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From the Editor

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Some of us just beginning to research our genealogy as new members no doubt wonder what can actually be gained by doing so. Quite simply, as we trace the footsteps of our ancestors we begin to more fully understand who we are and where we're going. As famous Scot James Nasmyth once observed, "Our history begins before we are born. We represent the hereditary influences of our race, and our ancestors virtually live in us".

That said, because of incomplete, lost, or hard-to-find records, it is sometimes a monumental task to connect all the dots in our quest for more information about our blood lines. Fortunately, for all of us Ewings, we have a treasure trove of information gathered by Karen Avery (her mother, Dorothy, was a Ewing), the official genealogist of the Ewing Family Association. I know that you may have followed her answers to queries within the *Journal*, but if you're a new member and you haven't, think about contacting her at: BKAvery2@comcast.net. Karen does an amazing job, and at last count, she told us that she had more than 13,000 Ewings in her computer data base.

Besides Karen's records, thanks to modern technology, we also have the benefits of DNA analysis to further assist in tracking our specific family lines. Previous *Ewing Family Journals* have explained how DNA information can help and how DNA testing can be done. Once again, the EFA is so fortunate to have the talents of David Neal Ewing, who so ably heads up the Y-DNA Project for our clan. David can be reached at: DavidEwing93@gmail.com if you need more information about DNA analysis.

Looking now at this edition of the *Journal*, I direct your attention to the continuing articles by Bruce Frobes and Gary Murrell. Both continue to amaze us with interesting accounts of their Ewing history. Great Scot, Bruce! I had no idea that our cousins were among some of the very first employees of the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia when it started.

In any case, as always, it's a great time to be a Ewing!

John Alan Ewing, Editor

Amy Hunter Ewing (Patterson) – Part 4 **Her Famous Friends in Philadelphia from 1779 to 1844**

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Amy Hunter Ewing (Patterson)
 20 Jan 1751 - 24 May 1844

Painted by
Charles Willson Peale
Philadelphia, PA 1797

Introduction

Part 4 will continue the story of famous and interesting people in Amy's life (January 20, 1751 – May 24, 1844) during the first 50-plus years of our country, 1787 to 1844. Some of these people had EWING for a last name, some were Amy's immediate family, others married into Amy's family, and some worked for decades for the US Mint in Philadelphia.

This chapter of the Ewing family story not only includes Amy's immediate family, but also focuses us on the role some of their descendants played in growing the infant US Mint in Philadelphia into an efficient and creative organization.

As one can imagine, the chore of creating a monetary system in the new nation was a daunting task. The money used during the colonial period was primarily paper currency notes. However, you had gold and silver coins of other countries along with the colonial paper circulating at the same time. When the

new constitution was adopted in 1789, Alexander Hamilton presented a report that became the foundation of the United States coinage.

"The most important event of the year 1792, so far as Philadelphia was concerned, was the passage of the act for the establishment of the United States Mint. Ten years before, on February 21, 1782, Congress had resolved to establish a mint, but the design was not at once carried into execution owing to the difficulty experienced in procuring artists and workmen. On the October 16, 1786, a resolution was adopted directing that the law of February, 1782, should be carried into effect, but it was found impossible to do so at that time. On April 2, 1792, an act was passed providing that the mint should be established at Philadelphia, and during the summer and fall a building was erected on the east side of Seventh Street above Sugar Alley, afterwards known as Farmer Street, and now Filbert Street. In October, coining was commenced."¹

On July 18, 1792, David Rittenhouse, a 12-year professional colleague of Amy's husband at the University of Pennsylvania and President Washington's selection as first US Mint Director, purchased two lots in Philadelphia that faced Seventh Street and Arch Streets, and that is where the first mint building was erected. And by the way, this was the first federal building constructed under the Constitution.

¹ History of Philadelphia 1609-1884, page 468, J. Thomas Scharf & Thompson Wescott, Vol. 1, Philadelphia, L. H. Everts & Co. 1884.

Rittenhouse was a renowned American astronomer, inventor, clockmaker, mathematician, scientific instrument craftsman, and public official. His skills with instruments, particularly clocks, led him to construct two orreries (scale models of the solar system) for Rutgers University in New Jersey. In 1784, Rittenhouse and Andrew Ellicott completed the survey of the Mason-Dixon Line to the southwest corner of the Pennsylvania. When Rittenhouse's work as a surveyor ended, he resumed his scientific interests.



David Rittenhouse
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Over the next 200-plus years, dozens of books and articles have been authored telling the unique history of the US Mint in magnificent detail. As you will learn, Amy's husband, son, son-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are routinely named in these books.

All In The Family

For purposes of this *Ewing Family Journal* article, I will concentrate my words to narrate the 'all in the family' connections with the US Mint in Philadelphia.

The University of Pennsylvania, in 1800, purchased for its college building the large house on Ninth Street built by the State of Pennsylvania as a mansion for the President of the United States. Neither George Washington nor John Adams ever lived there. The house was not finished while Washington was in office. The residence of Robert Morris, one of the finest residences in the city, was offered for the purpose, and Washington was pleased to accept it.



University of Pennsylvania
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The Patterson family moved from 148 S. 4th Street to the University Yard on South Ninth and Market Streets (formally High Street) in 1802. Amy and her family occupied one of the apartments in the college building.

Their daughter, Susanna A. Patterson, born in 1790, had died in 1795. But two other daughters were married in 1798. In March 1798, Mary Padgett married Dr. Samuel Moore, and Martha married Uriah Dubois. The names Moore and Dubois will emerge later in our 'all in the family' US Mint story. Amy's son, William Ewing Patterson, having studied medicine, was off on a voyage as a surgeon to Santa Domingo. So that left three Patterson children at home: Robert Maskell, Emma, and Elizabeth Matilda.

In early May 1805, a letter addressed to Professor Robert Patterson arrived at his University office. The letter was from the third President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson. He asked Dr. Patterson, to consider taking on the responsibilities as Director of the US Mint if the current Director, Elias Boudinot, resigned. Jefferson explained in a postscript that Dr. Patterson should not rely on the Mint director's job as sufficient to support a family. Additionally, he wrote

in that letter that "Indeed it is possible that the mint may sometime or other be discontinued."² Mr. Boudinot did resign, and Dr. Patterson accepted the commission. Fortunately for the University of Pennsylvania and his family, Robert also continued his professorship teaching Natural Philosophy and Mathematics. The location of his family residence in 1806 was within two and one-half blocks of the Mint facility.

My fifth great grandfather, Amy's father, Maskell Ewing (1721-1796), Greenwich, New Jersey, did not witness this life-changing event for Amy nor the many memorable events shared by his offspring in the decades to come. A majority of his descendants born after 1751 did, however, participate directly, or observe this significant historic activity in the early years of the new federal government. Nevertheless, I need to give you a little more of the important historic facts covering the previous 13 years.



First Coins Painting by John Ward Dunsmore
(Public Domain)

Forged in Philadelphia

John McAllister, Jr., a successful Philadelphia optical businessman (one of his customers was Thomas Jefferson), was an early Philadelphia numismatist (students or collectors of coins) with a serious interest in fugitive historical facts.

"When he interviewed the retired Chief Coiner of the U.S. Mint, Adam Eckfeldt, in 1844, he was told that 1792 half dimes---the first coins issued by the U.S. Mint---were struck from \$100 worth of silver bullion or specie deposited by President George Washington."³

In 2014, Rebecca Eckfeldt Gibby published a novel entitled "Forged in Philadelphia." She wrote that a story "came down through my family from one generation to the next" that Martha Washington donated her household silver tea service for producing the first US coins which were called "Washington Half Dimes."⁴ In the glossary of her book, Mrs. Gibby writes that Adam Eckfeldt, using the Washington silver "is said to have struck the half dimes in John Harper's machine shop."⁵

The George III silver punch ladle pictured (right) belonged to Amy Hunter Ewing Patterson, and I inherited it in 1991.



Silver Punch Ladle
Frobes' Private Collection

² Library of Congress, Collections of Manuscripts, Letter dated May 1805, Thomas Jefferson to Robert Patterson.

³ The Secret History of the First U.S. Mint, Joel J. Orosz and Leonard D. Augsburger, Whitman Publishing, LLC, Atlanta, GA, copyright 2012.

⁴ Forged in Philadelphia, Rebecca Eckfeldt Gibby, Abbott Press, Bloomington, IN, copyright 2014.

⁵ Ibid.



Adam Eckfeldt
(Public Domain)

An appraiser wrote "the hallmarks are for London 1786." It is described as "having an oval bowl with everted rim, bright Frobes private collection-cut decoration to the stem, twisted whale bone handle, engraved with a greyhound crest."⁶ I am so grateful that this silver ladle was not melted down to produce dimes.

From my Ewing family research, I know that there is real evidence that Amy's and Robert's friends, such as Thomas Jefferson, Dr. Benjamin Rush, Meriwether Lewis, David Rittenhouse, Caspar Wistar, Thomas Leiper, Charles Willson Peale, and Benjamin Franklin, may have received a punch drink, some Madeira or other popular spirits of the time poured from this ladle. Also, Amy hosted numerous social gatherings over a 40-year timeframe for members

of the American Philosophical Society, the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania, and for her 'family' that operated the US Mint.

Amy's 'Philadelphia reality show' leading up to the arrival of President Jefferson's letter gave her no clues of what the future would bring. Even though she and Robert were close friends with David Rittenhouse, the first mint director (shown pointing to a tray of coins held by Henry Voight for the Washingtons, Jefferson, and Hamilton in the painting by John Ward Dunsmore (p. 4)), the future was mainly focused on raising and educating their six surviving children.

Robert had participated since 1783 in the American Philosophical Society every couple of weeks, attended the Caspar Wistar parties on Saturday nights and enjoyed his association with Charles Willson Peale. He supported Peale's art activities and his natural history museum. He also took on more responsibilities as Vice Provost of the University.

Among many efforts in Robert's world of mathematics in 1805, he assisted a Thomas Dilworth in publishing a book entitled "The School Masters Assistant."

I have no evidence that Dr. Patterson spent much time in the building housing the first mint before he kissed Amy goodbye one morning in January 1806 and walked to the building on Seventh Street, but I would bet that he had visited it many times since it opened in 1792. Mr. Rittenhouse surely wanted his colleagues to see what was taking place in the production of America's new coins.

Adam Eckfeldt (1769-1852)

When Robert walked in that first day in 1806, he shook hands with his employees who were all experienced in the work of "minting" coins. Adam Eckfeldt was there when the first coins were



Book: School Masters Assistant
Frobes' Private Collection

⁶ Appraisal of Estate of Helen Hamilton Armstrong Falknor, (Bruce Frobes aunt), by the Jewel Crest, Royal Palm Plaza, Boca Rotan, FL, 1978.

struck. I am sure that Amy and Robert knew Adam and the Eckfeldt family before 1792. Generations of Eckfeldts served the Mint in various capacities. They are considered the 'First Family' of the U.S. Mint. Their family ultimately had a 137-year association with the Mint. Amy's relatives were associated with US Mint for 80 years.

"Adam Eckfeldt was born in Philadelphia on June 15, 1769, the son of John Jacob Eckfeldt, a large scale tool manufacturer. He built the first screw presses for the Mint, engraved some of its early dies, and was responsible for the designs of early American copper coinage. He served as Assistant Coiner from 1795-1814, Chief Coiner, 1814-1839, and Volunteer, 1839-1852. Over the years Eckfeldt set aside unusual coins brought in as bullion, and started the Mint's coin cabinet, which evolved into the National Numismatic Collection."⁷

The Library of Congress has several letters written by Director Patterson to Thomas Jefferson. One dated October 14, 1806, in which the Director of the US Mint asks President Jefferson to approve an increase in annual compensation for Eckfeldt. This is a classic appeal to the "boss" for a raise for an important and talented employee.

"Sir,

Mr. Adam Eckfeldt, being a skillful mechanic, was employed by Mr. Rittenhouse, when director of the mint, to harden the dies, with a compensation for the service alone of 500 dollars per annum. Shortly after Mr. Boudinot was appointed director, rightly judging that the whole time and labour of so able an artist as Mr. Eckfeldt would be useful to the Institution, he accordingly employed him, in the character of Assistant coiner, with a compensation of 800 dollars per annum, and a promise of future increase.

Mr. Eckfeldt is now the father of a numerous and growing family, and with the utmost economy finds his wages inadequate to their support."⁸

Patterson continues the letter to explain the reasons that Eckfeldt is indispensable to the Mint at that time. Then he finishes the letter thus:

"Mr Eckfeldt asks for the additional wages of only 200 dollars per annum which I am well persuaded his services fully merit, and for this, Sir, your approbation is most respectfully solicited."⁹

President Jefferson responded immediately in a letter to Director Patterson:

"Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 14th was received last night. As to the salaries of the mint which are to be fixed by yourself with the approbation of the President, you are so much the best acquainted with what is proper, and my confidence in you so entire, that I shall approve

⁷ Forged in Philadelphia, Rebecca Eckfeldt Gibby, Abbott Press, Bloomington, IN, copyright 2014.

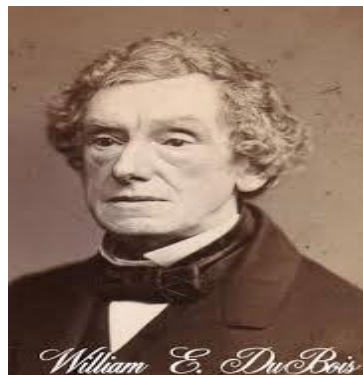
⁸ Library of Congress, Collections of Manuscripts, Letter of Robert Patterson to Thomas Jefferson dated October 14, 1806.

⁹ Library of Congress, Collections of Manuscripts, Letter of Robert Patterson to Thomas Jefferson dated October 14, 1806.

*whatever you advise, and I consequently approve of the addition of 200 D. to the salary of Mr. Eckfeldt as you propose."*¹⁰

The Eckfeldt family's passion of U.S. Minting continued under 31 Presidential administrations, from George Washington in 1792 to Herbert Hoover in 1929. Adam's son, Jacob Reese Eckfeldt, and grandson, Jacob Bausch Eckfeldt, both worked for the Mint as Assayers.

In the book "The Secret History of the First U.S. Mint" there is a discussion of a couple of eyewitness documentations concerning the evolution of the physical building and the expansion of the first Mint. One of the accounts comes from George Escol Sellers (1808-1899), an engineer and entrepreneur whose numismatic connections were numerous and enduring. His maternal grandfather, Charles Willson Peale, early on displayed numismatic exhibits at his Museum supported by Robert and Amy. His paternal grandfather, Nathan Sellers, was a fast friend of David Rittenhouse (First Mint Director).



**William Ewing DuBois,
Amy's Grandson**

"But most of all, Escol [Sellers] knew the first Philadelphia Mint. He was born and raised at a house on Mulberry Court, the first court to the south of Sugar Alley (and just north of Market Street). His father (and later he and his brother) were all partners in a firm that sold heavy machinery to the Mint, eventually including steam engines. Mint Director, Robert Patterson, and chief coiner, Adam Eckfeldt, were frequent guests in Coleman Sellers' home on Mulberry Court. Coleman was Escol's father."¹¹

"Seller's remarkable detailed recollection are confirmed by genealogical records gathered by William E. [Ewing] DuBois, the long-time assayer of the Philadelphia Mint."¹²

And you ask, "What is this Ewing connection?"

William Ewing DuBois (1810-1881)

William was the son of Dr. Uriah and Martha Patterson DuBois. Martha was Amy's second daughter. Uriah was the pastor of the Doylestown Presbyterian Church starting in about 1805.

"Any chronicler of William E. Dubois, no matter how charitably inclined, must confront his family tree, which was a mighty oak that, in the early days, virtually supported the United States Mint. During his long tenure, he could hardly hurl one of his cupels without it caroming off the noggin of one or another of his kith and kin. Dubois' maternal grandfather, Robert Patterson, was the fourth Director of the Mint, and his uncle, Dr. Samuel Moore, was the fifth. William's "Uncle Sam" quite literally wanted him to fill the position of clerk at the Mint in September 1833. Dr.

¹⁰ Library of Congress, Collections of Manuscripts, Letter of Thomas Jefferson to Robert Patterson dated October 17, 1806.

¹¹ The Secret History of the First U.S. Mint.

¹² Ibid.



**Bruce Frobos next to portrait of
Dr. Robert Maskell Patterson.
University of Virginia
Small Special Collections Library**

Moore's successor was Robert Patterson's son, Robert Maskell Patterson, another of Dubois' uncles."¹³ "

All of that would be nepotism enough for most folks, but for William Ewing Dubois, that was only the Patterson side of his work family. In 1836, Adam Eckfeldt, the venerable (and venerated) Chief Coiner, requested Dubois' service in the Assay Department, where he became Assistant Assayer working under Assayer Jacob Reese Eckfeldt, Adam's son."¹⁴

"Five years later, William married Adam's daughter Susanna, thus gaining a Chief Coiner for a father-in-law and an Assayer for



**Dr. Samuel Moore,
Amy's Son-in-Law
(Public Domain)**

a brother-in-law. The happy couple had a son, whom they named Patterson Dubois, in honor of the young man's extended family." "Years later, when Patterson, too, came to work for the Mint, it seemed as if he was related by blood to just about everything there with the exception of Peter, the mascot bald eagle."¹⁵

"Keeping the nation's coinage factory all in the Patterson/Eckfeldt family produced surprisingly good results." Not only was there major upgrades in the minting process over the next century by these "relatives" but the Jacob Eckfeldt/William Dubois brother-in-law team "ran the Assay Department with dependable efficiency, Eckfeldt being the more scientifically minded, and Dubois better at communicating results."¹⁶

(Dr.) Robert Maskell Patterson (1787-1854)

In the next *Ewing Family Journal* article, I will tell you more of the story of Amy's husband and their son, Robert Maskell, as they work together as professors at the University of Pennsylvania. But a brief chronology as it relates to Robert Maskell Patterson's timeline leading to the Mint will suffice for this article.

Four years after his father, Robert, died in 1824, and two years after Thomas Jefferson passed, the University of Virginia in Charlottesville offered Robert Maskell Patterson a position of Professor of Natural Philosophy succeeding Professor Charles Bonnycastle, the first incumbent. As we know, this was the university that Jefferson, and others like James Madison, dreamed of creating. He rendered conspicuously useful service for a period of seven years,

¹³ The Asylum, Vol. 34 No.1, Spring 2016, Quarterly Journal of the Numismatic Bibliomania Society.

¹⁴ Ibid.

¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶ Ibid.

when in 1835, he resigned, greatly to the regret of his faculty colleagues and the students to accept the appointment of Director of the United States Mint in Philadelphia, a position which he occupied until 1853.

The reason for his resignation was his appointment by President Andrew Jackson (see appointment letter below), and he took over the Mint from his brother-in-law, Dr. Samuel Moore, in July 1835. Dr. Patterson's term was one of great interest in the history of the Mint.



January 8, 1936

"Dear Sir,

The President having by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint you Director of the Mint of the United States.

I herewith enclose your _____, the receipt of which you will be pleased to acknowledge.

I am, Sir

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

John Forsyth, Secretary of State¹⁷

¹⁷ NGCcoin.com, Sarasota, FL., NGC Special Display, appointment letter.

Many important improvements were made in every department of the Mint, not the least of which was the introduction of steam-powered coining presses. The first coinage took place on March 23, 1835.

Gold was discovered in California during the closing years of Patterson's term, and it was his responsibility to administer the increased operations necessitated by the processing of vast deposits of gold which came to the mints, now located in New Orleans, Louisiana; Dahlonega, Georgia; and Charlotte, North Carolina.



**Medal presented to
Dr. Robert M. Patterson
upon his retirement from
the US Mint.**

Frobes' Private Collection

When he retired in 1851, because of declining health, his officers and clerks (his family!!!), presented him with a medal. With the bust in the middle, the words..."Robert Maskell Patterson, Director of the U.S. Mint, 1835-1851" around the edge, and on the reverse..."A parting token of regard from the officers and clerks of the mint 1851." Above, on a scroll, Codex Monetæ 1837; the whole within serpent, palm and laurel wreath."

I have a copy of the thank-you letter from Dr. Patterson to his officers and clerks dated September 22, 1851, in which he thanks the officers and clerks (with Adam Eckfeldt ex-officer) for the passing of a resolution on the occasion of his retirement and offering him a medal of their regard for him. He directed the letter to, among others, Adam Eckfeldt, Franklin Peale, J. R. Eckfeldt, William Ewing Dubois, and Dr. Patterson's son, Robert III (1819-1909), Amy's grandson, who served in the Mint from 1845 to 1853.

To be continued . . .

Amy Hunter Ewing Patterson, died in May 1844. The Mint was over a half century old at that time, and the monetary system was maturing nicely. The Maskell Ewing descendants were contributing to the growth of the United States in many vocations during that time period, not just in Philadelphia, not just in education and government, but in many vocations. In the next Part 5, I will bring in Amy's siblings to this story and give you a picture of what she was observing in the first half of the 19th century beyond the raising of her talented kids. I will also write about some of the subjects of science and useful arts that Robert and Thomas Jefferson dialogued about in a stream of correspondence from Philadelphia to Monticello and back.



David 'Bruce' Frobes earned his bachelor degree from DePauw University. He is attached to the Ewings of Greenwich, New Jersey through Amy Hunter who married Robert Patterson there in May 1774. He has made several on-site trips to Greenwich, New Jersey, and Philadelphia to study more about his Ewings and the history of that area. His career included the Air Force and 35 years in the investment management and trust administration business. Now retired in Rio Verde, Arizona, Bruce has built his genealogical files to include 3,800 names with the Ewings as a prominent focus of his research. When not searching the past and contributing articles to the Ewing Family Journal, he is an avid golfer in the mountains and the deserts of Arizona. You can reach Bruce via email at BruceFrobes@gmail.com.

In Search of Margaret and Anne Ewing Daughters of Joshua and Jane (Patton) Ewing

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Background

In a previous article written on this subject in 2009, published in the *Ewing Family Journal* in November 2009, and then reprinted in the Association's May 2016 edition, I made a compelling case for having discovered the rest of the family of Joshua and Jane (Patton) Ewing of Cecil County, Maryland. If you missed those articles, I will provide a quick summary for the sake of continuity and clarity.

Joshua Ewing, and his half-brother, Nathaniel Ewing (they had different mothers), were immigrants to the Maryland colony in the first half of the 1700s and settled in Cecil County. Joshua married Jane Patton, daughter of Robert Patton (wife unknown) of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Joshua died in 1753 and left a will. In this will, he named his wife Jane as co-executor and named five children: Catherine, Patrick, Robert, Samuel, and Nathaniel. For years, Ewing researchers have suspected or claimed that there was a Margaret and an Anne in the family, but proof has been lacking. I discuss this in my 2009 article, and make the case that minor females were oftentimes left out of a will. The girls would have been about ages ten and seven when the will was probated. Now, we know beyond a reasonable doubt that they were correct; there were indeed daughters, Margaret and Anne.

My interest in this research is to find my two 4th great grandmothers who were named Margaret and Anne. See the family group sheet for Joshua's and Jane's family on pages 12-13 for a better perspective. I have known the name of Anne Ewing for years, since her marriage to John Thompson was in the Rowan County, North Carolina, marriage books. But no marriage record could be found for Grandma Margaret Edmiston, wife of James Edmiston. All of the proof for linking these two women to their husbands – and to each other and to their brother Nathaniel – is discussed in depth in my reprinted article in the May 2016 EFA journal.

That brings the reader up-to-date with the background of this story. However, as time goes by and more research is done, new knowledge oftentimes surfaces. And that is the case here, so the story continues.

Geography

In my previous article, I pointed out the need to discover how three children, ages approximately 10, 7, and 5 at the time of their father's death in 1753, that were raised in Cecil County, Maryland, and now fatherless, could get from Maryland to the North Carolina frontier by themselves. But here they were in Rowan County in 1768. At least Nathaniel was there living with his sister, Anne, and her husband, John Thompson. So, the only person not accounted for was Margaret.

Why was John Thompson and Anne Ewing's marriage recorded in the Rowan marriage books, but not the Margaret Ewing/James Edmiston marriage? I had assumed, (or rather, hoped!) that the three young adults would have settled down close to each other to raise their families.

Father Joshua EWING		
Birth	abt 1704	Ulster, Ireland (now Northern Ireland)
Death	Aug 1753	Cecil Co., Maryland, British America
Will	9 Aug 1753	Cecil Co., MD
Probate	16 Aug 1753	Cecil Co., MD
Burial		
Marriage	abt 1734	
Father	William EWING (1665-)	
Mother	Wm Ewing wife 2 UNKNOWN (-)	
Mother Jane/Jean PATTON		
Birth		
Chr		
Residence	9 Aug 1766	Cecil Co., MD
Death		
Burial		
Father	Robert PATTON (-1755)	
Mother	Unknown UNKNOWN (-)	
Children		
F	Catherine EWING	
Birth	abt 1735	Cecil Co., MD
Death	abt 1794	
Burial		
Spouse	William EWING (1723-1785)	
Marriage		
M	Patrick EWING	
Birth	1 Feb 1737	Cecil Co., MD
Military	bet 1776 and 1781	Captain in the Continental Army; Maryland
Death	11 Apr 1819	Cecil Co., MD
Burial		Polk Graveyard, Cecil Co., MD
Spouse	Jane PORTER (1739-1784)	
Marriage	1 Jan 1760	
Spouse	Elizabeth PORTER (1750-1819)	
Marriage	22 Jul 1788	
M	Robert EWING	
Birth	1739	Cecil Co., MD
Death	bef 1780	
Burial		
Marriage		
M	Samuel EWING	
Birth	abt 1740	Cecil Co., MD
Death	1817	Russell Co., VA
Burial		
Spouse		
F	Margaret EWING	
Birth	prob between 1740/1745	Cecil Co., MD
Will	20 Mar 1807	Iredell Co., North Carolina, USA
Death	aft Mar 1807	Iredell Co. NC
Burial		
Spouse	James EDMISTON Sr. (1740-1803)	
Marriage	abt 1765	Davidson's Creek settlement, prob Mecklenburg Co., NC

F	Anne EWING	
Birth	1745	Cecil Co., MD
Census	1800	York Co., SC
Death	7 Jan 1815	York Co., SC
Will	8 Apr 1815	York Co., SC
Burial		Beersheba Churchyard (Presbyterian), York Co., SC
Spouse	John THOMPSON Sr. (1743-1795)	
Marriage	24 Sep 1767	Rowan Co., NC
M	Nathaniel EWING	
Birth	1747	Cecil Co., MD
Residence	bef 1768	Prince Edward Co., VA
Residence	1768	Rowan Co., NC
Property	21 Nov 1770	(received) 217 acres of land from Moses White; Rowan (now Iredell) Co., NC
Property sale	15 Mar 1777	217 acres on west side of Davidson's Creek next to Samuel Baker; Davidson's Creek area of Rowan Co., NC
Military	1780	North Carolina Militia; North Carolina
Residence	1787	Rowan (now Iredell) Co., North Carolina, USA
Will	11 Apr 1821	Christian Co., KY
Death	23 Aug 1822	Christian Co., Kentucky, USA
Burial		
Spouse	Rebecca OSBORNE (1747-)	
Marriage	abt 1770	

So why wasn't that Margaret Ewing marriage in Rowan County records? I pondered over that for a long time. I had hit a dead end, a familiar brick wall that every family historian encounters more than once. I figured I would only solve this one with more knowledge, so I found a book on the geography and history of the North Carolina frontier, entitled *Carolina Cradle, Settlement of the Northwest Carolina Frontier, 1747-1762*. It was published in 1964 by the University of North Carolina Press, and the author is Robert W. Ramsey. That proved to be a salvation for this stumped historian.

So we know that two of the three Ewing offspring, Anne and Nathaniel, were living in Rowan County in 1768, thanks to the Rowan tax list for that year. Nathaniel was single and living with his sister, Anne, and her husband in 1768 and is believed to be about 21 years of age. But, that tax list did another service to us: it identified where in the county they lived. Their particular tax list was the one done by John Brevard. That translated into a relatively small area out of that vast Rowan County called Davidson's Creek settlement. Today, that settlement would be in the southernmost part of Iredell County, bordering on the south with Mecklenburg County. According to the book *Carolina Cradle*, page 45, the settlement spanned two counties: Rowan and Mecklenburg. The county line separating the two counties was a line drawn some years before by agents of Earl Lord Granville and was called the Granville Line.

Roughly the northern two-thirds of the settlement were in Rowan (now Iredell) and the southern one-third was in Mecklenburg. Therefore, those settling in Rowan's part of Davidson's Creek settlement were to be found in the early county records of that county. That included tax and marriage records. Their neighbors to the south, perhaps just a few hundred yards away, could expect their county records in Mecklenburg. Unfortunately, many of those records in

Mecklenburg were destroyed. That eliminated any possibility of finding the Edmiston-Ewing marriage. But this does explain how Anne and her brother, Nathaniel, had their tax (1768) and marriage records (1767) in Rowan, yet no records for Margaret and her husband.

At this stage of my investigation, the mystery of how these three young Ewing children got to Rowan County from Maryland seemed to transcend many of my other thoughts; however, I had to put them on the back burner until later.

We had to find some evidence that Margaret and her husband, James Edmiston, did actually live in Mecklenburg County, where Charlotte is the county seat. And to provide some icing on the cake, we needed to prove that they lived not just in the county, but in the northern or northeastern part of the county, adjacent to the then-Rowan, now Iredell, county line. Davidson's Creek runs through the settlement in a northeast to southwest direction, crossing the county line before flowing into the Catawba River.

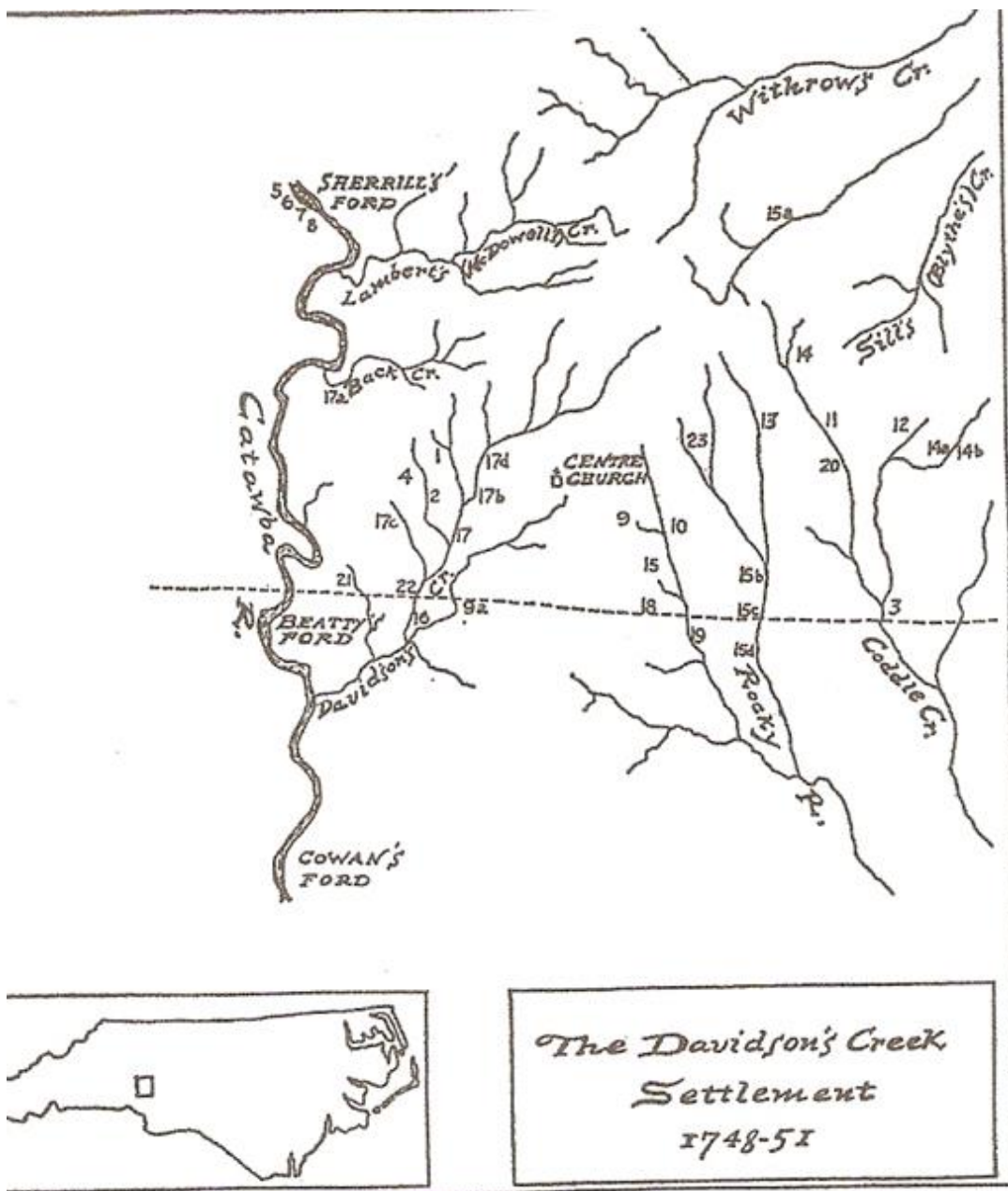
Before we go any further, perhaps it would be helpful to understand the county creation dates that are involved here:

- Rowan County was created 1753 from Anson County
- Mecklenburg was created 1762 from Anson County
- Iredell County was created 1788 from Rowan County
- Burke County was created 1777 from Rowan County

On pages 15-16, you will find a map (and the map reference numbers) of Davidson's Creek settlement. The Catawba River runs down the left side of the picture. You will notice a dashed line horizontally across the lower part of the map, which marks the county line separating then-Rowan County and Mecklenburg. This illustrates how Davidson's Creek settlement lies in relation to the two counties. Besides Davidson's Creek, there are some other streams flowing mostly north to south that originate in Rowan and flow into Mecklenburg or adjoining Anson County. Two of these are Rocky River and Coddle Creek. The map and list of landowners provide further detail on who lived where on both sides of the Granville Line.

The Davidson's Creek settlement map shows the names of most of the landholders in the settlement in the 1748 to 1751 time frame. Among the settlers in the list for which we have an interest are John and George Davidson, George Davidson, Jr., David and James Templeton, John Brevard, Robert Brevard, Alexander Osborne, and Henry Potts. Some of these had property in both counties. Here is why these early arrivals to Davidson's Creek settlement are of particular interest to us.

Map of Davidson's Creek Settlement 1748-1751, found in *Carolina Cradle*.



<i>Map Number</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Map Number</i>	<i>Name</i>
1	John Davidson and George Davidson, Sr.	15b	Alexander Osborne (sold to James Robinson, 1753)
2	George Davidson, Jr. (sold in part to William Rees, 1759)	15c	Alexander Osborne (sold to James Dunn, 1753; sold by Dunn to James Potts, 1759)
3	David Templeton	15d	Alexander Osborne (sold to James Harriss, 1753)
4	James Templeton	16	Edward Given (sold to John Given, 1757)
5	Adam Sherrill	17	John McConnell
6	Ute Sherrill	17a	John McConnell (sold to John McCune, 1762)
7	William Sherrill	17b	John McConnell (sold to John, Thomas, and Robert Johnston, 1764)
8	Abenton Sherrill	17c	John McConnell
9	John Bravard	17d	John McConnell (sold to Moses Andrew, 1759)
9a	John Bravard (sold to Andrew Lynn, 1753)	18	John McWhorter
10	Robert Bravard	19	Henry Potts
11	Walter Carruth	20	Thomas Cook (sold in part to Stephen Potts, 1762)
12	Adam Carruth (sold to David Kerr, 1762)	21	John Thomson (minister)
13	Jane Carruth (sold to James and Robert Carruth, 1756)	22	Samuel Baker
14	James Huggen	Location Unknown	Joseph Reid
14a	James Huggen (sold to Hugh McQuown, 1755)	23	Henry Hendry
14b	James Huggen (sold to Hugh Parks, 1753)		
15	Alexander Osborne		
15a	Alexander Osborne (sold to Patrick Gracy, 1754)		

Intermarriages and Kinfolk

- John Brevard's son, Zebulon Brevard, had a daughter named Ann Templeton Brevard, who married David Edmiston, first-born child of James and Margaret (Ewing) Edmiston.
- Zebulon Brevard's son, Zeb Brevard, Jr., married Isabella Edmiston, daughter of James and Margaret (Ewing) Edmiston and sister of David Edmiston. George Davidson, Jr. was a bondsman for the marriage of our John and Anne (Ewing) Thompson at their marriage in 1767 in Rowan.
- Alexander Osborne's daughter, Rebecca, married our Nathaniel Ewing about 1770. The marriage was not in the Rowan marriage book, so it probably took place in far-northern Mecklenburg.

- Henry Potts' daughter, Mary Potts, married Peter Thompson, brother of our Anne Ewing's husband, John Thompson.
- Zebulon Brevard married Ann Templeton, daughter of Samuel Templeton, who was the brother of the listed James and David Templeton. Once again, we know about James and David Templeton because they lived in the Rowan part of Davidson's Creek, while Samuel Templeton is not mentioned for the same reason Margaret and James Edmiston are not listed – because they were on the Mecklenburg or Anson side where records are not extant.

Military Records

Now we have our marching orders: find Margaret (Ewing) and James Edmiston in an area just across the county line in northern or northeastern Mecklenburg County, north and east of Charlotte.

This discovery did not come easy. I sadly discovered that Mecklenburg had very few courthouse records available to the pre-1800 researcher. Is there a silver lining to this cloud? I think so. Some records did not require the courthouse for their preservation. While scanning the Internet one evening, I found an article on a militia unit in Mecklenburg County and dated 1766. And there in the list of militia officers and enlisted men was one James Edminson. The list was entitled "Clear Creek Militia Company" of Mecklenburg and was commanded by Captain Adam Alexander.

My 4th great grandfather James Edmiston's name is often misspelled as are so many folks of that time period. So the addition of an "n" in his surname was not unusual. His first son David Edmiston was born about 1765. This is our best estimate for David's birth year. That would suggest that James and Margaret (Ewing) got married about 1764 or 1765. This would blend well with being in the 1766 militia list and with his wife's presumed age of 21 in 1764.

I've already mentioned that if we could show that the Edmiston family lived in the northern part of Mecklenburg County that it would provide an even stronger case for these three Ewing children to be all living in Davidson's Creek settlement. Now we know the militia name and company commander where James and Margaret probably lived: the Clear Creek district of Mecklenburg County. The problem is that I have not found a political definition of the Clear Creek districts. It would appear that it covers much of the east and northeast portion of Mecklenburg County and runs north to the Granville Line. To discover the location of Clear Creek, I did the usual 'Googling' and came up with the name of a book entitled, *The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek*. The author for this history was Russell Martin Kerr, and I purchased a copy of this book to see if it might be useful in my quest for information on my relatives.

Even though the map in the book proved inconclusive as far as my objective was concerned, it still shed some light on this issue. First, it had a listing of the Clear Creek militia company, its officers, and the enlisted men dated 1766, confirming the list previously obtained. Second, it stated that militia company commander Capt. Adam Alexander was an elder in the Clear Creek Presbyterian Church. Third, it stated that Alexander was a signer of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence from British rule, and preceded the one in Philadelphia on July 4,

1776. Fourth, it had a picture of Adam's tombstone and a monument to the long-time militia leader, religious leader, political leader, and beloved resident of Mecklenburg County.

I have not really addressed the question I posed in my first article on this Ewing family in 2009. I think I made a pretty strong case for Jane (Patton) Ewing remarrying in Cecil County, Maryland, and then the new couple moving to Davidson's Creek settlement with their three youngest children. Then I read that there was a Cecil County indenture dated 1766. Here is what I have on that:

9 August 1766 was the date of an "indenture between Patrick Ewing.....and Jane Ewing widow of Joshua all of Cecil County all of one part...."

This tells us two things: (1) she was living in Cecil County, Maryland on August 9, 1766 and (2) she had not remarried in the 13 years since her husband died. So much for that theory.

The Thompson family is thought to have moved from Chester County, Pennsylvania to Davidson's Creek settlement, Rowan County, North Carolina, about 1766. The family consisted of three brothers: Peter, John (b. about 1743), and Alexander Thompson; their mother Mary (Sheldon) Thompson Simeral; and her second husband, Andrew Simeral. It was just about a year later that brother John married Anne Ewing there in the settlement.

The Edmiston-Ewing family from the Clear Creek area of Mecklenburg County is a little more difficult to follow. Even though we speculated earlier that they married in Mecklenburg, it is possible that they married in Cecil County, Maryland, and moved to the Davidson's Creek settlement in 1764 or 1765. If this be the case, then it would explain how siblings Anne and Nathaniel got to North Carolina; they travelled with their older sister and her husband. That would require that they lived close to each other in Cecil County.

It is also possible that siblings Anne and Nathaniel traveled together in about 1766. Nathaniel would have been about 19 years of age and Anne about 21. I don't think that James and Margaret (Ewing) would have traveled that far by themselves while being single....not in those days. Of course, another possibility is that they were part of a group of Cecil County folks who travelled together – a wagon train of like-minded people.

The Rest of the Story

Margaret and James Edmiston appear to have lived in Mecklenburg County from 1764 or 1765 until about 1778, when Burke County was created with lots of land grants available. They joined the rush by taking a land grant themselves on the Catawba River near the site of a fort commonly called Old Fort by the early pioneers. Here they raised their family of six boys and two girls. The boys and their father appear in land records as being chain carriers each time their father got a new land grant. And we can see the older boys passing the job of surveyor chain carriers down to their younger brothers. With these records and the census records of 1790 and 1800 we can reconstruct the family.

See pages 19-20 for Margaret and James Edmiston's family group sheet.

Father James EDMISTON Sr.		
Birth	abt 1740	
Residence	Jun 1765	Clear Creek, near Rocky River, Mecklenburg Co., NC, USA
Military	7 Jun 1766	Militia company commanded by Capt Adam Alexander; Clear Creek Militia, Mecklenburg Co., NC
Prop Pur	10 Aug 1768	Mecklenburg Co., North Carolina, British America
Residence	15 Mar 1777	Rowan Co., NC
Prop Pur	Nov 1778	Burke Co., NC
Property	30 Oct 1799	(purchased) 90 acres of land; Burke Co., NC
Death	bef Jul 1803	Burke Co., NC
Burial		
Marriage	abt 1765	Davidson's Creek settlement, prob Mecklenburg Co., NC
Census (fam)	1790	Burke Co., NC
Census (fam)	1800	Burke Co., NC
Father		
Mother		
Mother Margaret EWING		
Birth	prob between 1740/1745	Cecil Co., MD
Will	20 Mar 1807	Iredell Co., North Carolina, USA
Death	aft Mar 1807	Iredell Co. NC
Burial		
Father	Joshua EWING (1704-1753)	
Mother	Jane/Jean PATTON (-)	
Children		
M	David EDMISTON	
Birth	abt 1766	Mecklenburg Co., NC
Prop Pur	28 Mar 1788	Burke Co., North Carolina, USA
Property sale	27 Nov 1790	David sells land acquired by him in 1788 back to his father.; Burke Co., North Carolina, USA
Residence	1801	Williamson Co., TN
Residence	1802	Williamson Co., TN
Residence	1803	Williamson Co., TN
Residence	1810	Williamson Co., TN
Death	bef Mar 1824	Clark Co., AR
Burial		
Spouse	Anne Templeton BREVARD (1766-1846)	
Marriage	bet 1786 and 1788	probably Burke Co., NC
M	Moses James EDMISTON	
Birth	2 Mar 1770	Mecklenburg Co., NC
Property	13 Oct 1798	land; Bee Tree Creek, Buncombe Co., NC
Census	1800	Buncombe Co., NC
Residence	24 Oct 1801	Tennessee
Residence	1804	Williamson Co., Tennessee
Residence	1805	Williamson Co., Tennessee
Residence	1806	Williamson Co., Tennessee
Residence	1807	Williamson Co., Tennessee
Residence	1808	Williamson Co., Tennessee
Residence	1809	Williamson Co., Tennessee
Tax List	1810	Williamson Co., Tennessee
Census	1810	Williamson Co., TN
Residence	1811	Williamson Co., Tennessee

Moses James EDMISTON (continued)		
Residence	1812	Williamson Co., Tennessee
Residence	1813	
Census	1830	Washington Co., Arkansas, USA
Property	20 Aug 1838	(purchased) 69 acres +40 acres + 40 acres; One mile west of Viney Grove, Arkansas, Washington Co., Arkansas, USA
Census	1840	Prairie Twp, Washington Co., AR
Death	bef 16 Aug 1845	Washington Co., Arkansas, USA
Probate	16 Aug 1845	Washington Co., Arkansas, USA
Probate	20 Jun 1854	Washington Co., Arkansas, USA
Probate	15 Dec 1855	Washington Co., Arkansas, USA
Probate	3 Nov 1857	Washington Co., Arkansas, USA
Burial		Edmiston burial ground, west of Viney Grove, Washington Co., AR
Spouse	Mary Ann THOMPSON (1769-1854)	
Marriage	21 Nov 1793	prob York Co., SC
F Isabella EDMISTON		
Birth	1773	Mecklenburg Co., NC
Census	1790	Morgan District, Burke Co., NC
Death	prob between 1799/1802	
Burial		
Spouse	Zebulon BREVARD Jr. (1769-1865)	
Marriage	1790/1	prob Burke Co., NC
M James EDMISTON Jr.		
Birth	bef 1775	Mecklenburg Co., NC
Residence	Nov 1790	Burke Co., NC
Death	aft 1807	
Burial		
Spouse	Agnes ALEXANDER (-)	
Marriage	Oct 1797	Blount Co., TN
F Mary Ann (Molly Anny) EDMISTON		
Birth	bet 1775 and 1784	Mecklenburg or Burke Co., NC
Death		
Burial		
Spouse	John DICKSON (-)	
Marriage	30 Oct 1802	Blount Co., TN
M John EDMISTON		
Birth	bet 1774 and 1784	Mecklenburg or Burke Co., NC
Death		
Burial		
Marriage		
M George EDMISTON		
Birth	bet 1775/1784	Mecklenbutg or Burke Co., North Carolina, USA
Residence	Apr 1793	Burke Co., NC
Residence	Feb 1795	Burke Co., NC
Residence	Nov 1801	Burke Co., NC
Tax List	1805	Capt. Bravard's company ; Burke Co., NC
Prop Pur	1807	Burke Co., North Carolina, USA
Death	aft 1810	
Burial		
Spouse	Unknown UNKNOWN (-)	
Marriage	abt 1799	prob Burke Co., NC

M	Samuel EDMISTON	
Birth	bet 1775 and 1784	Mecklenburg Or Burke Co., North Carolina, British America
Census	1800	Burke Co., North Carolina, USA
Tax List	1805	Capt. Bravard's company; Burke Co., NC
Death	aft 1807	
Burial		
Marriage		

James Edmiston died there in Burke County in 1803, but he didn't leave a will. We know the names and their birth order (probably) from the sale of some of his property by his named wife and children. And the order of their children, except for Isabella, corresponded with that derived from the chain carrier records. The next thing we know about the family is that wife Margaret left a will in Iredell County in 1807. So why did she head back to Iredell County? Her two oldest sons, David and Moses, were in Williamson County, Tennessee. Her oldest daughter Isabella had passed away between 1799 and 1802 after giving birth to four children by husband Zebulon Bravard, Jr. Another son James married in Blount County, Tennessee and is believed to have died in the War of 1812.

At any rate, Margaret decided to go back to her own kinfolk who still resided in the Statesville area of Iredell. Her brother Nathaniel was 60 years of age and living in Iredell County when Margaret (Ewing) Edmiston made her will in 1807 in Iredell. In the 1810 census of Iredell, we find both Nathaniel and his son Adlai Ewing. Margaret is not living as head-of-household in that census. In her will, Margaret named her son, Samuel, and her nephew Adlai Ewing as co-executors. It's likely that she died the same year as her will was written. It is not known where she is buried, but at least two of her sisters are buried in the Old Fourth Creek Cemetery in Statesville, county seat of Iredell County. Therefore, it is possible that she too is buried there, but in an unmarked grave.

The Ewing–Thompson family didn't remain for long in the Davidson's Creek settlement. Their first children were born in 1769 and were twins: Mary Ann and Nathaniel Thompson. By that year, the family had moved a few miles to the south into Tryon County of North Carolina. In a border dispute between the two Carolinas, a settlement was reached, and Tryon became part of York County, South Carolina. They joined the Beersheba Presbyterian Church and are buried in that church's cemetery. Several Thompson family members are buried here as well. John Thompson died in 1795, and his wife, Anne (Ewing) Thompson, died in 1815. Both are buried in Beersheba's cemetery. They had nine children in all.

I am descended from James and Margaret Edmiston by their son Moses James Edmiston, and also from John and Anne Thompson via their daughter Mary Ann Thompson. Then on November 21, 1793, this pair of first cousins, Moses James Edmiston and Mary Ann Thompson, were married. They are known to have lived in Buncombe County, North Carolina; Williamson County, Tennessee; Clark County, Arkansas Territory; Oklahoma Territory; and Washington County, Arkansas.

I will continue my search for where the Margaret Ewing – James Edmiston marriage took place by doing more searching in the Cecil County area of Maryland. If anyone makes such a

discovery, I would very much like to be made aware of it. Below is the Anne (Ewing) Thompson family group:

Father John THOMPSON Sr.		
Birth	1743	
Military	1781	John may have been a captain in the militia of South Carolina from York County. ; King's Mountain, South Carolina
Religion	bet 1789 and 1795	Beersheba Presbyterian Church, York District, SC
Census	1790	Camden District, York Co., SC
Death	24 Nov 1795	York Co., SC
Burial		Beersheba Churchyard (Presbyterian), York Co., SC
Marriage	24 Sep 1767	Rowan Co., NC
Residence (fam)	1768	Rowan (now Iredell) Co., NC
Father	Moses THOMPSON (-1745)	
Mother	Mary SHELDON (SHELTON) (-1773)	
Mother Anne EWING		
Birth	1745	Cecil Co., MD
Census	1800	York Co., SC
Death	7 Jan 1815	York Co., SC
Will	8 Apr 1815	York Co., SC
Burial		Beersheba Churchyard (Presbyterian), York Co., SC
Father	Joshua EWING (1704-1753)	
Mother	Jane/Jean PATTON (-)	
Children		
F	Mary Ann THOMPSON	
Birth	16 Jun 1769	Tryon Co., NC (now York Co., SC)
Census	1790	York Co., SC
Residence	1850	Washington Co., Arkansas, USA
Census	17 Oct 1850	Washington Co., AR
Death	abt 2 May 1854	Washington Co., Arkansas, USA
Probate		
Burial		Edmiston burial ground, west of Viney Grove, Washington Co., AR
Spouse	Moses James EDMISTON (1770-1845)	
Marriage	21 Nov 1793	prob York Co., SC
M	Nathaniel THOMPSON	
Birth	16 Jun 1769	Tryon Co., NC (now York Co., SC)
Property sale	13 Oct 1798	200 acres; Bee Tree Creek, Buncombe Co., NC
Prop Pur	17 Dec 1799	100 acres on Bledsoe Creek, Sumner Co. TN
Property sale	19 Dec 1806	100 acres on Bledsoe Creek, Sumner Co., Tennessee, USA
Tax List	1808	Maury Co., TN
Tax List	1809	Maury Co., TN
Tax List	1810	Maury Co., TN
Residence	5 Feb 1813	Maury Co., TN
Census	1840	Maury Co., TN
Death	abt Dec 1848	Maury Co., TN
Probate	19 Jan 1849	Maury Co., TN
Will		Maury Co., TN
Burial		
Spouse	Jane UNKNOWN (1766-1810)	
Marriage	abt 1796	
Spouse	Mary (Polly) HANNA (1782-1843)	
Marriage	bet 1813 and 1820	Maury Co. or Williamson Co., TN

M	Moses THOMPSON	
	Birth	6 May 1771 Tryon Co., NC (now York Co., SC)
	Death	13 Dec 1845 prob Hickman Co., KY
	Burial	Old Blandville Cemetery, Blandville, Ballard Co., KY
	Spouse	Mary (Polly) HAY (1777-1840)
	Marriage	30 Apr 1799 Butler Co., KY
M	James THOMPSON	
	Birth	1773/4 New Acquisition, South Carolina (now York County)
	Will	11 Jun 1808 York County., SC
	Death	13 Jun 1809 York Co., SC
	Burial	Beersheba Churchyard (Presbyterian), York Co., SC
	Marriage	
M	Alexander THOMPSON	
	Birth	1775/6 New Acquisition, South Carolina (now York County)
	Will	7 May 1827 York Co., SC
	Death	11 Jul 1827 York Co., SC
	Burial	Beersheba Churchyard (Presbyterian), York Co., SC
	Spouse	Elizabeth BROWN (1789-1844)
	Marriage	prob York Co., SC
M	John THOMPSON Jr.	
	Birth	1776/7 New Acquisition, South Carolina
	Death	16 Nov 1833 York Co., SC
	Burial	Beersheba Churchyard (Presbyterian), York Co., SC
	Marriage	
M	Dr. Samuel THOMPSON	
	Birth	1782 York Co., South Carolina, USA
	Will	3 Mar 1811 York Co., SC
	Death	10 Mar 1811 York Co., SC
	Burial	Beersheba Churchyard (Presbyterian), York Co., SC
	Marriage	
F	Elizabeth THOMPSON	
	Birth	Nov 1784
	Death	Aug 1786 York Co., SC
	Burial	Beersheba Churchyard (Presbyterian), York Co., SC
	Marriage	
F	Elizabeth Hannah (Betsy) THOMPSON	
	Birth	9 Jan 1785
	Death	11 Feb 1845
	Burial	Bullocks Creek Cemetery, York Co., SC
	Spouse	Robert GREER (1762-1827)
	Marriage	bef 1808



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Two Ewing Families – Adams County, Ohio

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Introduction: Two Ewing families settled in Adams County, Ohio, in the late-1700s and early 1800s. The Abner Ewing family settled in Green Township in the Sandy Springs area, along the Ohio River. Abner Ewing was from New Jersey. The James Ewing family came from Virginia and ventured into the northwestern part of Adams County, primarily in the Wayne Township area (although I believe James may have moved to nearby Unity, Ohio (Oliver Township) late in his life). A 1910 courthouse fire resulted in the loss of many Adams County, Ohio, historical records. It has been difficult to find information to prove relations.

Generation 1

James Ewing was born at Pennsylvania about 1785 and died at Adams County, Ohio, in 1863. He married at [place unknown] [date unknown], [wife unknown], who was born at [place unknown] [date unknown] and died at [place unknown] [date unknown], daughter of [parents unknown].

James Ewing is documented in the 1820 and 1830 Federal Censuses for Wayne Township, Adams County, Ohio. In the 1850 Selected Federal Census Non-Population Schedule, he reported that 50 acres of his Wayne Township land was improved and 90 acres were unimproved; his livestock consisted of two horses, four cattle of which three were milk cows, and two swine.

He is documented in the 1860 Federal Census for Oliver Township, Adams County, Ohio. For this census, he gave his age as 75 years (b. abt. 1785) and his birthplace as Pennsylvania.



Historic Marker in Cherry Fork Cemetery

Two women (likely unmarried daughters) were living with him in 1860; their birthplace was noted as Virginia. Four of his daughters reported his birthplace as New York and Virginia in the 1880 Federal Census. James Ewing is buried in Unity Cemetery, Adams County, Ohio.

Research Notes: I do not know the name of James Ewing's wife.

- In researching one of the children of James Ewing (i.e., Nancy P. Ewing), I found some text with a potential lead on James Ewing's wife.¹⁸ Nancy P. lived with her father, James, but went to McLean County, Illinois after he died, most likely to stay with a sister who lived there. She married William Baldrige and in a historical book about the county, it said: "Mrs. Nancy Baldrige is the daughter of James and Mary (Darwin) Ewing, who were natives of York County, Pa., where they were reared and educated, and married in 1775, and removed the same year to Virginia, where they remained until 1819. Thence they removed to Adams County, Ohio, where the mother died that same year. They had eight children." I've not found a Mary Darwin in my research yet. The marriage date does not necessarily match with the birth of James' children.
- In general queries online, I found someone looking for a James Ewing who married Mary Milligan from Rockbridge Co., VA, and moved to Adams Co., OH, between 1815-1820, which is a viable timeline (see the query at: <http://www.genealogy.com/forum/surnames/topics/ewing/2588/>). There are people with the Milligan surname noted in the census records, likely living near James Ewing.

Children of James Ewing and 'Unknown':

- i. **Elizabeth Ewing**, b. 18 Nov 1807; m. **Alexander Morrison** at Wayne Township, Adams, Ohio, on 16 Jun 1829; d. at White Oak, McLean, Illinois, on 28 Sep 1886; buried at Denman Cemetery, McLean County, Illinois.
- ii. **James Ewing**, b. at Virginia, abt. 1808; m. **Melinda Uln**; d. at Jackson Township, Highland, Ohio, bef. 1860.
- iii. **William D. Ewing**, b. at Virginia, abt. 1809; m. **Nancy Morrison** at Adams County, Ohio, before 1836; d. at Ohio, 24 Jul 1880.
- iv. **Nancy P. Ewing**, b. at Virginia, abt. 1811; m. **William Baldrige** at McLean County, Illinois, after 1867; d. at McLean County, Illinois, 05 Feb 1895.
- v. **Martha Purdy Ewing**, b. at Virginia, 15 Sep 1814; m. **James Morrison** at Adams County, Ohio, in 18 Feb 1836; d. at Warren County, Illinois, 25 Feb 1882.
- vi. **Rebecca Ewing**, b. at Virginia, in 1817; m. **Mitchell Morrison** abt. 1851; d. at Vermillion County, Illinois, in 1897.
- vii. **Margaret Ewing**

¹⁸ Chapman Brothers. 1887. Portrait and biographical album of McLean county, Ill., containing full page portraits and biographical sketches of prominent and representative citizens of the county, together with portraits and biographies of all the governors of Illinois and of the presidents of the United States. Chicago: Chapman Brothers.

Research Notes: *The History of Adams County, Ohio* (Evans and Stivers, 1900) pointed out that Elizabeth, William, Martha, and Rebecca married Morrison children. Robert Morrison, his wife, Mary Mitchell, and his children are well documented in this same book.

Robert and Mary's son James Morrison married Martha Purdy Ewing – they were John Wayne's great grandparents. That makes me (*author*) some distant cousin to John Wayne!

Generation 2

William D. Ewing was born at Virginia about 1809 and died at Ohio 24 Jul 1880. He married at Adams County, Ohio, before 1836, **Nancy Morrison**, who was born at Wayne Township, Adams, Ohio, 21 Oct 1809, and died at Wayne Township, Adams, Ohio, 25 Jan 1858, daughter of Robert and Mary (Mitchell) Morrison. William was a farmer and owned land west of the town of Eckmansville, Adams County, Ohio. Between 1855 and 1858, William lost his wife and daughters to cholera or consumption.

By 1860, William had been admitted to the Southern Ohio Lunatic Asylum in Montgomery County, Ohio; the condition listed was "Injury to health." His son, James Harvey Ewing, was the last surviving child and went to live with his uncle and aunt, John S. and Sarah (Morrison) Patton.

In June 1880, William had moved to the Athens Insane Asylum in Athens, Ohio. He and all patients were listed as "insane." William died the next month and was buried in Cherry Fork Cemetery, Adams County, Ohio, with his family. He maintained ownership of his 104 acres of land during the time he was a patient in the asylums (1880 Illustrated Historical Atlas).



**William D. Ewing Grave
Cherry Fork Cemetery, Ohio**

Children of William and Nancy (Morrison) Ewing:

- i. **Mary Jane Ewing**, b. at Wayne Township, Adams, Ohio, on 21 Jun 1836; d. at Wayne Township, Adams, Ohio, on 01 Oct 1856; buried at Cherry Fork Cemetery.
- ii. **Eliza M. Ewing**, b. at Wayne Township, Adams, Ohio, on 06 Apr 1838; d. at Wayne Township, Adams, Ohio, on 08 Dec 1855; buried at Cherry Fork Cemetery.
- iii. **Sarah Margaret Ewing**, b. at Wayne Township, Adams, Ohio, on 27 Dec 1840; d. at Wayne Township, Adams, Ohio, on 08 Feb 1860; buried at Cherry Fork Cemetery.
- iv. **Phebe Ewing**, b. at Wayne Township, Adams, Ohio, on 07 Sep 1843; d. at Wayne Township, Adams, Ohio, on 01 Mar 1858; buried at Cherry Fork Cemetery.

- v. **Rebecca Ann Ewing**, b. at Wayne Township, Adams, Ohio, on 11 Dec 1845; d. at Wayne Township, Adams, Ohio, on 09 Sep 1856; buried at Cherry Fork Cemetery.
- vi. **James Harvey Ewing**, b. at Wayne Township, Adams, Ohio, on 25 Feb 1848; m. **Clarissa Ann McKelvey** at Monmouth, Warren, Illinois, on 13 Feb 1868; d. at Piper City, Ford, Illinois, on 23 Dec 1919; buried at Brenton Cemetery.

Generation 3

James Harvey Ewing (William, James) was born at Wayne Township, Adams, Ohio, on 25 Feb 1848 and died at Piper City, Ford, Illinois, on 23 Dec 1919. He married at Monmouth, Warren, Illinois, 13 Feb 1868, **Clarissa Ann McKelvey**, who was born at New Bethlehem, Clarion, Pennsylvania, 20 Sep 1849 and died at Piper City, Ford, Illinois, 08 Mar 1930, daughter of Thomas and Eleanor (Anthony) McKelvey. James and Clarissa are buried in Brenton Cemetery in Ford County, Illinois.



James Harvey Ewing

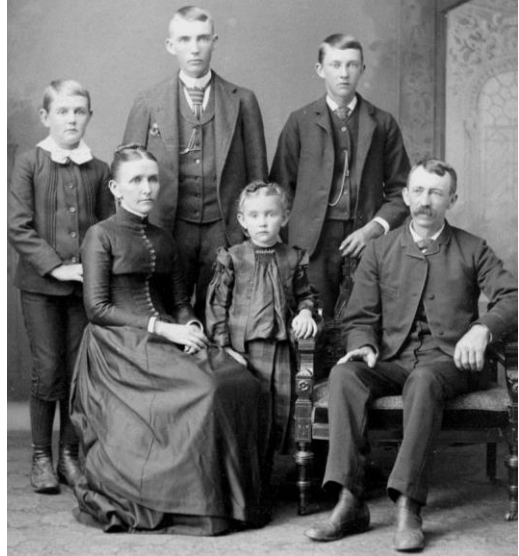
James Harvey Ewing was still a young boy when his mother died from (cholera or consumption) and his father was admitted to the Southern Ohio Lunatic Asylum. He went to live with John S. and Sarah (Morrison) Patton, first at their farm in Liberty Township, Adams, Ohio, and then in Monmouth, Warren, Illinois.

He met Clarissa Ann McKelvey, whose family came to Monmouth from New Bethlehem, Clarion, Pennsylvania, in 1858 on a flat boat from Pittsburgh to Oquaka, Illinois. James married Clarissa in 1868. They lived on a farm near Monmouth for about a year and then James and Clarissa moved to Ford County, Illinois, first to a farm near Paxton and then to one near Piper City. James worked for the railroad for a period immediately after their marriage (1870 census). They left the farm in 1913 and moved into Piper City.

Children of James and Clarissa (McKelvey) Ewing:

- i. **William Thomas Ewing**, b. at Paxton, Ford, Illinois, on 29 Apr 1869; m. **Jennie Anderson** at Colorado Springs, El Paso, Colorado, on 23 Jul 1902; d. at Colorado Springs, El Paso, Colorado, on 14 Oct 1911. William was a lumberman.

- ii. **Monroe Ewing**, b. at Paxton, Ford, Illinois, on 13 Oct 1873; m. **Rose Pursel** at Hamilton County, Indiana, on 27 Sep 1904; d. at Piper City, Ford, Illinois, on 01 Jun 1956.
- iii. **Edwin William Ewing**, b. at Piper City, Ford, Illinois, on 04 Jan 1878; m. **Charlotte (Lottie) May Dick** abt. 1914; d. at Piper City, Ford, Illinois, on 11 Aug 1938.
- iv. **Edith Mabel Ewing**, b. at Piper City, Ford, Illinois, on 02 Oct 1880; d. at Piper City, Ford, Illinois, on 29 Aug 1881.
- v. **Mary Clarissa Ewing**, b. at Piper City, Ford, Illinois, on 30 Oct 1883; d. at Piper City, Ford, Illinois, on 27 Jan 1963

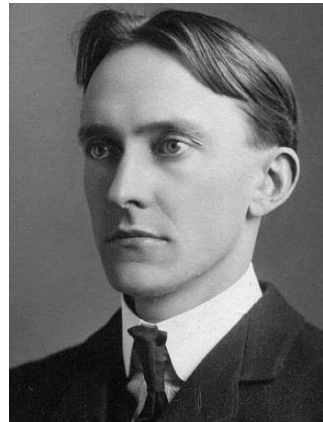


James Harvey & Clarissa McKelvey and Family

Generation 4

Monroe Ewing, b. near Paxton, Ford, Illinois, on 13 Oct 1873 and d. at Ridge Farm, Vermillion, Illinois, on 01 Jun 1956. He married at Hamilton Township, Indiana, on 27 Sep 1904, **Rose Pursel**, who was born at Broad Ripple, Marion, Indiana, on 30 Mar 1877 and d. at Ridge Farm, Vermillion, Illinois, on 02 Jan 1953, daughter of Jeremiah Oakley and Elizabeth (Watts) Pursel. Monroe and Rose are buried at Ridge Farm, Vermillion, Illinois, in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Monroe, or "Roe" as many people called him, was a long time Ridge Farm businessman. He began in 1896 as a watch and clock repairman and jewelry merchant, but enhanced his business over 53 years to include stationary and notions and textbooks. In 1904, he became the owner of a Murray automobile, the first auto in Ridge Farm. Monroe held the office of village clerk for 28 years and he served as secretary and treasurer for the Presbyterian and Federated churches. Shortly



Monroe Ewing

after opening his business, he purchased a large Swiss jeweler's regulation clock. It became a landmark in Ridge Farm, with everyone checking their watches by the clock. It is now in the ownership of a Ridge Farm family member.

Children of Monroe and Rose (Pursel) Ewing:

- i. **Elisabeth Clarissa Ewing**, b. at Ridge Farm, Vermillion, Illinois, on 02 Aug 1905; m. **Sheldon A. Weaver** at Marion, Indiana, on 27 Aug 1927; d. at Evanston, Cook, Illinois, on 14 Mar 1998.
- ii. **Hubert Oakley Ewing**, b. at Ridge Farm, Vermillion, Illinois, on 16 Aug 1909; m. **Ellen Mae Frantz** at Watseka, Iroquois, Illinois, on 02 July 1931; d. at Arlington Heights, Cook, Illinois, on 07 Aug 2002.
- iii. **James Frederic Ewing**, b. at Ridge Farm, Vermillion, Illinois, on 25 Jul 1915; m. **Geraldine Bell** at Ridge Farm, Vermillion, Illinois, on 11 Jun 1939.

Generation 5**Hubert Ewing**

Hubert Oakley Ewing, b. at Ridge Farm, Vermillion, Illinois, on 16 Aug 1909 and d. at Arlington Heights, Cook, Illinois on 07 Aug 2002. He married at Watseka, Iroquois, Illinois, on 02 July 1931, **Ellen Mae Frantz**, who was born at Young America Township, Edgar, Illinois, on 13 Sep 1911 and d. at Arlington Heights, Cook, Illinois, daughter of Isaac Andrew and Susan (Carter) Frantz. Hubert and Ellen are buried at Arlington Heights, Cook, Illinois, in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Hubert grew up in Ridge Farm and attended Marquette University after high school. He worked on the south side of Chicago and ultimately obtained a job at A.B. Dick Company in the production control department. He was responsible for maintaining inventory and supplies. In retirement, he enjoyed an eclectic array of hobbies, including gardening, traveling overseas, bread baking, needlepoint, and metal detecting.

Children of Hubert and Ellen (Frantz) Ewing:

- i. **Daniel Frederic Ewing**, b. at Chicago Heights, Cook, Illinois, on 20 Jul 1936; m. **Nancy Leigh Virgil** at Mount Prospect, Cook, Illinois, on 15 Oct 1960; d. at Arlington Heights, Cook, Illinois, on 02 Feb 2008.
- ii. **David Spencer Ewing**, b. at Chicago Heights, Cook, Illinois, on 08 Mar 1940; m. **Patricia Winters** at Schaumburg, Cook, Illinois, on 01 Sep 1979.

Generation 6



Daniel Ewing

Daniel Frederic Ewing, b. at Chicago Heights, Cook, Illinois, on 20 Jul 1936 and d. at Arlington Heights, Cook, Illinois, on 02 Feb 2008. He married at Mount Prospect, Cook, Illinois on 15 Oct 1960, **Nancy Leigh Virgil**, who was b. at Omaha, Douglas, Nebraska, on 30 Mar 1938, daughter of Robert Leigh and Esther Randall (Sharpe) Virgil. Daniel is buried at Arlington Heights, Cook, Illinois, in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Daniel grew up in New Lenox, Illinois and moved with his family to Arlington Heights in the late-1940s. He often reminisced about his time in the Boy Scouts, working during high school at the local theater and Arlington Park (horse racing venue). He attended the University of Illinois, at the Navy Pier and Champaign-Urbana campuses. After graduation, he was hired by The DoAll Company in Des Plaines, Illinois, as an accountant, and ultimately retired from there 44 years later. He married Nancy Virgil in 1960 and they moved into a home in Mount Prospect, Illinois. His hobbies included gardening, fishing, camping, and metal detecting, and traveling to visit his children as they went off to college and beyond.

Children of Daniel and Nancy (Virgil) Ewing:

- i. * **Rebecca Randall Ewing**, b. Arlington Heights, Cook, Illinois, on 05 Aug 1962.
- ii. **Barbara Alice Ewing**, b. Arlington Heights, Cook, Illinois, on 03 May 1968; m. **Michael Roland Kehe** b. Arlington Heights, Cook, Illinois, on 07 Oct 1995.
- iii. **Daniel Frederic Ewing, Jr.**, b. Arlington Heights, Cook, Illinois, on 17 Mar 1970; m. **Cheryl Ann Pratt** at College Park, Prince George's, Maryland, on 25 Oct 1997.



** Becky Ewing has been interested in genealogy since 1986 when she joined the Daughters of the American Revolution with her grandmother Ellen (Frantz) Ewing. When not dabbling in family history research, she works full time as a District Ranger for the USDA Forest Service. She is currently stationed at the Potosi-Fredericktown Ranger District, Mark Twain National Forest. Becky received a BS in Zoology from Eastern Illinois University and a MS in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from South Dakota State University. Sunny, her rescued golden retriever, is her constant companion on genealogy road trips. Becky can be reached at fishn.pal01@gmail.com.*

General Membership Meeting

Minutes – July 9, 2016

The general meeting of the Membership of the Ewing Family Association was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in Saline Michigan by Chancellor Wallace (Wally) K. Ewing. A quorum of membership was in attendance. Wally asked for a moment of silence in memory of Joe Neff Ewing, past chancellor.

Approval of the 2015 Membership Meeting minutes as read was moved by Jane Ewing Weippert. Beth Ewing Toscos seconded the motion. The motion carried with approval by all attendees.

New Membership Report (Jane (Ewing) Weippert on behalf of Lynn Coughlin, Treasurer)

The Ewing Family Association (EFA) had 197 members at the end of 2015. We received 12 new members since the beginning of the year and six members renewed their membership in 2016 who had not renewed in 2015. One member passed away and 30 people have not yet renewed their membership for 2016. The EFA currently has 184 paid memberships as of 6/20/16. No action was required.

Archivist's Report (Daniel C. Ewing)

Dan Ewing reported that the Wallace K. Ewing letters, pictures and complete works had been stored at the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Other documents stored at the ACPL are those of the McMichael, Fife, Riddle, Roe and Virginia Ewing Okie collections. Dan gave an appeal that if anyone wanted to send in their family's well documented information, please do so to the ACPL.

Clanship Report (Walter 'Major' Ewing)

A Ewing Clanship Member report was given by Walter "Major" Ewing speaking of the infancy of the Clan for these Highland games. The idea is to continue wherever and whenever they can be done. A fund has been developed to sponsor Clan tent events.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment (Beth (Ewing) Toscos)

Beth presented the proposed amendment to the Bylaws, which eliminates the requirement for annual membership meetings in favor of a general membership meeting held no less frequently than at a Gathering of association members. Wally K Ewing made a motion to approve the amendment, and David N. Ewing seconded. The motion passed.

Board Member Election (Wallace K. Ewing)

A slate of candidates for the Board of Directors was presented by Chancellor Wally K Ewing. All current Board members were included except David N. Ewing, who declined the nomination. David N. Ewing then nominated Larry E. Ewing from the floor. Beth Ewing Toscos seconded the nomination. The slate was closed after no further candidates were nominated from the floor. The motion approved.

Veterans' Recognition Program

Walter "Major" Ewing presented a Veteran's Recognition program established by the Ewing Family Association for members or ancestors. For a \$5 application fee, the veteran or family member of the veteran will receive a flash of Ewing tartan and a certificate.

Election of New Chancellor

Election of the next Chancellor of the EFA took place. David N. Ewing nominated Beth Ewing Toscos for the position. Karen Avery seconded the nomination. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Reports (Lynn Coughlin, Treasurer)

Jane (Ewing) Weippert summarized the following reports on behalf of Lynn Coughlin.

Summary of EFA Finances for Jan 1 – Jun 20, 2016

Linda (Ewing) Coughlin, Treasurer
(630-898-5627, LLCoughlin@comcast.net)

The Ewing Family Association's (EFA's) 2016 year-to-date revenue from regular operations of \$1,550.00 was derived from membership dues, gift memberships, library support donations, and sales of additional EFA journals. Year-to-date 2016 operating expenses for quarterly journal & newsletter printing & mailing, the EFA web site, office supplies, professional fees, advertising, PayPal fees & funeral flowers for Joseph Neff Ewing, Jr. are \$2,246.51, resulting in a net loss for regular operations of \$696.51.

The fees received to cover the cost of the 2016 EFA Gathering in Saline, Michigan are \$1,160.50. No expenses have been incurred as of 6/20/16.

The EFA has also received designated contributions in 2016 of \$180 for the Special Operations Fund. The EFA Board of Directors voted to transfer \$500 from the Special Operations Fund to the Heritage Fund (formerly the Clan Ewing Activity Fund) and also voted to reimburse John Thor Ewing \$1,000 to help cover his airfare so he could attend the 2016 EFA Gathering.

Total equity at 6/20/16 is \$13,844.09.

The fund balances at 6/20/16 are:

DNA Fund	\$ 58.62
EGD Project Fund	0.00
Heritage Fund	654.51
Pocahontas James Ewing Memorial	100.00
Research Fund	1,754.05
Special Operations Fund	3,935.74
Regular Operations Fund	<u>7,341.17</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$13,844.09</u>

Summary of EFA Finances for 2015

Linda (Ewing) Coughlin, Treasurer
 (708-502-6655, LLCoughlin@comcast.net)

The Ewing Family Association's (EFA's) 2015 revenue from regular operations of \$5,786 was derived from membership dues, gift memberships, library support donations, merchandise sales, and general operations fund donations. The 2015 operating expenses for advertising, quarterly journal & newsletter printing & mailing, office supplies (3-year Carbonite subscription), other postage, bank service charges (PayPal expense fees), depreciation on the EFA computer, liability insurance, fees paid to New Mexico and Illinois, and web site hosting were \$5,006, resulting in net income for regular operations of \$780.

In December \$90 was received in registrations for the 2016 Ewing Family gathering to be held in Saline, MI in July.

The EFA also received designated contributions in 2015 of \$500 for the Clan Ewing Activity Fund with an additional \$250 (50% match of contributions from the Special Activity Fund as designated by the EFA Board of Directors) and \$605 for the Special Operations Fund. Of the contributions received in the Clan Ewing Activity Fund, \$208 was used for the Loch Norman Games Clan Sponsorship and \$230 was used for the Scottish Games Sponsorship in California. In addition, a Clan Ewing banner and Audaciter stamp were purchased at a total cost of \$157.

Total equity at 12/31/2015 was \$14,290 compared to \$12,910 at 12/31/2014 due to the 2015 operating income, the 2016 gathering registration fees, and the net contributions designated to the special funds noted above.

The fund balances at 12/31/2015 were:

Clan Ewing Activity Fund	\$ 154.51
DNA Fund	58.62
Research Fund	1,754.05
Special Operations Fund	5,255.74
Pocahontas James Ewing	100.00
2016 Prepaid Gathering Registration	90.00
Regular Operations Fund	<u>6,877.18</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$14,290.10</u>

Please contact the Treasurer Linda Coughlin with any questions or to receive additional information related to EFA's 2016 or 2015 profit and loss or fund balances.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Wally K. Ewing, Immediate Past Chancellor at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jane Ewing Weippert

Commander's Comments

John Thor Ewing (thor@thorewing.net)

I must begin with an apology to any Ewings who've been attempting to view the clan website recently. There has been a temporary glitch in transmission, which I hope will have been resolved before you received this issue of the Journal



Attendees (L to R) at the August 2016 UK Gathering at Strathleven House:
Gwennie Ewing (John Thor Ewing's daughter), Gregor Ewing, Jim Ewing, Alexander Ewing (Jim's son), John Thor Ewing, Caradoc Ewing (John Thor Ewing's son), Margaret Ewing, and EFA Member, William Skidmore Ewing (Margaret's husband)

This August saw our first UK gathering, at Strathleven House, near Dumbarton. It was only a small event with a few Ewing families (see photo at left) from England and Scotland, but we had a very friendly and positive meeting, discussing the history of the clan and more recent family histories. We also enjoyed a tour of the house, which once belonged to James Ewing of Strathleven (1775-1853). Ewing connections with Strathleven go back at least to the early 1600's, when it was called Kirkmichael and was home to John Ewing in Heid-dykkis of Kirkmichael.

Advance Notice of Edinburgh Tattoo 2017

Next August will see another Clan Ewing event in Scotland, as we are privileged to have been invited to participate as a clan in the Edinburgh Royal Military Tattoo on Tuesday, August 6, 2017. The Tattoo is widely regarded as one of the greatest shows on Earth, and attracts sell-out crowds year after year. We will be sharing this evening with Clan MacPherson, under the leadership of their chief, Sir William Macpherson of Cluny and Blairgowrie.

Clansfolk will gather before the show in rooms on the Royal Mile (probably in the Lord Provost's official rooms). The kilted and tartan-clad clans will then parade onto the Castle Esplanade, in view of the entire Tattoo audience; the chiefs or commanders then take a dram with the presiding Pipe Major, and thereafter, accompany the official Salute-taker throughout the evening.

Tickets for the Tattoo will be available for Ewing clansfolk in mid-November, 2016, prior to going on sale to the general public in December. Please contact me for details via email at thor@thorewing.net, and a number of tickets will remain reserved for clan use until March 1, 2017, after which they will be released for general sale. If you'd like to take part, it makes sense to book well before the final deadline. Ticket prices are likely to range from £25 to £70 for standard seats, with more exclusive options also available. More information should shortly be available at: www.edintattoo.co.uk.

It would be wonderful to see a strong Ewing presence on such a public stage, and I hope we will be able to combine this event with visits to sites of Ewing interest in Scotland. Please do remember that the theme is “A Splash of Tartan”— the point of the event is to show off each clan in its appropriate tartan. The organisers have recently issued a reminder that clansfolk are expected to wear tartan, so let’s see how many Ewing kilts we can muster. The Tattoo has issued the following statement about next year’s event:

Each year, the Tattoo looks to establish a core theme which embraces, draws strength from – and adds weight to – major national anniversaries and other initiatives.

2017 is Scotland’s ‘Year of Heritage, History and Archaeology’, and the Tattoo has chosen to support this through the theme ‘Splash of Tartan’, playing host to a stunning array of performers from all points of the compass. In a Royal Navy lead year, the Tattoo will set sail with the Massed Bands of Her Majesty’s Royal Marines to celebrate the heritage, colour and diversity of Scotland’s global family both near and far.

As well as a spectacular show the audience will be invited to come dressed in their Clan, Family or group tartan or just one that they like wearing. As part of the programme, the Tattoo and the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs have joined together to involve Scottish Clans and Families. Clan Chiefs will attend the show across the August run and invite supporters to attend on their night wearing their tartan.

As part of the show, the Tattoo will look to bring to life the past and present story of the Scottish Clans and Families and their importance as part of Scotland’s national heritage and future identity. The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is delighted to have the support of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs in welcoming the Scottish Clans and Families from home and abroad. The Tattoo should be your reason to travel to Edinburgh in 2017.

Best wishes,
Thor

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Edinburgh
Tattoo Event



Farewell, but Not Goodbye!

Wallace K. 'Wally' Ewing (WKEwing1@gmail.com)



Being chancellor for four years allowed me to work with enjoyable, capable people. It wasn't an easy decision to relinquish the position, but the time comes when it's important to place even pleasant responsibilities in the care of someone who will initiate new ideas and new approaches. At the EFA'S bi-annual Gathering in July, Beth Toscos was chosen to be that someone. Her willingness to be Chancellor, coupled with her diverse capabilities and enthusiasm, is a boon to us all. Thank you, Beth! We are fortunate, too, that others will continue to carry out their tasks: John and Denise, editors of all EFA publications; Martin, Webmaster; Linda, Treasurer; Jane, Secretary; David Neal, Y-DNA project; Karen, Genealogist; Dan, Archives; Walter, Clan Ewing Standing Committee; and Terry, Membership. A salute to them all, for what they have done in the past and for what they will yet accomplish.



In this my departing letter as past Chancellor, I want to tell you about two Ewing possessions of which I am particularly proud, one old and one new. When my Ewing grandparents were married in the spring of 1893, the groom was serving in the Michigan legislature. His peers banded together and presented A.E. and Carlotta with the wedding gift pictured (left): a silver hollowware water service. The container is on a fulcrum; when tilted toward the tumbler, the beverage pours into it without the loss of a drop. The gift has been an accessory in one Ewing home or another over the past 126 years.

The new item (right) is an outcome of the 2016 Gathering. After Jane and I returned home, we mailed to each of my four daughters a bit of Ewing tartan encased in a locket. (Locketts and key rings were offered as souvenirs at the Salina Gathering.) Inspired by the tartan, second daughter, Teri, found a company on-line that would convert a large piece of the Ewing tartan into a tote. I now carry papers, books, groceries, or beach gear with Ewing pride. The hollowware and tote are reminders of my Scottish heritage.



I hope to see you at the 2018 Gathering in Scotland – if that is arranged. For now, I say “*Slán abhaile*” to the chancellor's position, but not to my EFA family and friends!

Wally

Chancellor's Letter

Beth Ewing Toscos, EFA Chancellor (mbtoscos@comcast.net)



As 2016 draws to a close, we can report that it has been a busy year for the Ewing family in terms of genealogical research and heritage celebration. We now have a blueprint for participation in Highland Games and will continue to support a limited number of these events. If you are interested in sponsoring a clan tent at a site near you, please contact Walter 'Major' Ewing at wallygator57@hotmail.com. I ask you to bear in mind that pitching a clan tent is time-consuming and certainly requires more than two people to set up, staff, and tear-down. But the pay-off in camaraderie is a bonus only found at these events. Our

Gathering at Saline is an excellent example of this, as is Larry Ewing's second year of participation at the Pleasanton Games in California.

On a separate note, our genealogical representation grows even greater with internet access to past Journals. Webmaster Martin Ewing has posted all but the last two years of the Journal on-line at www.ewingfamilyassociation.org. This is a wonderful addition to our website. Going forward, we will reserve the last two years of the Journal for official members of the Ewing Family Association who will continue to receive printed and/or e-mail copies of the most recent issues.

For those of us who are interested in on-going activities in Scotland, please review Commander Thor Ewing's Comments. In 2017, Clan Ewing has been invited to participate in the Royal Edinburgh Tattoo. Having attended this event in the past as a spectator, I am delighted that Clan Ewing will be represented. Any Ewing interested in participation should contact Thor at thor@historicalarts.com.uk. Of course this will require a kilt or other tartan garment, and Thor can guide you in your selection of traditional Scottish apparel appropriate for this event.

I am genuinely honored to serve as your new Chancellor. We have come a great distance since the inauguration of this organization 28 years ago. We still have far to go. Our efforts remain on 1) establishing our individual and group genealogies, and 2) working toward the election of a Chief for Clan Ewing. As new generations of Ewing kin grow into an interest in their combined histories, it gives me great pleasure to know that the Ewing Family Association has been, and will continue to be, both a repository for shared information and a kinship group willingly participating in our common family ties.

Beth

New EFA Members – Welcome Aboard!

Martha Maurer (Member #1206), and her husband, David, reside in Somers, MT. Read her research inquiry in the Information Exchange section of this issue. Martha can be reached at marthamaurer1@gmail.com.

Kathleen Bernstein (Member #1207), and her husband, David, live in Wayland, Massachusetts. Kathy's email address is kathe@ambersoft.com, and she provides the following family information:

About 2 years ago, I did my DNA tests and found out that I am mostly Scots. I started doing more family research and found that to be true. I joined the Ewing Family Association when I found out that I am descended from Robert Ewing of Bedford, Virginia. He and his brother, Charles came to America in about 1740. They each owned many hundreds of acres of land in Virginia. They were from the Clan Ewen of Otter. The area where they lived is now the "Peaks of Otter State Park."

Robert had 12 children, and I am descended from his daughter, Jane, who married Peter Kelly. Robert was a Revolutionary War patriot and has been proven by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Jane Ewing and Peter Kelly moved many times, but last lived in Alabama.

As for myself, I was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and moved to Fort Worth, Texas, when I was age 14. I went to college at the University of North Texas and graduate school at Boston University. I have been married for 43 years to my college sweetheart, Dave Bernstein. Dave and I moved to the Silicon Valley in 1981 and raised our children there. We have two grown sons, Jonathan and Brian. Neither son is married; both live in New York and both are musicians.

My husband was a computer software engineer, and I have worked as a technical writer in the computer industry and as a graphic designer. In 2004, we moved back to the Boston area due to my husband's job. We are both now retired and loving it. I have two major hobbies: painting and genealogical research. I live in a small town in Massachusetts about 25 minutes west of Boston called Wayland.

Mari Ewing Fletcher (Member #1208), and her husband, Clint, make their home in Galena, Kansas. Mari may be contacted via email at mobileadvantage@hotmail.com.

Michelle Perkins (Member #1209), and her husband, Timothy, currently reside in Rixeyville, Virginia. Michelle is a U.S. Army Veteran, who is currently a real estate agent with the RE/MAX Regency, but is a native of Gering, Nebraska, and plans to retire there in about 1.5 years. Michelle can be reached at michelle@teamregency.com.

Michael Aret Ewing (Member #1210), and his wife, Ellen, live in Jerome, MI. He reports that his earliest known ancestor is James Ewing of Hunterdon, New Jersey (1675-1680). Michael may be emailed at ewingm11@comcast.net.

Robert D. Ewing (Member #1211), was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He and his wife, Carla, currently live in Evansville, Indiana. Robert is the son of Ewing Family Association's archivist, Daniel C. Ewing (Member #1012), and he reports that his earliest known ancestor is Samuel Ewing of Londonderry, Ireland. Robert may be contacted via email at bewing8678@att.net.

Mark Ewing (Member #1212), and his wife, Susan, are residents of Kingsley, Michigan. His email address is: me.stcbsa@gmail.com.

Rebecca Randall Ewing (Member #1213) lives in Farmington, Missouri, and can be contacted at fishn.pal01@gmail.com. Rebecca shares the following:

My dad (Daniel Frederic Ewing) passed away before DNA testing became available, so I gave my uncle (David Spencer Ewing) a Y-DNA and mt-DNA test for Christmas, 2015. The Y-DNA test connected us to James Ewing of Hunterdon, New Jersey (Group 4d). Since learning this, I have been trying to find how my 4th-great grandfather, James Ewing, links to James Ewing of Hunterdon, NJ. I am a new member and have not had time to peruse all of the information on the Ewing Family Association website yet, but I look forward to doing so.

***Editor's Note:** See page 24 for Rebecca's article on two Ewing families – Abner and James – who settled in/near Adams County, Ohio.*

Lee A. Ewing (Member #1214) lives in Frankfort, Michigan. Her email address is: leeaewing@aol.com

Rebecca Ewing Oberholtzer (Member #1215) resides in Tucson, Arizona, and may be reached at webeobe@yahoo.com.

Yvonne (Vonnie) K. Tischer (Member #1216) lives in Perry, Ohio, and you may contact her via email at vonnie54_00@yahoo.com. Vonnie provides the following family information:

Vonnie's Maiden Name: Scriber

Her Mother's Maiden Name: Andrews

Her Maternal Grandmother's Maiden Name: Daisy Dean Ewing

Passings

With sincere condolences to their family and friends, we note the passing of:

Gregory A. Farmer (EFA Member #349)

(Published in *The Examiner*, Independence, MO, on Apr. 18, 2015)



Gregory A. Farmer, 75, of Independence, was called up to pitch for God's team on April 16, 2015, after a three and a half year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Greg was born Nov. 8, 1939, to J.O. Farmer and Estella Tudor Farmer in Independence, MO. He graduated from Van Horn in 1957, the school's second graduating class.

Growing up Greg was active in Boy Scouts earning the rank of Eagle and the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say where he took the name Little Swift Iron Messenger after his father. He earned so many merit badges he needed a second sash to display them all. Greg was also a successful local baseball player who spent his years playing in the Kiwanis, 3&2, American Legion, Ban Johnson, Senior 3&2 and local semi-professional leagues.

After high school Greg attended the University of Tulsa (where he was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity) and Central Missouri State University, graduating from CMSU with a BA in Education in 1964 and a MS in Education in 1968. Greg taught in the Kansas City and Hickman Mills school districts for a total of 37 years and brought back the idea for a gifted education program after a summer program at John's Hopkins University. He taught gifted education until his retirement in 2005.

Greg spent his free time reading 100+ books a year, conducting genealogical research, attending the Missouri state high school basketball championships for 48 straight years, coaching youth baseball, attending his kids' and grandkids' events and collecting everything from books to records to board games.

Greg is survived by his loving wife of 54 years Janet Freeland Farmer of the home; children Kirk Farmer (Lisa), Wendy Farmer Moser (David) and Kyle Farmer (April); sister Gayle Farmer McSparren (Craig); and grandchildren Erin, Mitchell, Franki and Henry Farmer, and several nieces and nephews.

Sharon K. (Jones) Ewing (EFA Member #1142)

(Courtesy of Olsen-Powell Memorial Chapel, Mt. Pleasant, IA)



Sharon Jones Ewing, 67, of Mt. Pleasant, IA and formerly of Fairfield, IA, passed away at 11:40 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2016, at Arbor Court in Mt. Pleasant. Gifts of love and friendship may be donated to Friends of Lacey or HCI Care Services. On line condolences may be directed to www.olsonpowell.com.

Born March 14, 1949, in Fairfield, IA, Sharon Kay was the daughter of Hubert Edward and Hazel Irene (Ewing) Jones. Sharon spent her formative years in Fairfield. She earned her GED in 1987, and she continued her education at Indian Hills

Community College where she received her certificate in bookkeeping. On April 2, 1966, she married Lee Ewing in Fairfield, IA. The couple later divorced.

From 1967-1979, the family lived in southeast Missouri around Dexter and Sikeston, MO. Moving back to Iowa in October 1979, Sharon lived in various towns of Jefferson, Van Buren, and Henry Counties. She moved back to Fairfield in 2011. For 15 years Sharon worked as a bookkeeper for Mt. Pleasant Tire & Service. She retired from this position in 2006.

Sharon was a member of Friends of Lacey, a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps, and in 2008, became a member of the National C.C.C. Legacy. Her most rewarding experience happened in 2010, when the Iowa Hawkeye Chapter of Civilian Conservation Corps was organized, and through a partnership with the Friends of Lacey, obtained the "C.C.C. Worker." Dedication of this statue was on July 30, 2010, at Lacey Keosauqua State Park. Sharon enjoyed crocheting, and made many baby blankets which were all given away or donated. She attended Faith Christian Outreach Church and later attended Wellspring Evangelical Free Church. She confessed Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior.

Survivors include three daughters, Laura (Mark) Taglauer of Brighton, IA, Brenda (Jeff) Quick of Fairfield, IA, and Patricia (Tracy Trejo) Ewing of New London, IA; a son, Douglas (Loni Emery) Ewing of Ottumwa, IA; two brothers, Robert (Pat) Jones of Guttenberg, IA, and Mike (Melinda) Jones of Red Wing, MN; a brother-in-law, Larry Miksch of Littleton, CO; and a sister-in-law, Becky Jones of Fairfield, IA. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Trent and Mitchell Taglauer, Becky and Nathan (Michelle) Oliver, Mitchel (Craig) Ash, Hayley (Chris) Young, Tony Menke, and Tyler and David Ewing; three great-grandchildren, Toby and Nolan Oliver and Hayden Young; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceding Sharon in death are her parents; a sister, Carol Miksch; and a brother, Richard Jones.

Charles Boal Ewing, Jr.

(Published in the *Herald Tribune*, Sarasota, FL, on September 11, 2016)



Charles B. Ewing, businessman, engineer, developer, and builder of the first large corporate office building in Tyson's Corner, VA, died peacefully at his home in Longboat Key Florida on September 7, 2016, with his wife by his side. Mr. Ewing was a co-founder of West Group, a private real estate developer, general contractor, and property management firm.

In 1962, Mr. Ewing organized a firm to construct and lease a 150,000 square foot building in Tyson's Corner to Research Analysis Corporation, a Department of the Army "think tank" whose chairman was General of the Army Omar Bradley.

Mr. Ewing was born in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, attended the Sullivan School in Washington, DC, graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York in 1951, and commissioned in the Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army. He served in the Korean War as a combat engineer in the 2nd Infantry Division and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. He was then assigned to Camp Fuji, Japan.

His next assignment was to the Chicago Engineer District as Resident Engineer supervising the construction of a Nike anti-aircraft missile installation. He attended Iowa State University and received a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He attended the Airborne Course at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, receiving the Parachutist's Badge, then graduated from the Engineer Officer's Advanced Class at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Mr. Ewing was assigned to Germany and served in the 23rd Armored Engineer Battalion, Third Armored Division, and as Operations Officer of the 801st Heavy Construction Battalion, and Operations Officer of the 928th Heavy Construction Group. Mr. Ewing resigned his commission as a regular Army captain in 1960 to attend Harvard Business School and received his M.B.A. in 1962.

Mr. Ewing was a founder of Tysons Transportation Association (TYTRAN), the first public-private transportation association in the country and a charter member of the Washington Airports Task Force originally organized to increase the use of Dulles Airport.

In 1951, Mr. Ewing married Roxanne Slater Ewing who died in 1960. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Betty Gaines Ewing, their three children, John Charles Ewing (Ruanne) of McLean, Virginia, Cynthia Ewing Miller (Donald) of Tiburon, California, and Sarah Ewing Sagarese (Mark) of McLean, Virginia; and six grandchildren, Aja, Christopher, Rosemary, Margaret, Isabella, and John; and his sister, Judith Ewing Geggis.

Joe Bailey Ewing

(Courtesy of Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory, Muskogee, OK)



Editor's Note: Joe is the father of Ricky Dale Ewing who is RD2 in Group 2f in the Ewing Family YDNA Project.

Joe Bailey Ewing, 95, arrived on this earth December 1, 1920. He was born to William Franklin Ewing and Mary Alice (Parker) Ewing of Throckmorton, Texas. He graduated from Woodson High School in 1938. He entered the United States Army in January of 1942 and served at Camp Gruber Oklahoma. He shipped out to Europe in 1944 where he participated in the North Apennines & Po Valley campaigns in Italy. He received the Bronze Star for heroic service and the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in combat.

After the war he returned to Muskogee where he worked as a taxi driver, a butcher, and in the welding supply business. He worked at Central Welding Supply/Jimmie Jones Company for almost forty years before retiring. Finding retirement to be too uneventful, he returned to the welding supply business until he retired once again. He came out of retirement once more to deliver flowers for Lakeland Florist for another decade. At the young age of 86, he retired from work for the final time.

He was a member of Ash Street Baptist Church for many years where he loved all the hugs he received each time he was there.

Joe was blessed with five children and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. As his memory started to deteriorate, it was difficult for him to keep them organized in his mind and name all of them. However, his wife of 56 years, Mildred, helped him keep them straight. Joe left his earthly body on the morning of October 3, 2016.

He is survived by his wife Mildred (McBurnett) Ewing; three children, Donna Jo Cagle of Okmulgee, Linda Pruitt & husband Don of Oklahoma City, and Rick Ewing & wife Chris of Muskogee; grandchildren Chris Cooper & wife Camille of Glenpool, Betty Rose & husband Ron of Okmulgee, Natasha Gates & husband Brad of Van Buren, Arkansas, Joshua Moody & wife Jenny of Fort Gibson, Tara Myrter & husband Steve of Jenks, Clint Ewing of Oklahoma City, Jason Ewing of Jenks, Travis Ohls and wife of Cleveland, Michael McDaniel & wife Tiffany of Cogar, Jenyfer Greer & husband Jody of Oklahoma City, Kelson Ewing of Oklahoma City, Bailey Ewing of Tulsa, and Gerald Shores & wife Christine of Muskogee; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Joe Wayne Ewing of Preston, daughter Donna Sue Cowan of Tulsa, and grandson Chad Aaron Moody of Muskogee.

Jean Ream McClure (EFA Member #425)

(Published in the *Columbia Daily Tribune*, Columbia, MO, on October 23, 2016)

Editor's Note: Jean was a Ewing family researcher who wrote an article on the children of Pocahontas James Ewing, which can be found on the Ewing Family Association website.

Jean Ream McClure, 95, of Columbia passed away Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016. She donated her body to the University of Missouri Medical School's Department of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences. Her remains will be buried at a later date with those of her husband, Ray, at New Liberty Church Cemetery in Holt County near Mound City.

Alta Jean Ream McClure was born Dec. 31, 1920, on a farm adjacent to Maitland. Her parents were Bessie Louella Lawrence Nauman Ream and Hiram David Ream. She was anticipated to be a son, so her family called her Billie until she started first grade, and then used Jean.

She graduated from Maitland High School in 1938 and attended the University of Missouri-Columbia, graduating in 1942 with a bachelor's degree in home economics. She belonged to Phi Upsilon Omicron and Alpha Gamma Delta, was tapped for Mortar Board and LSV, and was president of the YWCA, where she met her future husband, Ray McClure, president of the YMCA. She was employed by the Missouri State Extension Services and served as a home demonstration agent from 1942 to 1945, during World War II, in St. Charles, Jefferson, and Clinton counties. On April 8, 1944, in Wichita, Kan., she married Ray C. McClure of Shelbina, while Ray was serving in the Army Air Force from 1942 to 1946.

She was a longtime member of Missouri United Methodist Church, UMW and Gibson Circle, P.E.O., Church Women United, Genealogical Society of Central Missouri, Boone County Historical Society, Missouri State Historical Society, Friends of Arrow Rock, DAR, NSDAR, Fortnightly Club, Missouri Retired Teachers' Association and Boone RTA, the Ewing and Strong Family Associations of America and the Maitland Alumni Association. She and Ray took great pride in their alma mater, the University of Missouri, and gave of their service and gifts. She was a member of the Jefferson Club, Monticello Society, and the Missouri Alumni Association.

She is survived by her children, Barbara McClure, Larry McClure (Sheila Searfoss) and Ron McClure of Columbia, and Rick McClure (Linda) of Hartland, Wisc.; grandchildren, Jennifer L. McClure (James Owens) of Maumelle, Ark., Dr. Alissa Speziale (Chris) of San Diego, Calif., Erin L. McClure (Clyne E. Cunningham Jr.) of Columbia, Md., Brenda Barnes (Grant) of Hartland, Wisc., Erin Searfoss Hartung (Nate) of St. Louis, and Lacey Searfoss (Matt Laue) of St. Louis; great-grandchildren, Noah McClure and Zoë Cunningham, Sophia and Nora Speziale, Rebecca and Connor Barnes, Isabella, Johnathan and Nathaniel Hartung, and Eleanore and William Laue; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray, on Sept. 17, 2011; her half-brother, Lawrence Nauman and wife Velma; her half-sister, Mary Nauman Galey and husband Leslie; and her sister, Bessie (Betty) A. Ream Brock; and husband Charles H.

Information Exchange

This section of the *Ewing Family Journal* provides members with transcripts of dialogues initiated by queries or offers of information sent to the EFA Genealogist, the *Ewing Family Journal's* Editor, the following websites, and others. Including these items here is intended to entice others to join the dialogues and help respond to the queries or amplify the provided information.

Ewing-related requests for information and offers of information are often posted to various Internet web sites including:

- EFA's Forum at groups.google.com/group/EwingFamilyAssociation,
- EFA's Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/ewing.family.association,
- Ewing Family Genealogy Forum at genforum.genealogy.com/ewing, and
- Rootsweb's Ewing Message Board at boards.rootsweb.com/surnames.ewing/mb.ashx.

Readers should periodically view and search these sites to find queries and offered information related to their Ewing-related genealogy research.

Ewings in Lancaster, Ohio

Message from Martha Maurer (marthamaurer1@gmail.com)

I just want to see if you received my information about my tree on Ancestry. My husband is planning a wonderful trip for us to Scotland and Ireland next year. I just want to be as sure as I can about my Ewing ancestors. I appreciate any help you can give me. I am just a beginner.

I am Martha Anderson Maurer in the tree. My mother is Bernice Marie Ewing, daughter of Clarence Daniel Ewing. Thank you very much.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Yes, I received the invitation to your ancestry tree and want to add many of the Ewing line to my large data base. If you remember, we worked together a couple of years ago. Just as soon as I can, I will get back to you. I am constantly overwhelmed with work on the various Ewing families in my job as genealogist. I am not a certified genealogist, but have been working on Ewings since 1996. I have more than 13,000 Ewing born folks in my personal data base, so I am really also a 'compiler' and try to help everyone who asks for help. I am currently in the middle of a few projects and need to finish those before starting new projects.

Have you spent any time on the Ewing Family Association website? Recently we published all of the EFA Journals through 2014. If you haven't found those, you will enjoy reading them.

Message from Martha Maurer (marthamaurer1@gmail.com)

Thank you Karen....With my old age, I am sorry that I don't remember you but I certainly appreciate everything you did and what you can do for me now. I have a connection to the Sterling Castle in Scotland on my tree but would like to know if I am correct about that if it is possible. I am going to join the Ewing Family Association and I think I will then be able to read the journals. Thank you again.

Later Message from Martha Maurer (marthamaurer1@gmail.com)

I have just joined so just finding my way....Does anyone have Ewing relatives who settled in Lancaster Ohio? My husband is planning a trip to Scotland and Ireland next year and I am trying to finalize my tree. I have traced my ancestors back to James of Inch, but I am only a beginner and would like to know for sure if I am correct. Any ideas? Thanks.

Response from David N. Ewing, EFA Y-DNA Project Chairman (DavidEwing93@gmail.com)

Welcome to the discussion, Martha. I hope you will join the EFA.

I don't know how familiar you are with the website yet, but if you haven't found the late Bill Riddle's (d. 9/26/14) excellent Ewing genealogy documentation project with a descendants chart for James Ewing of Inch, you must see and study it. It contains a wealth of information on these families. You can get to this directly via

https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/EGD_Project/James_of_Inch/index.htm

You should also see Bill's article on the Southwest Pennsylvania Ewings at

<https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/genealogy-and-history/sw-pennsylvania-ewings>

You might also be interested to see how the Ewing Y-DNA Project participants in this family are related to one another. Have a look at this link:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/Group1bRelationshipDiagram.pdf>

Good luck in your research.

Response from Eric Ewing (eric@ewi.ng)

Hi Martha! The Lancaster, Ohio Ewings are quite a distinguished line, perhaps most famously represented by U.S. Senator, Thomas Ewing. Among his many other achievements, Senator Ewing adopted and raised a pretty famous son himself: General William Tecumseh Sherman.

The Thomas Ewing house (right) still stands in Lancaster.



Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Have you reviewed the genealogical information in the links that David Neal Ewing suggested on the [ewingfamilyassociation - googlegroups](http://ewingfamilyassociation-googlegroups.com) site? Hopefully you found some answers there.

Since this is not my direct line, all of my data comes from others. Yesterday, I took the time to check my data base records of the sixty Ewing folks who were listed in Pleasant and Greenfield Townships and Lancaster City, Ohio, in the 1860 census of Fairfield County, Ohio. What a job! I believe I do have all of them positioned in the correct family group. There are two listings for men named David in that census. One born about 1820 living in Lancaster City who was a blacksmith. I do not know the names of his parents.

The second David born about 1824 was living in Pleasant Township. I believe this is your David who had two marriages. First marriage was to Priscilla Wells in 1846, and secondly to Diana Wilhelm in 1858. Your David (October 11, 1823 to May 1, 1900) was a son of David (1784-1844) and Jane Eliza (Ainsworth) Ewing.

You mentioned that you hope to have one Ewing male from your line join the Ewing Y-DNA Project. I think that would be an excellent idea to see if the test results agree with the paper trail of others of this line.

Welcome to the Ewing Family Association!

Response from Martha Maurer (marthamaurer1@gmail.com)

Thank you David for all the information. After looking at some of the information, I am not sure that I descended from James of Inch. When I go backwards, it seems that I did but when I start with James, it doesn't look like it. I am just a beginner, so have a lot of work to do. I have printed a lot of the information and will try to study it while on vacation. Any suggestions will be welcomed.

Response from David P. Ewing (dewing62@gmail.com)

There is another Ewing line that settled just north of Lancaster, Ohio, in Pleasant Township. They (we!) trace male ancestry back to James Ewing of Hunterdon County, New Jersey (1655-1740). Much of the early genealogy is documented in Margaret Ewing Fife's book, available on the EFA web site. Three Ewing brothers were original settlers in the Lancaster area when the Ohio Territory opened up. A former Ewing house is extant there.

Margaret Ewing (married to Sherwood Wilkinson, abt. 1784)

**** Editor's Note: This query continues from the May 2016 issue. ****

Message from John and Susan Sloan (jandssloan@mindspring.com)

Dear Friends: I was referred to you by the Cecil County, Maryland, Historical Society. I am researching Margaret Ewing who married a Robert Morrow. He was born in Ireland about 1742 and was Capt. in the Revolutionary War, serving from Maryland. I am trying to

find documentation of the children of this couple, who moved to Georgia in the 1780s. I am especially interested in their daughter, Margaret, who married Sherwood Wilkinson about 1784 in Prince Edward County, Virginia.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Unfortunately, I can be of no help in your quest. We will share your query with our members via our Journal. There is a chance that other members have the information you seek. As you continue research for these folks, please let us know of any new information you find. Continued . . .

Response from DG Ewing, Sr. (dg@dgewing.com)

We may be chasing the same family. The Morrow-Ewing connection is not well documented, and it appears that there is a lot of confusion and mixing of families – especially relating to Margaret Morrow Ewing, Martha Morrow Ewing, Margaret Ewing Morrow, Martha Ewing Morrow (children) and the Margaret & Martha Ewings who married Morrors.

I found a Sons of the American Revolution Membership Application from 1928 (see pages 49-50, but I am sure that it is not correct. It shows that Margaret Ewing Morrow's, (who married Z. Cox) parents were Ewing Morrow and Sarah Gilliam, which I believe to be true. But it also shows that Ewing Morrow's parents were Robert Morrow and Margaret Ewing, which I do not believe to be correct.

Ewing Morrow who married Sarah Gilliam was (as indicated by Fife/McMichael, Chapter XXVII, p. 234) the son of John Morrow and Margaret Ewing (c.1736-1791) daughter of William Ewing and Catherine (last name unknown). I have two DNA matches with folks who have a Morrow-Ewing ancestors. One is the descendant of Ewing Morrow and Sarah Gilliam, and the other I am still trying to sort out.

His "traditional" tree indicates that he is the descendant of Martha Morrow Ewing (1765 SC-1845) whom he indicates was married to Robert Kirkpatrick (1763-1841); both died in Cooper, Missouri. I am hoping someone can help with Martha's parents (many have her father as Robert Ewing, but I have not found any supporting evidence). Information at 'Find A Grave #42415218 indicates that they had a son, Finis Ewing Kirkpatrick b 1807. That may be a useful hint.

I will keep you in mind as I stumble along the Ewing-Morrow confusion and will pass to you any information that I may discover with regard to Robert Morrow and Margaret Ewing.



Tombstone of Martha Kirkpatrick located in the New Lebanon (Pilot Grove, Missouri) Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery.
(Provided by Janet Ward)

Documents below are included as part of the Margaret Ewing query:

National Number 47206 State Number 3109

The Illinois State Society

OF THE

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

Of HARMAN ORMS COX, descendant of COLONEL THOMAS EWING

Examined and approved Oct 11 1928 1928
John D. ...
 State Registrar

Approved by Registrar General 10/31/1928
...

I, HARMAN ORMS COX am a direct descendant of
COLONEL THOMAS EWING, who was born in Baltimore County, Maryland
 on the _____ day of _____ 1730, and died in Cecil County, Maryland
 on the _____ day of _____ 1790, and who assisted in establishing American Independence.

I was born on the 4th day of February, 1879

(1) I am the son of Albert Hill Cox born 1848, died 1928, and
 his wife Sallie Tallulah Harman born 1855, died Edv., married 1876

(2) grandson of Albert Ewing Cox born 1812, died 1896, and
 his wife Juliett Warren Alford born 1824, died 1879, married 1840

(3) great-grandson of Dr. Zachary Cox born 1789, died _____, and
 his wife Margaret Ewing Morrow born _____, died 1870, married _____

(4) great-great-grandson of Ewing Morrow born 1770, died _____, and
 his wife Sarah Gilman born _____, died _____, married _____

(5) great-great-great-grandson of Robert Morrow born 1742, died 1782, and
 his wife Margaret Ewing born 1748, died 1782, married 1767

(6) great-great-great-great-grandson of Col. Thomas Ewing born 1730, died 1790, and
 his wife Margaret born 1732, died _____, married _____

(7) great-great-great-great-great-grandson of _____ born _____, died _____, and
 his wife _____ born _____, died _____, married _____

The services of my ancestor, THOMAS EWING (No. 6), during
 the War of the Revolution were as follows:
THOMAS EWING (M.) Captain of Smallwood's Maryland Regiment, 14th
 January, 1776; Colonel 3d Maryland Battalion of the Flying Camp, July to December,
 1776.

The following is one of the several documents supporting a Widowers Pension for Martha [Morrow/Ewing] Kirkpatrick for her husband's Revolutionary War service. It was subsequently rejected after years of correspondence. But this page delineates some of the family tree,

A true copy of the family record of the late Robert Kirkpatrick, son deceased of Cooper County State of Missouri

Robert Kirkpatrick Was born October the 26th 1763

Martha his Wife was born March the 10th 1765

Robert & Martha Kirkpatrick was Married November the 10th 1785

Hancy Kirkpatrick was born September the 6th 1786

Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Was born November the 22^d 1787

Mary Kirkpatrick Was born August the 2^d 1789

Jane Kirkpatrick Was born September the 25th 1793

Martha Kirkpatrick Was born July the 18th 1796

Margaret Kirkpatrick Was born February the 23 1799

Leiah Kirkpatrick Was born March the 23 1801

Robert Kirkpatrick Was born September the 11th 1802

David M. Kirkpatrick Was born January the 15th 1805

Finis E. Kirkpatrick Was born July the 7th 1807

State of Missouri }
County of Morgan }

I, Martha Kirkpatrick do solemnly swear that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the family record kept by my husband ~~and~~ Robert Kirkpatrick and myself up to the time of his death which took place on the 2^d day of April 1841 and since that time the same has remained in my own possession and that the original is in the hand writing of my husband the ~~the~~ aforesaid Robert Kirkpatrick so help you god

State of Missouri }
Morgan County } SS

Martha ^{his} Kirkpatrick
waste

Sworn and subscribed to before me }
this 20th day of June A.D. 1843 }
J. Nelson Porter J. N. C. C.

Crum Ewings

Message from Chelsea Ewing-Chow (cewingchow@gmail.com)

I am currently looking into my family's line. My name is Ewing-Chow, and I know that it originated in Guyana, once known as British Guiana. According to what my family knows, the Crum-Ewings, which were in Guyana at the time, gave one of my relatives whose name was Chow their name and that's how my surname became Ewing-Chow.

Would you have any history on the Crum Ewings, and would you have to be of the blood line to be a true "Ewing"??? I am really trying to piece together my family history and would appreciate any assistance or any direction you could point me in. Thanking you in advance.

Response from John Thor Ewing, EFA Commander (Thor@HistoricalArts.co.uk)

The Crum-Ewings were a significant family in 19th-century Scotland, who made their money in the sugar trade. Humphrey Crum-Ewing (1802-1887) was the nephew of James Ewing of Strathleven (1775-1853), from whom the Crum-Ewings inherited Strathleven House. Alexander Crum-Ewing of Strathleven died in Jamaica in 1912. Humphrey Crum-Ewing of Strathleven also died in Jamaica in 1946, and after his death, Strathleven House was bought by the Board of Trade. Today, Humphrey Crum-Ewing is a journalist with the London-based newspaper The Independent. You might find these links interesting:

James Ewing of Strathleven:

<http://www.glasgowecropolis.org/profiles/james-ewing-of-strathleven>

Humphrey Crum-Ewing of Strathleven: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Humphrey_Crum-Ewing

Alexander Crum-Ewing of Strathleven:

http://www.glasgowwestaddress.co.uk/1909_Glasgow_Men/Ewing_Alexander_Crum.htm

You probably won't be surprised to learn that James Ewing of Strathleven was also a slave owner before emancipation in 1834, and this aspect of his life is treated here:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/person/view/21020>

The Ewing family includes every one of the name who wants to be a part of it. Some of us (including myself) are interested in discovering early Ewing history and exploring genetic evidence which I suppose could be bloodline by another name. But it's not about who is or is not a "true" Ewing. If you find stories about your family history which you'd like to share, I expect the editor of the Ewing Family Journal would be interested to hear from you.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Here is another interesting site which you may wish to review:

<http://www.valeofeven.org.uk/famousfolk/industrials.html>

As you research your Ewing lineage from what your family knows, you should be able to connect at some point with the earlier lines. Please keep us informed. Do you know if there is a male Ewing of your lines who could join the Ewing Y-DNA Project? Read about the project here: <https://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/genealogy-and-history/y-dna-project>

Joseph Otho Ewing

Message from Andrew Norris Ewing (a.aewing@live.com)

My name is Andy Ewing, Andrew Norris Ewing and I believe my Ewing Family Association member number is 168. My dad was Bush Norris Ewing born in Celeste, Texas on August 5, 1915. My grandfather was Joseph Otho Ewing. He is the one about whom I am inquiring. Do you have any records on his birth and death date and place of birth? I do not know when he died except it was during WW II. He lived in Greenville, Texas at the time of his death. His wife was Linnie Rose or Rosa Burgess Ewing. Any help would be appreciated.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Yes, I do have the vital information for you. Joseph Otho was born 4-10-1880 in Celeste, Hunt Co., TX and died 1-4-1944 in Greenville, Hunt Co., TX. I have his place of burial as East Mount Cemetery. Joseph and Linnie Rosa Burgess married 9-24-1900 in Abilene, Jones Co., TX. I have his father as William T. Ewing, born in Tennessee about 1849. He married Elizabeth Rachael Attebery in 1871 in Hunt Co., TX.

Message from Andrew Norris Ewing (a.aewing@live.com)

Wow !! Thank you. I have 15 grandchildren, and I know of two that have expressed interest in the Ewing Family Association. I will continue to encourage them when I can.

Glebe Cottage, Culdaff, County Donegal, Ireland

Message from Ian R. Dugan (ian.r.dugan@hotmail.com)

My name is Ian Dugan and I read with interest your article on the irishancestral.com web site describing your recent trip to Inishowen. Your article contained a picture from 1912 of my family's original farmhouse, and it showed a photograph of Bella Faulkner and her adopted daughter, Marie, who later married Robert McIntyre, a brother of my grandmother.

The house has been in continuous Dugan family ownership since the 1850's, and as you will have noticed is now sadly derelict, but is still owned by my brother, Gordon Dugan. I would love to have a copy of your 1912 photograph and wondered if it would be possible to make a copy and either mail or send a scanned copy to me. I would be happy to cover any cost involved. I work in London, so our time is divided between Ireland and the U.K. Many thanks and all the best.

Response from Steven C. Ewing (aquamv@gmail.com)

Great to hear from you. Attached is a copy [page 53] of a photo of the cottage and the note on the back of it.



Glebe Cottage, Circa 1930s

Thatched Cottage of Co's Bella Faulkner
 over looking Cuddaff shore. We
 spent two lovely days here at the
 shore, goes right down hill at back.
 Bella is sitting down, her daughter
 standing, John & I at gate.
 House is lower than road
 notice huge gate posts. That is all over
 Ireland & all painted white.

Note on reverse side of Glebe Cottage photo.

In case you are interested, Alexander John Ewing (my 3rd great grandfather) married Mary Ann Gill Butler in Cuddaff in 1845. Bella Butler Faulkner was Mary Ann's sister. I have much of the genealogy of the families.

When my wife, Claudia, and I visited there, a sweet woman answered the door. I showed her an earlier photo..

Response from Ian R. Dugan (ian.r.dugan@hotmail.com)

Many thanks for the additional information, the connections are really interesting. The lady you met was my aunt, Mrs. Tilly Dugan [photo below]. I see you also met George Mills, who lives at Culdaff House (local Big House in its own demesne in Culdaff) and is the direct descendant of the Young family who were the local-landed gentry in the area.



Mrs. Tilly Dugan with Steve C. Ewing and George Mills.

I don't know if you have been introduced to Sean Beattie (seanbeattie@hotmail.com). Sean is a retired academic and the local historian. He edits the annual book for the Donegal Historical Society and has written a number of books on local Inishowen history. He runs a blog you might find interesting, see historyofdonegal.com, and like George, is very helpful and could be a useful contact for you.

Bella Faulkner (in the photograph) lived for many years in Winnipeg Canada. She was married to James Knox, and as they were childless, adopted a young Canadian girl, Marie. They all returned to Ireland around 1930 for a holiday, and stayed at Glack, home to my grandmother's brother and sister, Frank and Hettie McIntyre (about a mile from Glebe).

Unfortunately, James was killed by a kick from a farm horse, and Bella remained in Ireland with Marie, who later married my grandmother's younger brother, Robert. After a few months living in the McIntyre household with her half brother and sister (my great grandmother was widowed and married twice - Bella was from the first Faulkner family), tensions in the house started to rise, and my grandparents gave Bella the use of Glebe cottage.

My father, as a small boy, remembers Bella living in Glebe Cottage during the 1930's. This, together with the length of skirts they are wearing and the comments on the back of the

photo of Carn about buses and things being quiet under free state rule (Irish free state was founded in 1922 with the civil war into 1923), would suggest that Esther Ann's trip to Inishowen was probably in the early 1930's and not 1912. Not sure how that fits with your other data about that trip.

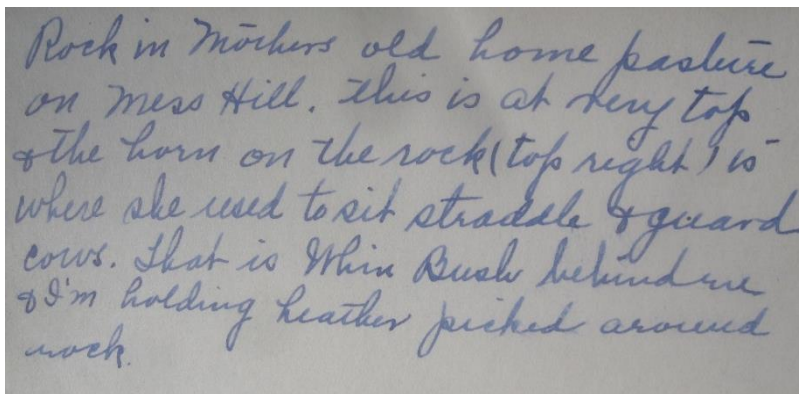
Response from Steven C. Ewing (aquamv@gmail.com)

Thank you for this family story. I did realize, after we wrote that article, that the original photo was taken after 1922. Thanks for catching that.

I have communicated with Sean Beattie. I reached out to him after I read a book about Inishowen a few years back. He directed me to Peter Doherty at the book store in Carndonagh, where I ended up buying more books on the area.

I'm attaching a piece of Butler genealogy [page 56] that shows Bella's siblings, as well as a photo of the same vintage as the picture of your cottage. Do you recognize that big rock and know where it might be? I've attached the note (below) from the back of the photo. If Esther McCandless Ewing's daughter is referring to Esther, the rock could be near Moville where Esther was born

**Note on reverse
side of photo
Steve C. Ewing
mentions above.**



*Rock in Mothers old home pasture
on Mess Hill. This is at very top
& the horn on the rock (top right) is
where she used to sit straddle & guard
cows. That is Whin Bush behind me
& I'm holding leather picked around
rock.*

Response from Ian R. Dugan (ian.r.dugan@hotmail.com)

I can't find a 'Mess Hill' listed on the local ordnance survey map and believe it may be Mass Hill. There is a Mass Hill about a mile from Culdaff, bordering Glack and Bocan townlands behind Bocan Church and near the stone circle. I will take a run up on the quad and have a look around, but a number of the fields in that area are now planted in forestry which makes visibility difficult.

Later Message: I went up to Mass Hill and believe that this rock is the one featured in your photograph.

Short Butler Genealogy

Thomas Harlan Ewing, son of John who was the son of Alexander¹ also did family research and went to Ireland. He found this on his mother's family. In his account his mother's name is written Maryanne. She and Alexander were married in Cullinstown, Ireland. Thrie son John was born in Ireland. The family left home the 5th of April 1848, and went to Liverpool, England.. They embarked the 16th of April and arrived in New York the 27th of May 1848.

Thomas Butler born in Kindroyhead, Ireland

Children:

1. Matthew Butler
2. Eliza
3. Belle married Ralph Faulkner
4. Ann Eliza married William Miller Their son married Alexander² and Esther's daughter Margaret
5. Maryanne Gill married Alexander¹ Ewing
6. Mary Jane married Robert McAlderny

The mother of Alexander was Flora (Butler) Ewing. She came in 1850 to America with his brother William. On the same ship was another Flora Butler, perhaps a niece. Her father was a Stephen Butler. He later came to this country too. This Flora Butler later married the brother of William's wife Mary (Ewing) Ewing's brother John.

Thomas Butler

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graph TD
    TB[Thomas Butler] --- AB["Alexander / Mary A.G. Butler"]
    TB --- Belle["Belle / R. Faulkner"]
    TB --- Eliza["Eliza"]
    AB --- John[John]
    John --- TE["Thomas Harlan Ewing"]
  
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Response from Steven C. Ewing (aquamv@gmail.com)

Looks like the one. Is the Mass Hill up near the stone circle behind the church?

I was looking for this on Google Earth, and it looks as if it's in a field next to a wooded area. The stone circle would be up and to the left if you are on the road. There is a fairly large, light-colored house just beyond and towards the church.

Am I in the ballpark? I think my 3rd great-grandfather's uncle's wife's family farmed this land – the name is McCandless.



Photo of rock by Ian Dugan.

Response from Ian R. Dugan (ian.r.dugan@hotmail.com)

I believe the field is still owned and farmed by the McCandless family. You have the right location, the light-coloured house is the Parochial house fifty yards from Bocan Church. Using Google Earth, and starting from Bocan Church, move along the road towards the Gleneely direction. Then, move along the first road on the left for about fifty yards, the field, Mass Hill is on the left. There are a number of large rocks in the field, but this particular one is in the centre of the field, approximately two-thirds up.

My cousin owns the adjoining field which contains the stone circle. Despite being there many times, I have never noticed this particular rock before despite its size. The original picture was taken looking to the west.

Ewing-Patterson Association Through Monroe Patterson

Message from Frances Bastien (bastien@scrtc.com)

I am contacting you because there is a Ewing-Patterson association from Auburntown Tennessee, through Monroe Patterson. I would like to correspond with someone who might have information about the Patterson family.

Response from David 'Bruce' Frobos (brucefrobos@gmail.com)

Martin Ewing asked for a reply to you regarding the Ewing-Patterson association through Monroe Patterson. I can NOT find a connection through my family – Maskell Ewing (1721-1796), Greenwich, New Jersey, or Robert Patterson (1743-1824), Londonderry, Ireland to Philadelphia Pennsylvania. I will retain your email address if I find any additional info on Monroe Patterson in the future.

John Ewing of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Message from Billy M. Ewing Email address: bmewing99@yahoo.com

I had a PT Instructor at Lackland AFB, Texas, in 1956 by the name of Ewing. I only had a very brief conversation with him, and the one thing I remember is that he said he was from North Carolina. I am trying to locate him to see if we might be kin. My sister-in-law, Evelyn Ewing, from Emporia, Virginia, has written a book titled, "The Ewings of Frederick County, Virginia." She has traced our family back to a John Ewing of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where he settled in approximately 1729. Your coat-of-arms is identical to ours, so I thought there might be a connection and that you might have record of the Ewing I has as an instructor in 1956. Would appreciate info on him if you know of him.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

It would be wonderful if I were able to help with your query, but unfortunately I cannot. You might try to find information from the base where you met this man. Perhaps there are photos or other memorabilia at the base where you were stationed. I was acquainted with your brother and sister-in-law and thankful that they were so knowledgeable about their Ewing lineage and published their work.

The coat-of-arms is the same because we are all part of Clan Ewing. The Ewing Family Association was earlier called the Clan Ewing in America. There are many different lines that are shown to be 'closely related' when viewed as part of the Ewing Y-DNA Project, in which your brother participated.

Ellen Ewing (Born 8-31-1805)

Message from Charlene Doane King (charleneking@homesc.com)

My name is Charlene Doane King. I am trying to find information about my husband's 2nd great grandmother and her father. Ellen Ewing was born on August 31, 1805, supposedly in County Tyrone, Ireland. Her father's name was George Ewing, I believe. Ellen married a James Venable around 1836. James died in 1836. After her husband's death, Ellen traveled to America with all of her living children. She and her family settled in Mercer County, Illinois.

Her father, George, is one of my many brick walls. I believe George married a Mary Ann Anderson, someplace in Northern Ireland. I am not sure of the date, but it was before Ellen was born in 1805. I was hoping the Ewing Family Association might be able to help; I would appreciate any guidance you may be able to give me.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Unfortunately my records do not include your Ewing ancestors. I have added George and Ellen Ewing and Ellen's husband, James Venable, to my data base. We will publish your query in the November, 2016 issue of the Ewing Family Journal so that others will also know of your research.

Indian John Ewing

Message from Geoffrey Randall

My name is Geoffrey Randall. I live in Seattle, and I would like to inquire about membership to the Ewing Family Association. I have spent some time recently studying my family genealogy and have a fairly solid line (I think) to Indian John Ewing. My tree is as follows:

Geoffrey Scott Ramser, Los Angeles, California.

Dorothy Louise (Ames) Randall, b. 12/24/1930, Long Beach, California.

Homer Stephen Ames, b. 12/1/1907, Phoenix Territory

Florence Alma (Walker) Ames, b.6/6/1867, Eddyville, Iowa

Eliza Ewing Walker, b. 6/27/1833, Gallipolis, Ohio

Samuel Ewing, b 5/1/1797, Greenbrier, Virginia

Indian John Ewing, b. 12/24/1747, Greenbrier, Virginia

James Ewing, b. 2/14/1721, Londonderry, Ireland

John Ewing, b. 1648, County Donegal, Ireland

William de Ewing, b. 1625, Glasgow

William John Ewing, b. 1600? Loch Lomond

William Caldwell Ewing, b. 1580, Kilmarnock, Scotland

Rev. William Ewing, b. 1560, Stirlingshire, Scotland

I guess this is enough to start the vetting process to qualify for membership, and I felt the first step is sending the above to you for review. Please advise if this is enough or what other documentation you might need.

P.S. I do have a question for you. Indian John's wife, Ann Smith, has conflicting ancestry from various sources. She has been attributed with a Scots or Scots/Irish birth, and other sources say she was born in the US to her father John Smith and her mother Wabethe Otter. Wabethe was a Shawnee. Do you have any clarification? I am also somewhat confused as to Wabethe's birth year (1754) as her mother's birth year in the Shawnee tribe records is listed as 1742—which would make her a 12 year-old mother.

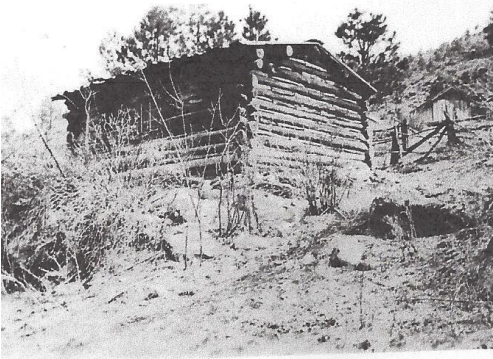
Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Thank you for writing and including sufficient vital information so that I could easily find your lineage in my database.

We would welcome your membership in the Ewing Family Association. Anyone who is related in any way or simply has an interest in the Ewing family is very welcome to join.

Your research agrees with mine until we reach back to the three oldest generations that you give here. I would be very interested to learn the sources for placement of William John Ewing (1600? Loch Lomond); William Caldwell Ewing (1580, Kilmarnock, Scotland); and Rev. William Ewing (1560, Stirlingshire, Scotland).

Since we have many members of this line, hopefully others can help with your question about Ann Smith.



These photos were found in the Myrtle Armstrong Roe collection of the Ewing Family Archives, now housed at the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, IN. There are various accounts of the capture of John Ewing; the link below will take you to three versions.

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ga/topic/indian/JohnEwing.htm>

Ewings of Inch Island

Message from Douglas Eric Ewing (Doug.Ewing@selective.com)

My name is Douglas Eric Ewing. I currently reside in Columbus, Indiana, and was born and raised in Indiana with the exception of a 20-year residency in Florida before returning to Indiana in 2001.

I caught the genealogy bug just a couple of years or so ago. My uncle, Charles (Robert) Ewing (1925-2007), was avid in his retirement years in researching Ewing family history. My original intent was to put together a family tree I could print and place on a wall to get all my family history visually. I naively didn't realize the size and scope of the various branches and lines. Subsequently, I joined Ancestry.com and have made numerous trips to cemeteries and libraries trying to fill in the holes. I now realize this is a lifelong adventure, and all the answers will never be found.

I am confident we are of the Ewing's of Inch Island line. My father was William Eugene Ewing (1928-2007); his father was Grover Cleveland Ewing; his father was James B. Ewing; his father was John Ewing; his father was James Ewing; his father was John Ewing; his father was Samuel...Well, you get the picture.

My goal is still to put together a nice family tree to share visually with my kids that shows where we came from. I would love to share my existing tree with a Ewing genealogist for review of accuracy.

I welcome any information from other EFA members and am glad to share what I have. I no doubt need to have a DNA test completed. Thanks in advance for any help.

John T. (or F.) Ewing

Message from Kathy Ewing Sexauer (kathysexauer@yahoo.com)

I have a 3rd g-grandfather, John T. (or F.) Ewing, b. 1807 in Kentucky, d. aft. 1860. Wife named Ellen, b. 1820 in Kentucky, d. aft. 1880. John is in Wayne County, Illinois. In the 1840 census, his name is listed right after a Chatham Ewing. In the 1850 census, he is living in Logan County, Illinois, and Chatham Ewing (one year older than John, also b. Kentucky) is counted as part of his household. Also part of this household are John and Ellen's children: Amanda, b. 1838; Finis, b. 1841; Lloyd (my 2nd g-grandfather), b. 1844; and George Washington, b. abt. 1848. This family is in Logan County, Illinois in the 1860 census also, but John T. disappears after that and Ellen moves to Kansas with daughter, Amanda, and family.

Searching for the correct 'John' is difficult, so I began searching the more unusual names in this family – a Finis and Chatham. That's how I hit on Robert Ewing (1718-1787) of Bedford County, Virginia, and his long list of children, including a John, Chatham, and Finis, who are found in Kentucky. Surely it is more than coincidence that my Ewings and this family share some unusual names!

According to some family trees I found on Ancestry, my John T. is the son of Robartus Ewing (1782-1850), who is the son of John Ewing (1747-1803, Logan County, Kentucky), who is the son of Robert Ewing of Bedford County, Virginia. I've found land purchase records for Robartus in the same Illinois county in which John T. lives, but no other records to connect them, just a pattern of names. If you can make sense of this, could you shed some light on how these families might be connected, or perhaps point me in the right direction if they're not? Thanks so much for your time.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

I've sent an email to a member of Ewing Family Association who recently wrote an article for our EFA Journal. This John T. would be a brother to her ancestor. Hopefully she will know the answer!

Working from the 1850 and 1850 census, it looks like there were definitely two different men about the same age named John living in Logan County, Illinois. The name of each wife and ages are very different also. Is Ellen (1850 census) and Ann (1860 census) the same person? It appears to me that the 1850 census showing a John, wife Ellen, daughter

Amanda A., and John's brother, Chatham, is not the same John who was married to Ann (your line).

More research into both families seems to be in order. I believe I have found the date of death and place of burial for John T. He died Nov. 28, 1865 in Atlanta, Logan County, Illinois and is buried in Niblick Cemetery according to the Find-A-Grave website. There are other Ewing folks buried there, but little more than date of death is given. John T. died intestate and George W. Edgar was appointed as administrator for the estate in Logan County. I have not found an inventory, but perhaps because the date of death is known, you may be able to find more at the county level. Keep us informed of any new information.

James Ewing

Message from James Ewing (ewjam64@windstream.net)

*William Henry Ewing, b. abt. 1911; death 1995, in Gregg, Texas; wife, Martha L. McIver?
 Sherman Ewing, b. abt. 1871, Kansas; was married at twice (1) Sarah Ann Donahue
 Robert Ewing, b. abt. 1836 in Marion County, Ohio; death 1892 in Lincoln, Crawford
 County, Kansas; wife, Rosella Ewing, b. abt. 1838
 James Ewing, b. in Ireland; wife, Sarah B, born in France*

This is as far as I can go. James is my 3rd great grandfather. Thank you for any help.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

I've been working in the US Census records and find that to be a tough project. The names are misspelled in many cases. However, I do have the 1880 census for Crawford County, Kansas, which lists Robert, 44; Rosella, 42; William, 19; Henry, 14; U.S. Grant, 12; (Quincy) Sherman, 9; Dennis Lee, 5. I think they had one daughter named Rozetta who was born on 12-28-1876 and died prior to the census of 1880. You know that Robert died on 4-9-1892 and his wife, Rozella (Russell) died on 12-2-1922.

Can you please double check your list of ancestors and the vital dates. Are you saying that William Henry was a son of Sherman? I can't find the 1920 census, which would be so very helpful to see the children born between 1910 and 1920. So far, it has been difficult to put these Ewing families together. As you and Dennis Skidmore work together, please copy me so that I can keep track of all of your research.

Later Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

Following up on your request to learn more about your Ewing lineage, I believe I have now sorted out the descendants of your 2nd great grandfather, James L. Ewing, and his wife, Sarah. I am sorry to report that the parents of James L. are still unknown. There is one man (your 2nd cousin) from this line who has joined the Ewing Y-DNA Project and represents all men in the group.

David Ewing (b. abt. 1823-26)

Message from Joseph D. Ewing (joeythemichiganfan@yahoo.com)

I have a David Ewing as my 3rd great grandfather, and his wife was Rachel Joseph.

Let me start that David was born about 1823-26 and supposedly died 1864 in Georgia. But when I search the census records, there is an 1870 census with the same David Ewing, and his wife, Diana. How could that be if he died in 1864? One of his oldest children was Hannah M Ewing born from David and Rachel, and she was in the 1850, 1860, and 1870 census with David. I'm really confused because all the census records says he was born in Ohio, but on his son's death certificate (William H Ewing, born 1849, died 1913) says his father David Ewing was born in Pennsylvania. David and Rachel had to be William's parents for sure because of the death certificate.

I also don't know exactly who David's parents were. I think they were Thomas Ewing and Margaret Edwards, because in Thomas' last will in February 1827, he named his brother, David Ewing, the executor of his will. At the end of the will, where it says 'children from David,' it states all his children, including a David Ewing who was about 3 years old, born in Pricilla, Pennsylvania.

I have seen a baptismal certificate for a David Ewing in the Ohio birth and christenings index for 1800-1962. There is a David Ewing baptized on April 12, 1824. His father was David Ewing and his mother was Eliza Jane. So maybe his father Thomas' brother, David, from the will I mentioned earlier, adopted him or there is another David Ewing right around the same time and exact same place (Fairfield, Ohio). This is my big dilemma, and it's really confusing. Maybe someone can help me. Thanks in advance for any information given.

Response from Georgia Morgan (findgrandpa1783@gmail.com)

David Ewing and Rachel Joseph were married in Licking County, Ohio, on 20 May 1847. He enrolled in Co. D, 135th Reg. Ohio National Guard on May 2, 1864, and, unfortunately, died on July 29 or 30, 1864, while a Prisoner of War at Andersonville, Georgia.

Rachel drew a pension for herself and minor children while a resident of Licking County, where the family appears on the census in 1850. A son, Jesse, was born in 1848, and seven additional children were named in Rachel's pension application. The second child was Henry William, b. August 2, 1849. Although her date of death was not shown in the file, she was dropped from the roll in June 1905, because of her death. Children after Henry William were John, Thomas J., Mary H., Samuel J., Simon and Martha J. Ewing.

Hope this helps. Certainly, it clarifies David's date of death. He cannot be the David living in Fairfield County in 1860.

Response from Joseph D. Ewing (joeythemichiganfan@yahoo.com)

That helps a lot. But I'm still wondering if David's parents were Thomas Ewing and Margaret Edwards or someone else?

Response from Georgia Morgan (findgrandpa1783@gmail.com)

First, I see that I made an error on my previous post. David's death was in October 1864.

Next, regarding David's parents, there is a sketch in Centennial History of Newark & Licking County, Ohio by Brisler about Martin Slough. It gives information that Mrs. John Slough had previously been married to William Ewing, who died leaving one child, David Ewing (who was a prisoner of war and died in Andersonville prison). John and Mary Slough were married in 1826. Of course, this should all be verified with other records. The fact that John and Mary Slough were witnesses to Rachel's pension application certainly lends strength to the idea that William Ewing and Mary (later Slough) were David's parents. If you haven't seen the pension file, it contains other valuable data you will want like children's birthdates. Also you can follow through on the Licking County census. Sadly, many records were lost in a fire in that county.

Response from Joseph D. Ewing (joeythemichiganfan@yahoo.com)

Thanks for all the information you have given to me, Georgia. I don't like asking a lot of questions, but would you happen to know the names of William Ewing's parents, about whom you were writing? I believe Mary's surname is Wills. I could be wrong, but I cannot find any information about David, let alone William. I would be grateful for any information received.

Response from Georgia Morgan (findgrandpa1783@gmail.com)

I have discovered that Brisler's Centennial History of Newark and Licking County, Ohio, that I mentioned previously is online and may be downloaded to your computer to read. Check for it in your search engine. The Slough biographical sketch starts on page 675. I rechecked it, and found that it gives Mary (Lepart) Ewing Slough's maiden name as Lepart, and gives some of her family history. Lucky you! My own Ewing great-grandfather spent a few years in Licking County, but he doesn't seem to have made the history books there, and I think his marriage record was destroyed in the fire.

I have no additional information for you on David's father, William Ewing. That is going to take some very careful digging on your part. (Don't rely on public-member trees!) It would have been nice if David had lived long enough to answer the question concerning his parents' birth places on the 1880 census. Unfortunately, his wife Rachel, was inconsistent in her answers on census for both 1880 and 1900. But, her father, at least, came from Pennsylvania, so that may help you on her line. From which of her children are you descended?

Please let me know if you make any break-throughs. Oh, I did mean to tell you that I have a note giving the sons of Margaret Edwards Ewing, and it didn't name a David among them.

Response from Joseph D. Ewing (joeythemichiganfan@yahoo.com)

I am from William Henry Ewing born in 1849. I did some research as well, and I think David Ewing was raised by John and Mary Slough. I was looking through civil war documents and came across a Samuel Slough born around 1834. I don't remember the actual birth date. Simon Slough, William Slough, and Samuel Slough were all in the Ohio 135th

Regiment National Guard, Company D. They could all be brothers/half-brothers of David. As for William Ewing he had to have died around David's birth or shortly after. And he may have been born between 1790 and 1808. This is just a guess of mine, and David was born in Pennsylvania.

Later Response from Joseph D. Ewing (joeythemichiganfan@yahoo.com)

I found some break-through information regarding the David Ewing in my line. Let me recap: David Ewing was born in 1824, I believe, and died 1864 in Andersonville, Georgia as a prisoner. His father was William Ewing, and his mother was Mary Lepart. Mary married John Slough in 1826. I found a will of a William Ewing born in 1770 who died in 1838.

In the will, it states a William Ewing (deceased) had a grandson, David Ewing, and listed David's mother as Mary and David's stepfather as, you guessed it, John Slough. David Ewing was given \$150 when he turned 21 years old by his dying grandfather from the will. Now, William Ewing's (1770-1838) wife was Mary England, and she was born in Maryland (1780-1830). Does anyone know of a William Ewing (1770-1838)?

Response from Georgia Morgan (findgrandpa1783@gmail.com)

William Ewing married Mary "Polly" England in Frederick County, Maryland on 5 Nov 1799. Source: "Maryland Marriages, 1667-1899", GS film #859287.

Y-DNA Project Inquiries

James Ewing of Hunterdon, New Jersey

Message from Becky Ewing (fishn.pal01@gmail.com)

My name is Rebecca Ewing. I gave my uncle, David Spencer Ewing, a Y-DNA (67) test for Christmas. My Dad passed away, so my uncle is my best chance to learn more about my ancestors. We received the results and I've compared them to results I found on your Ewing Y-DNA Project website. I do not claim to be a DNA expert (my experience in genetics is associated only with walleye genetics - yep, I'm a fisheries biologist), but it appears my uncle falls in with the 4d group.

Is the project still active? Are you interested in his results in any way?

If I have interpreted results correctly, then we are likely related to James Ewing of Hunterdon, NJ. However, I cannot yet prove the linking generation which includes a James Ewing (b 1782 – c. 1849), who appears to have come from Virginia to Ohio.

What I do have is this:

David Spencer Ewing (living) and Daniel Frederic Ewing (my dad, 1936-2008) Illinois

Hubert Ewing, 1909-2002 Illinois

Monroe Ewing, 1873-1956 Illinois

James Harvey Ewing, 1848-1919 Adams County, Ohio to Illinois

William D. Ewing, 1809-1880 Virginia (according to census records) to Adams County, Ohio

James Ewing, 17??-abt. 1850 Virginia to Ohio

Response from David N. Ewing, EFA Y-DNA Project Chairman (DavidEwing93@gmail.com)

Nice to hear from you, Rebecca. Karen Avery is the Ewing Family Association genealogist and will be very interested in your lineage and might be able to help you connect it with others in the project.

Yes, the project is still active, and we would be very interested in your uncle's results. I do not see his results in the FTDNA project. This is probably either because you have not joined the FTDNA Ewing project or because you have assigned a security setting that prevents me from seeing the results. Joining the Ewing project is free and easy--just go to the FTDNA personal page and find the "Join Projects" link. The security settings are also accessible through the FTDNA personal page. It would also be helpful to me to know your uncle's FTDNA kit number, but I won't be able to directly access his results unless he is a member of the project and has the appropriate security setting.

If his results match the other men in Group 4d in all, or nearly all, of the first 37 markers, I would consider that all but definitive proof that you are in fact descended from James Ewing of Hunterdon County, New Jersey. As you may have learned in reading the materials on our website, most of our participants (about 2/3) are in what I often call "the large closely related group of Ewings" and constitute Groups 1 & 2. Based on the (relatively little) diversity of their haplotypes, we estimate that they are all descended from a single Ewing man who lived on the order of four or five hundred years ago. Their most recent common ancestor with the men in Group 4d was several thousand years ago (maybe something like 6,000, but the error bars are large). Of course, this was long before surnames came into use. Therefore, within a genealogical time frame, this group is not biologically related to the other Ewing families.

And these are the lineages I have for men in Group 4d:

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/Lineages/DP_David%20Parry%20Ewing.pdf

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/Lineages/JR_J.R.Ewing.pdf

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/Lineages/RE_Robert%20Edward%20Ewing.pdf

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/Lineages/SL2_Stephen%20Leland%20Ewing.pdf

Once I have access to your uncle's results, I would also like to prepare a lineage for him like the ones in the links above. The best way for me to get the information is to receive a copy of your genealogy program file or a GED--there is no need to try to pare it down to just this specific lineage, because I can do that in a few clicks of the mouse. I appreciate

that you included an outline of the lineage in your email, but the earlier generations do not show spouses or siblings. And, in any case I really do not want to type when preparing lineages--a GED or genealogy program file allows me to do this rapidly without introducing any errors of my own.

You should definitely be in touch with Karen Avery (bkavery2@comcast.net) and probably also David Parry Ewing at least--I think he is the most active genealogist in Group 4d. I am pretty sure JR has died, but I don't know about the other two. You should also consider joining the EFA Google Groups list serve--posting a query about your line in that forum might bear fruit. And an article for the Ewing Family Journal about your line would also be welcome and might also help turn up someone who can help you get your line back a little further.

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

My records only have data for the people as you have listed them here, and I have added them to my Ewing database. Sorry I cannot offer more to you. Let's publish your lineage in the next Ewing Family Journal. Perhaps help will come from others.

Ewing Y-DNA Group 3

Message from Gordon Ewing (gordonewing@sbcglobal.net)

I am in contact with Eddy Ewing, an EFA member. He was found while I was a member of Ancestry.com, which suggested he was a 3-4th cousin. He encouraged me to take the Family Tree Y-DNA test for myself and the Ewing project as Ancestry trees may not be exact. Since recently taking the test, is there anything I need to do to get the results to the Ewing project?

Response from Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist (bkavery2@comcast.net)

It's great to find that you have found a distant Ewing relative. I'm anxious to know more about your lineage and compare it with Eddy. Unfortunately, I'm not sure which Eddy you are speaking about -- my Ewing database is very large, and I don't find a current member named Eddy or Edward.

This may be the Lineage Chart for the man who believes you are related:

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/Lineages/EL_Eddie%20Lee%20Ewing.pdf

Do check out all the information from the Results Directory here:

http://www.ewingfamilyassociation.org/DNA_Project/SiteMap_YDNA.html

Our EFA group is quite active and we would love to have you as a member. Dues are only \$25 per year, and in return I think you will thoroughly enjoy our EFA Journal and Newsletter which are published during the year. Also you will likely enjoy two Facebook groups if you use Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ewing.family.association> and
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/clan.ewing/>

I think I have found your Ancestry tree and will need some time to compare it with my file. You have a few vital facts listed that I do not have.

As co-administrator of the Ewing Y-DNA project, I see that you are already a member of our group. It shouldn't take too long before the results of your test are known.

Response from Gordon Ewing (gordonewing@sbcglobal.net)

Hi, Gordon Ewing here. I just received my Y-DNA37 results from Family Tree. I've tried to make sense of it, and I'm wondering if the Ewing project has gotten these results. I've gone to several sites trying to find out exactly what the results mean and where I fit in...but, nothing. I'm stumped, but still trying. Any help would be appreciated.

Response from David Ewing (davidewing93@gmail.com)

Hi, Gordon. I am an administrator for the Ewing Surname Y-DNA project. We did get your results. I have assigned you the ID GD and have added your results to our results tables. I understand from earlier correspondence you had with Karen Avery that you thought you were in the same line as Eddie Ewing--she wondered if you meant Eddie Lee Ewing, who is Ewing Surname Y-DNA project participant EL. Your results pretty much confirm this.

You are clearly in Ewing Group 3b along with Eddie and two other men. I have added your results to the Group 3 results table, just below Eddie's. You can see this at:

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/Group3_ResultsTable.pdf

You can also access it though our website. You can see the relationship between Eddie and RE2, who is his uncle, in the Group 3b Relationship Diagram at:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/Group3RelationshipDiagrams.pdf>

We do not know how they are related, but you can also read the very brief (and now somewhat outdated) discussion at:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/Group3Discussion.pdf>

Looking at the Results Table, you can see that you have exactly the same values at all markers as EL and RE2 except at DYS464. There, you match RA2 (and also the M222 modal, but you differ from him at GATA-H4. It might be a good idea for you to tune up your understanding of 'modal' by reading the article at:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/431003/ModalHaplotypesDiscussion.pdf>

We cannot make much in isolation of differences like these at single markers, but your overall results confirm that you are all related in a genealogical time frame--so maybe sometime in the last 300 years or so. By comparison, the differences between the men in Ewing Group 3 and those in 'the large closely related group of Ewings' in Groups 1 & 2 suggest that their most recent common ancestor lived quite a long time ago--long before surnames came into use. Interestingly, the Ewing men in Ewing Group 3 have results quite

similar to those of the Donegal McLaughlins. We do not know and probably never will find out how that came to be. Maybe we should have a contest to see who can think of the most possibilities.

It would be helpful to the project if you will work with Karen to get your Ewing lineage into a format that I can easily make it into a Ewing Surname Project Y-DNA lineage. The short story is that I want a genealogy program file or a GED so that I don't have to do a bunch of typing. And if you have your exact relationship with Eddie worked out, I can add you to the Group 3 Relationship Diagram as well.



Dan Piraro, Bizarro Comics ©1998

(Compliments of William Myrl Ewing, Member #166)

Successful 2016 EFA Gathering Punctuates Saline, Michigan, Celtic Festival

John A. Ewing, EFA Journal Editor (johnewing2003@msn.com)

As a follow up to the EFA August 2016 Newsletter summary of the recent Saline Celtic Festival and 2016 Ewing Gathering, we have, as editors, selected a representative gallery of photos which probably best tell the story of that event.

Also, as previously reported, the Herculean efforts put forth by Walter “Major” Ewing, his wife, Rachel, members of his family, and Terry Ewing Schulz, in organizing and executing our Gathering to perfection, set the bar as high as we’ve ever seen. All of the many Ewings who attended the event experienced a full measure of fun and merriment starting with a Scottish *Celidh* (a Gaelic word pronounced ‘kay’lee’) on Friday evening. The event included something for everyone: story-telling, poetry reading, singing, Scottish music performed by a three-piece band, dancing, and delectable Scottish food. More than anything, the *Celidh* seemed to set the tone for the whole weekend event.

Saturday turned out to be a cool and pleasant July day for the festival, and before the day ended, nearly 50 Ewings had experienced a myriad of Celtic activities and Highland games. Of course, many of us spent time in the Ewing hospitality tent and the Ewing Clan tent where several new and future members were greeted. Tying everything together all day was the generous buffet of food in the Ewing hospitality tent prepared by David Neal Ewing with assistance from Major’s family.

Having attended several Ewing EFA Gatherings and Festivals, it is our observation that Walter and Terry accomplished something that is very extremely difficult to do – they very successfully transcended the whole feeling of kinship! Congratulations to both of you (and your friends and family who assisted) for a job well done!



The EFA's Festival and Bi-Annual Gathering Hosts, Walter 'Major' Ewing and Terry (Ewing) Schulz



Immediate Past Chancellor, Wallace 'Wally' K. Ewing and Beth (Ewing) Toscos enjoying the festivities.

Photos of the Gathering and events at the Celtic Festival in Saline, Michigan, on pages 71-74 are courtesy of Jane (Ewing) Weippert, Daniel C. Ewing, the EFA website, and the *Saline Post* newspaper (used with permission).



Bagpipe music by Robert D. (Bob) Ewing, (Member #1211), from Evansville, IN. His father is Daniel Ewing, our Archivist.



Commander John Thor Ewing telling a story.



Beautifully presented table of delicious Scottish fare.



Musicians playing Scottish tunes at the Gathering.



Daniel C. Ewing speaking at the Annual Membership Meeting in the hospitality tent.



The knight on the left misses, while the knight on the right scores a solid hit.



In the sheaf toss, athletes toss a heavy bale over a high bar.



Pipers strolled the grounds for much of the day at the festival.



The caber toss is one of the more dramatic events in the competition. The object is to lift an approximately 150-pound pole and toss it so that it lands on its far end and falls forward, away from the thrower.



Stoneput



The shepherd gives commands to his dog who guides the sheep to where they need to be.

Traditional Scottish Poem

Read by Joan Cunningham Tollerton at the Gathering in Saline, Michigan.

Happy We Are Thegither

Here around the ingle bleezin',
Wha see happy and see free?
Tho' the northern wind blaws freezin',
Frien'ship warms baith you and me.

Happy we are a' thegither,
Happy we'll be, ane an' a';
Time shall see us a' the blyther
Ere we rise to gang awa'.

See the miser o'er his treasure
Gloatin' wi' a greedy ee!
Can he feel the glow o' pleasure
That around us here we see?

Thus then let us a' be tassin'
Aff our stoups o' gen'rous flame;
And while roun' the board 'tis passin',
Raise a sang in frien'ship's name.

Frien'ship maks us a' mair happy'
Frien'ship gies us a' delight;
Frien'ship consecrates the drappie,
Frien'ship brings us here the night.

Happy we are a' thegither,
Happy we've been, ane an' a';
Time shall find us a' the blyther
Ere we rise to gang awe.



Joan Cunningham Tollerton

Meaning of unusual words:

thegither = together

ingle bleezin = blazing fire

ee = eye

tassin'=drinking

blyther = happier

awa = away

stoups = tankard

a' = all

2016 Scottish Highland Gathering & Games, Pleasanton, California

Larry Ewing (rkt88ll@earthlink.net)

This event got started off on the wrong foot – literally. On Friday, a day before the event, my wife, Linda, fell down our stairs in our home and broke her ankle. She was so disappointed in not being able to go to the Games, but wanted me to continue and set up at the event.

The Clan Ewing tent was, for the second year, at the Scottish Highland Games at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, California, September 3-4. Our location accidentally changed to face the entrance walkway (with the games being played across the lawn), and we had a more traffic this year. My son, Jeff Ewing, and I set up early Saturday morning. Then EFA member, Carolyn McCulla, joined us, and we were soon marching in the Parade of Tartans. (Photo on right)

On our tent table facing the walkway, we had a map of The British Isles and an explanation of our existence at Lock Fyne and the move to Loch Lomond with words describing the ordeal. We had another description that showed our migration over to Northern Ireland Ulster area at Londonderry. We had three pins on the map locating these spots, and it was very effective in attracting passers-by. (See photo on page 77.)

Carolyn brought a basket of candy with a ribbon tied on it with our tartan colors which also attracted many people. We also had a board that gave variations of the name Ewing. The guest book was signed by six non-members and two current members. One guest was Jeff Ewing, now living in San Mateo, California, who said his dad was in the EFA and had attended the Ft. Wayne Gathering. Most interested guests received a copy of our journal, our newsletter, and the clan brochure.



**Front Row: Larry Ewing; Terri Sanne; my son,
Jeff Ewing; and Carolyn Mc Culla.**

Behind Carolyn: Rick Sanne

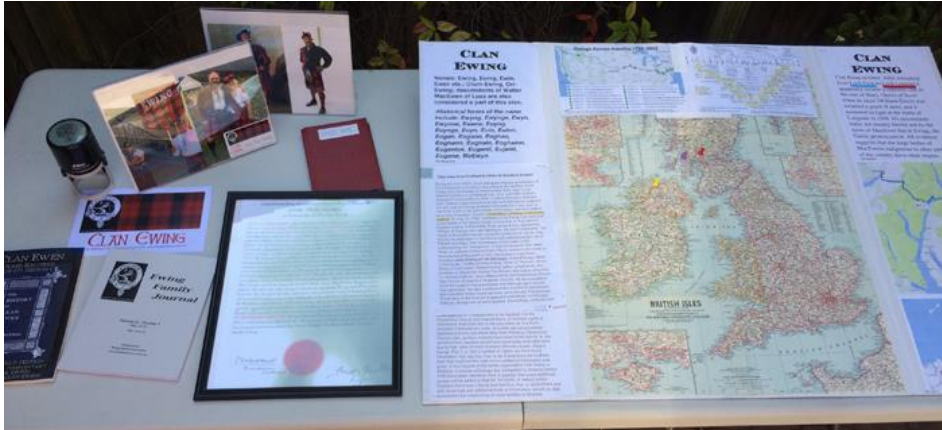
(Photo by Tom Ewing)



Clan Ewing Tent

In the tent, Thor's new book was a good seller – we sold six copies. We also had framed pictures from our 2016 Celtic Gathering as well as Thor's Lord Lyon Commander status paper. The crest stamp was used by the children and was very well received.

On Sunday morning, my son Jeff and I arrived about 7 a.m. to set up again. We were pleasantly surprised to see my brother, Tom, who helped set up last year, and eventually, my sister, Marilyn, also arrived. She happened to be in town from Bend, Oregon. At about 10 a.m., Terry and Mary Ewing of San Jose arrived and offered to help with the tent as well. Off we went to the Parade of Tartans again, and we picked up three or four more Ewings on the way.



Items of interest displayed in the tent.

We returned to the tent at noon where we enjoyed snacks including Scottish deep fried eggs, bagels and cream cheese, and cold drinks. Later that day, my son and I, as well as my sister and brother were able to watch some of the games that were being played at the field. Many thanks to those who stepped up to help make it very enjoyable for all.

"West Coast" Tent Captain, Larry Ewing

Remembering the Founder

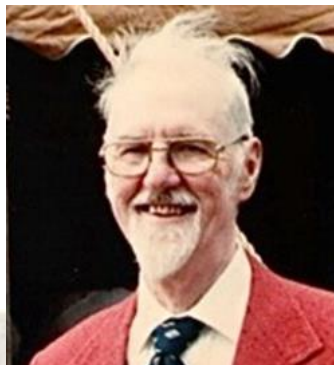
William Myrl Ewing, EFA Member 166 (bill.norma@cox.net)

Greetings! Whenever I read that we have some new members, I harken back to the 'good old days' when Rev. Ellsworth of Madison, Indiana, decided to form a Clan Ewing In America.

Sometime before 1988, when Rev. Ellsworth visited other cities, he would always stop and call all the Ewings in the phone book to ask them if they would like to join the Ewing Clan. He called my father in Tulsa, Oklahoma, who was greatly interested in genealogy.

In September 1988, we had our first Clan Ewing gathering at Mount Clair, which is an old Ewing family mansion in the woods near Vincennes, Indiana, home to seven generations of Ewings. Below is a photo of Rev. Ellsworth showing the huge tent in the front yard at Mount Clair. He lectured about the massive genealogy charts he had prepared, which are behind him in the photo.

This was his dream come true.



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