Octoraro Hundred Cecil Co., MD. There is no evidence he ever lived in Blake/Ewingville or anywhere but Octoraro Hundred. Other statements by Dr. Harvey Ewing indicate that he did not know the names of all the children which are clearly named in William’s 1835 will.

E.W.R. Ewing in *CLAN EWING* did indicate that William Ewing who came to Blake, MD about 1790 might have some distant relationship with Nathaniel Ewing. It is entirely possible that the above William Ewing saw Dr. John Ewing when he visited Coleraine, Ireland in 1773, the place of Nathaniel Ewing’s birth. Those records are indisputable. I offer the following in tracing this man.

1786, Nov 3 William Knight, deceased were listed: (Orphan’s Court) Debts owing the estate included one by William Ewing blacksmith (of 0 .11.7 ... an Andrew Porter owed £3.13.16.

1787, Oct 5 Amos Ewing and John Coulson appraised an estate to which William Ewing, blacksmith, owed £12.16.0 “since 1784.”

1787, Nov 6 Cecil Co. Deed Book – Bill of Sale 16 page 163, “ I, William Ewing, blacksmith, of Octorara Hundred, Cecil Co., MD do sell for £18 to Elizabeth Crozier a Chestnut mair (sic) with a white tail.

/w/ Nathan Norton, Justice of Peace

/s/ Wm. Ewing SEAL

/w/ Patrick Ewing, Justice of Peace

Recorded 19 Nov 1787.”

1789, Sept 25 Robert William’s estate (Cecil cd. MD Orphan’s Court) was owed £1.12.0 by William Ewing, blacksmith.

So, William Ewing, blacksmith, is not the William Ewing son of Nathaniel for he died in 1788. William Ewing, blacksmith, is not the son of Patrick Ewing as he was not born until 1773 and is only 11 years old when the 1784 debt was incurred. He was not 21 until 1794!

William Ewing, blacksmith, is not the son of Alexander and Jane Ewing as he was the 5th child of this couple who married in 1762. So his birth date HAS to be no earlier than 1771/2.

William Ewing, blacksmith, is not the son of Samuel Ewing and Rebecca George as William Ewing, reported to be a son and Samuel who married Mary Oldham also reported to be a son; brothers to Amos Ewing, Sr. had already gone to Allegheny Co., PA and Settled in the Redstone Country when he was about 30 to 35 years old. He has never been reported to have married.

MARYLAND HALL OF RECORDS reported when asked for a search that might tell who this man was - they “found NO TAX in Cecil Co., Md in 1783 tax record for anyone named William Ewing except William Ewing, Capt. son of Nathaniel.” That William as we stated died in 1788. That anyone who owned land was on that tax!

- 1790 Census of U.S., specifically Cecil Co., MD shows the following:
William Ewing in Octoraro Hundred with:1 male over 16; 3 under 16; and 2 females. He was next to Patrick Ewing and Nathaniel Ewing (son of the William who died 1788). Patrick Ewing being the Justice of Peace. These are the only 3 EWING in Octoraro Hundred, Cecil Co., MD There is no other William Ewing in Cecil Co., MD on the Census.
- 1800 Census of U.S., specifically Cecil Co., MD shows the following:
William Ewing in East Nottingham Hundred with 2 males under 16 and 1 male age 26-45 (if this is the William Ewing born 1762 he would be 38 years old!). He is next to Henry Ewing who died 1809, part of whose land was sold to William’s grandsons in Chapter XX page 155 CECIL CO. DEED BOOK GMC #8 page 301-308. No kinship to Henry Ewing died 1809 of this William Ewing has been proven. Henry was son of John died 1752/3.

1810 Census of U.S., specifically Cecil Co., MD shows the following: Will. Ewing, East Nottingham Hundred next to James Ewing and near Isabella (widow of Robert died 1803) and Moses, son of Henry died 1809 with only 1 male over 45 (he is!) and 1 female over 45-wife. It may be that children are “bound out to trades” as was the custom.

- 1820 Census of U.S., specifically Cecil Co., MD shows the following:
William Ewing is on p136 near Moses (50-60), John (60-70)
James and Henry(40-50 probably son of Henry died 1809)
- 1835, October 19-william Ewing wrote his will: Book B#9 pages 25-26 (Cecil)
“TO son, Henry Ewing one dollar
to son, Thomas Ewing one dollar
to son, John Ewing one dollar
all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal
to my daughter Eleanor Ewing.”

/s/ William Ewing
“X” his mark

/w/ John Ewing, senr; Moses Ewing, and James Ewing

- 1837, June 2 Cecil Co. “Then came Eleanor Ewing, Executor, knows of no other will. John Ewing, Sr. and Moses Ewing two of the subscribing witnesses saying they saw William Ewing sign and seal this will.”
Recorded June 3, 1837 Henry Miller, Register
(See this will on page 162.)
- 1837, December 22 Cecil Co., MD Deed JS 41 Vol 66 page 272 (see Chapter XX page 155 re this deed) Eleanor Ewing \$240 for 14 acres of land of George Mitchell who has moved to Washington Co., PA. We have not located this land in East Nottingham Hundred, yet.
- 1845, May 9 Cecil Co., MD. Deed GMC #8 page 301-308 (see Chapter XX p131 re this deed showing that John Ewing, Senior sold land to William H. Ewing, George R. Ewing and Elisha R. Ewing and a certain John Ewing, Junior entered into the \$4,000 bond to assure that the land would be paid for.
- 1848 (no date) Orphan’s Court of Cecil Co. records that
“Lydia Ewing widow of George R. Ewing, deceased, renounces right to administer upon the personal estate of the said George and requests the Orphans Court to grant letters of Administration to John Ewing, Jr the Father of the said Deceased.”

/s/ Lydia Ewing

/w/ John W. Ewing

John W. Ewing is a son of William H. Ewing, John W. Ewing has been proven to have been born 1826 so was full age (22) in 1848.

THIS IS UNEQUIVOCAL PROOF THAT JOHN EWING, SR IS NOT THEIR FATHER THAT JOHN EWING, JUNIOR IS! John Ewing, Jr. is called that not because of kinship but because he is the younger of the two John Ewing men in East Nottingham Hundred, Cecil Co., MD.

- 1848, May 6 “John Ewing, Junr, David Wherry and Richard Jones in the sum of \$500 bind ourselves ... to perform the office of Administrator of George R. Ewing according to law ...”
George R. Howard, Register
May 10, 1848
[NOTE: Richard Jones married Eleanor Ewing.]
/s/ John Ewing, Jnr SEAL
/s/ David Wherry SEAL
/s/ Richard Jones SEAL
- 1848, May 9 John Ewing Jr. alone was made Administrator of estate of George R. Ewing and would give an account. We have not purchased the Account from Hall of Records but include the “Renunciation” by Lidia and the Adm Bond of May 6 and May 9.

From Family Records, Bible Records, Census Records, Marriage Records and Cemetery Records we have been able to present the following family of William Ewing born 1762 died 2 June 1837. I believe, after very careful study that he was born in Coleraine Ireland (or near) and that he came to America ca 1783/4 as a blacksmith and lived in Octoraro Hundred Maryland near the other Ewing there. He married prior to 1785 but there is no record of this marriage. In any event this is, probably, his family.

- I. **William Ewing** b 1762 d 2 June 1837 m (ca 1785 _ ? (who died prior to 1835 as no wife mentioned in the will of William Ewing. No wife is buried near him.)
They had:

- A. **Henry Ewing** b 1787 “Cooper” on Census married **Mary** b 1807 (43 in 1850). They had (according to Harvey Winfield Ewing) those marked * are on the Census of 1850. Other children must be “bound out.” Family members say Henry removed to W. Va. but so far unproven and location not designated.
- *1. **Samuel Ewing** b 1825 in Maryland
 2. **Jackson Ewing**
 - *3. **Emaline Ewing** b 1838 (note age difference)
 - *4. **Catherine Ewing** b 1839
 - *5. **Louisa Ewing** b 1845
 6. **William Ewing** (date may be earlier but by a first wife?)
 7. **Sara Ewing**
 8. **Anna Ewing**
 9. **Eliza Ewing**
 - *10. **George W. Ewing** (b 1835 was in home of William H. and Eliza Henderson Ewing his cousin. (See children of John Ewing which Includes George R. Ewing b 1820) William listed next to Henry.
- B. **Thomas Ewing** b ca 1788/9. Harvey Winfield Ewing stated he moved to Ohio at an early age. So far we have been unable to identify him there. In the 1820 Census of Ohio there is a Thomas Ewing in Montgomery Co., German twp. who COULD be this man but we have not tried to identify him further. However, we have identified the others by that name.
- C. **John Ewing** “b 10 Jan 1795” according to a Family Bible in the possession of Mr. F. Russell Ewing of Blake, MD. It was printed in 1851 and John Ewing was called Sr. which, of course he was by then. On the 1850 Census the age of John Ewing was given as “45” but the writing is bad and it should be 55. John Ewing II Junior in 1845, 1848 and until John “senior” died in 1852, John Senior being the son of Henry died 1809 and who sold land to 3 eldest sons of John Ewing, Junior, in 1845. John Ewing married **Margaret Ann Rogers** b 1791 d 14 Sept 1832. John Ewing died September 10, 1864. They had:
1. **William H. Ewing** b 29 July, 1819 d 4 Dec 1910 buried Lewisville Upper. He married 5 Dec 1844 **Eliza Henderson** of Providence, MD b 1822. He is on a deed with brothers George R. and Elisha R. 1845, and 1850 Census George W. Ewing a cousin-and son of his Uncle Henry Ewing-is living in his household. He is a “Cooper”. They had:
 - a. **John Wesley Ewing** b 7 Sept 1845 d 17 June 1921, age 87, married **Jane** b 1846. They had:
 - (I.) **William D. Ewing**
 - (II.) **George Howard Ewing** b 1871 married **Mary E.** b 1875 in PA.
 - (III.) **Mazie Ewing** married **Wm. Ottley**
 - (IV.) **Nettie Ewing** b 1884 married **Wm. Lamborne**
 - b. **Lillie Anne Ewing** b 1847 married **W.B. Kirk**
 - c. **Joseph Benton Ewing** b 29 July 1850 married **Ann Montgomery** He was a “blacksmith” and County Commissioner.
 - d. **George Rogers Ewing** b 7 Sept 1853 died 1919 married 11 Dec 1879 **Harriet R. Reynolds**, b 18 Jan 1858 d 20 Jan 1829 had:
 - i. **Elizabeth Ewing** died unmarried.
 - ii. **Herbert Henderson Ewing** b 31 August 1883 d Dec 11 1964(?) married 26 Nov 1907 **Aimee Wherry** (b 24 March 1886 d 29 Dec 1972. They had
 - (I.) **Elsie Ewing** died unmarried.
 - (II.) **George Roger Ewing** married **Wanda Leuter**,
 - (III.) **Katherine Gertrude Ewing** married **C. Walton Hood, Jr.**
 - (IV.) **Herbert Wherry Ewing** b 28 August, 1923 married **Adelaide Gregg** 3 October 1951.
 - iii. **Iva Mae Ewing** died infant.
 - iv. **Leon Van Sant Ewing** b 8 Nov 1887 d 9 Jan 1949 married **Mable Hilamon** (1888-1972). They had:
 - (I.) **Albert L. Ewing** b 4 May 1919 married 1952 **Mary Jane Scarborough** lived Elkton, MD.
 - e. **Harvey Winfield Ewing** b 1 Dec 1858 d 1932 married **Jennis Janvier** of Still Pond MD b 1860 d 1935. They had:
 - i. **Maury Janvier Ewing** b 18 Feb. 1890 d 1953.
 2. **George R. Ewing** b 8 Nov 1820 d 3 April 1848 married **Lidia** (no children were mentioned in the Inventory and Estate Bond which was Administered by “his father, John Ewing, Jr.” [Note: Junior because of another older John Ewing who had sold land to above William H., this George R. and the next son Elisha R. Ewing in 1745.] The Administration Bond was also signed by David Wherry father of Joseph father of Aimee Wherry who married Herbert Henderson Ewing; and by Richard Jones who married Eleanor Ewing only daughter of William Ewing who died 1837.
 3. **Elisha R. Ewing** b 1 April 1822 d 26 June 1914 married 1848 **Louisa** (b 15 Jan 1824 d 28 Dec 1904) He is buried Lewisville Upper (He is the third son on the deed of 1845). Elisha R. and Louisa celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary and it was written up in the Oxford Press, Oxford PA “Elisha R. was 76 years old that date” and tho no date remains on the newspaper article the date must have been 1898 and thus Elisha R. and Louisa were married in 1848 when he was 24. There were 9 living children, 37 grandchildren; the groom had 6 brothers and 1 sister present. Those deceased were George R. Ewing above and Amos A. Ewing

see below. It is regrettable we have documented no children of Elisha R. who is buried at Lewisville Upper with most of his other siblings. Surely some of Elisha R. Ewing descendants live on that land!

4. **Washington Ewing** b 29 Jan 1824 d 2 Jan 1904 buried at Lewisville Upper. Lived at Landingburg, PA.
5. **John W. Ewing** b 18 June, 1826 d 14 March 1904 married **Margaret Ann Sentman**, no children.
6. **Thomas Jefferson Ewing** b 6 May 1828 d 25 Oct 1900 buried Lewisville Upper, wife **Grace** (parents of George T. Ewing).
7. **Albert Ewing** b 10 Jan 1830 d 1 March 1831
8. **Ann R. Ewing** b 14 Sept, 1832 d 20 Jan 1896 buried Lewisville upper. m. **John Hutton**.

John Ewing married 2nd **Mary Perry** (b 1816 d?)

9. **David Newton Ewing** b 26 Nov, 1838 d 4 April 1904 buried at Lewisville-Upper, PA, son Fred C. Ewing.
10. **James M. Ewing** b 10 Dec 1840 d 1926. Buried Lewisville-Upper. PA. Children: Harry, Nora and Mont.
11. **Amos A. Ewing** b 14 Dec 1842 d 1872 buried Lewisville said to have been a minister for a time before dying young.
12. **Mary Emma Ewing** b 1844 d 1925 married **Harry Johnson**. Daughter Lorina Johnson.

- D. **Eleanor Ewing** b ca 1800 d? See will of William Ewing dated 1835 where Eleanor Ewing is to be Executor. See also deed JS 41 Vol 66 page 272 Cecil Co., MD dated 22 December 1837 where Eleanor Ewing buys land, 14 acres, from George Mitchell. We have not located a survey of this land. No boundaries are indicated with any EWING name. It is said she married Richard Jones whose name is signed on the Inventory of her nephew in 1848. We have searched for their marriage record with no avail.

End of the family of William Ewing b 1762 died 1837, who came to Blake/Blue Ball/East Nottingham Hundred Cecil Co., MD. There being hundreds of descendants not yet accounted for!

Cecil County, Maryland
Wills B#9, pages 25-26
William Ewing

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