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From the Editor

Brent Ewing (EwingBrent89@gmail.com)

Hello all,

It's that time of the year again: Journal Time! This summer my father and I were blessed enough to be able to make the trip down to Nashville to meet many of you that are reading this journal right now. It was a blast. I have never been to Nashville, so unfortunately, we spent a lot of time skipping the family events to go to site-seeing. We are already planning a trip to be able to make it to the next get together, so I promise we will get to spend more time with all of you. The sites in Nashville were beautiful, and I couldn't get over how much different life is here, in Akron Ohio. It's almost the end of October so I want to wish everyone happy holidays. My family is doing great. I was fortunate enough to add another member to my family, Jackson (Jax). Jax is a little Treeing Walker Coonhound mixed with Beagle. His nose is astounding. If you open a container of food 2 miles away, he smells it. Jax is almost 5 months old, and he's 30lbs. I got a little off topic, but I like to keep everyone up to date on my personal life. Take care, and have the best holidays possible!

Amy Hunter Ewing (Patterson) – Part 8

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 8 continues the story of famous and interesting historic people in Amy’s life (January 20, 1751 to May 24, 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 the US Mint in Philadelphia.

As we learned in previous *Ewing Family Journal* (EFJ) articles, Amy knew famous doctors, scientists, artists, engineers, congressmen, senators, senior military officers, US Presidents and First Ladies. This chapter centers on the life experiences of the Ewing/Patterson families in Philadelphia from **1816 to 1819**. This is a year-by-year observation of the famous people and events that Amy and many of her fellow Philadelphians recorded in their diaries and became the subject of front page articles.

A New Era in America

“Americans commonly regarded the War of 1812 as their second American Revolution.”¹ When the war ended,

America consisted of 18 states, and in the decade that followed, six territories were admitted to the Union (Indiana, Mississippi, Illinois, Alabama, Maine, and Missouri). Amy and Robert (RP), along with all their Ewing relatives, were looking more toward the future than their past. And as we will see, they used the optimism for the future as an incentive to “make things happen.” Thomas Jefferson thought Americans capable of virtually anything they put their minds to.”² In 1814, Thomas Jefferson said, “Whatever they can, they will.”³ And they did!

In Philadelphia during the post war decade, Amy witnessed many examples of American ingenuity that led to innovation in science, architecture, medicine, the arts, music, and many, many industrial applications. We know from details in previous articles in the EFJ that her husband Robert (RP), 1743-1824, my 4th great grandfather, and her son, Robert Maskell Patterson (RMP), my 3rd great grandfather, were “significant players” in bringing this new era

¹ Friends Divided, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, Gordon S. Woods, 2017, Penguin Random House, New York, New York.

² A Record of Families of Robert Patterson (The Elder), Thomas Ewing and Louis DuBois, Press of John C. Clark, 1847 by William Ewing (1810-1881)

³ Thomas Jefferson, The Art of Power, Jon Meacham, Random House Trade Paperbacks, New York, New York, 2013

of enlightenment into existence in the United States. Amy's view of this period in history was sitting in what we call 'the cat bird seat.'

American Philosophical Society Meetings



Philosophical Hall

Twice a month, on Friday evenings, since 1783 when RP was elected to membership in the American Philosophical Society (APS), Amy welcomed her husband back to their home (located between 1802 and 1817 in the University Yard on South 9th Street near High Street (Market Street) ⁴ from the meetings held in Philosophical Hall, located at 104 South Fifth Street, between Chestnut and Walnut Streets. (Just to remind EFJ readers, the APS was established by Benjamin Franklin in 1743 for the purpose of promoting useful knowledge.) It would be RP's nature as an educator to share many of the "ideas and concepts" documented by the APS, and he would definitely share them with Amy and their children.

In 1816, Amy still had daughter Elizabeth Matilda (1794-1880) living with them. But as we will see in later articles, the senior Pattersons often temporarily hosted other relatives of a younger generation in their home who were attending the university.

Here are a couple of examples of APS deliberations by its members during that time:

- At the October 17, 1817 meeting,
 - the minutes record that RP presented a "Description and use of a very simple instrument for setting up Sun-Dials," and was referred to Gummere, Dr. Patterson (RMP) and Vaughn, with power."⁵
 - "New species of North America fishes, by LeSueur" was referred to Hewson, Wistar, and Dr. Patterson."⁶
- At the November 7, 1817 meeting, "Research concerning the Diameter of the Earth, by R.Adrian,"⁷ of New York, was referred to Patterson, Nulty and Dr. Patterson, with power.

These Early Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society record the minutes of every meeting from 1780 through December, 1837. The sophistication of the research and their conclusions is extremely impressive considering the physical limitations placed on these men. Amy's family dining room hosted many members of the APS, and these events were opportunities for her to engage with these talented "philosophers" who were so knowledgeable in a multitude of subjects.

⁴ Robert Patterson to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, August 9, 1813, University Papers, VII.

⁵ The Early Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society record of minutes from 1780 to 1837.

⁶ Ibid

⁷ Ibid

During the period 1816 to 1819, she and her family would be entertaining the following men, among many, that achieved notable success in their respective fields and were members of the APS:

- **Peter Stephen DuPonceau** (1760-1844), a French–American linguist, philosopher, and jurist
- **Oliver Evans** (1755-1819), American inventor, engineer, and businessman
- **Ferdinand Hassler** (1770-1843), mathematics professor, Superintendent of the United States Coast Survey (1816)
- **Caspar Wistar** (1761-1818), Vice President of the APS, Professor of Anatomy at the University of Pennsylvania, a medical doctor, and host of ‘Sunday Evenings’ at his home, described as “intellectual banquets.” Amy knew him for at least 30 years.

Unfortunately, with all the letters, memoirs, and historical files that exist for the Ewing/Patterson ancestors, I have NOT been able to find any correspondence from Amy to her Ewing parents, siblings, or cousins about these fascinating members of the American Philosophical Society.

1816 Starts with a Blaze!

During the War, in 1813, Professor Patterson (RP), who had served as the US Mint Director since 1805, now age 70, resigned his position as Professor and Vice Provost at the University of Pennsylvania to devote more time to his Mint duties.⁸ Because RP was no longer associated with the University, Amy and Robert moved out of the University apartments to a residence located at 192 Arch Street.

“Three years later Patterson witnessed one of the most difficult periods in his Directorship.”⁹ On January 11, 1816, Patterson notified President James Madison:

“I have the mortification to inform you that this morning, about two o’clock, a fire broke out in the mill house, a wooden building belonging to the Mint, which is consumed together with an adjoining building containing the rolling and drawing machines, and also the melting house.”¹⁰

“Patterson had been asleep at home when word came to him of the fire. By the time he reached the Mint, only a few blocks away, the blaze was well under way and had already consumed the mill house. Leaping flames lit up the night sky as they swallowed the second wooden building. Finally firemen were able to extinguish the fire, which had moved to the melting house before it reached the coining process”.¹¹ RP remained at the fire until the fire was reduced to smoldering piles of wood. Amy welcomed him home that morning, then helped him remove the soot stained, smelly clothes, and fixed him a hearty breakfast.

⁸ A Record of the Families of Robert Patterson (The Elder), 1847

⁹ Ibid

¹⁰ Ibid

¹¹ Ibid

“Then on the first day of the New Year 1817, Patterson proudly wrote President Madison:

*“The repairs of the Mint, which you were pleased to authorize, are now nearly completed.”*¹²

In place of the former wooden building stood a substantial brick structure. The Director had also introduced many important improvements in the apparatus and machinery, the most significant of which was the adoption of a ten-horsepower steam engine to replace horses.

Why did Patterson decide to replace horse power with steam? The steam engine had been invented in England by James Watt almost a half century earlier. Gradually, Patterson adopted the steam engine for a source of power in the US Mint. It was his love of science that urged him to pursue the improvement.

When the Pattersons resided at Ninth and Market, one of their neighbors was Oliver Evans, one of the most ingenious mechanics and inventors in Philadelphia. Evans lived in that neighborhood for years. Thus Evans' construction of steam engines and various contraptions right in Amy's neighborhood provided Patterson with an introduction to and thirst for the latest scientific innovations.



Ye Olde Mint

When the fire destroyed the Mint buildings which housed the drawing and rolling machines operated by horsepower, Patterson saw an opportunity to reconstruct the buildings with the addition of a steam engine. Thus, after 1816, hay and corn, were replaced by wood and coal on the yearly estimates. He had turned an apparent catastrophe, the Mint fire, into a financial victory and a power revolution.

Maskell and Mary Ewing's Annuity Payment

In May 1816, Amy and Robert celebrated 42 years of marriage. By this time, several of Amy's siblings had died:

Abigail Ewing (1743-1798)
 Thomas Ewing (1748-1782)
 Phebe Ewing (1746-1801)

She had two surviving brothers in 1816 -- Maskell Ewing, II, (1758-1825) and David Ewing, (1762-1830). Recently, I discovered several historical documents held by the Clements Library, University of Michigan. In addition, *The American Magazine and Historical Chronicle*, published by the William L. Clements Library, printed several articles about Maskell Ewing II and his family in 1987 and 1988.

¹² A Record of the Families of Robert Patterson (The Elder), 1847

I have learned recently, with the help of the staff of the Clements Library, of a financial transaction initiated by Amy's youngest brother David in 1816. Apparently, when their father, Maskell Ewing (1721-1796), died in Greenwich, New Jersey, there was an annuity created from the assets of the estate. David, the youngest son, born March 18, 1762. He married a Sarah Ewing of Cape May and had a daughter, Eliza.

David's career included being an officer in the Army, the captain of a ship in the Liverpool trade, the commander of an Oriental Privateer, some time in a Spanish dungeon in St. Augustine, the clerk of a steamboat on the Ohio, and a schoolmaster.¹³ He died in 1830 while living in the west of Pennsylvania.

Among the Ewing Papers in the William L. Clements Library at the University of Michigan is a "note" from David to his brother Maskell Ewing II (1758-1825) requesting that the annuity amount due David be paid to his daughter, Eliza L. Parvin. It reads on one side as follows:

Maskell Ewing Esquire Brother please to pay to my Daughter Eliza L Parvin the sum of twenty pounds Pennsylvania Money and her Receipt shall be good for the Annuity Due me from my father's estate up to the Date or for the last year.

Savannah April 18th

David Ewing

On the backside of the note was Eliza's receipt for the money:

*Received May 18, 1816, agreeably to the ___ order Twenty pounds penn
Maskell Ewing*

Eliza L. Parvin

Also on the backside: *D Ewing annuity.....£20.*

Ewing Family Papers,
William L. Clements Library
The University of Michigan

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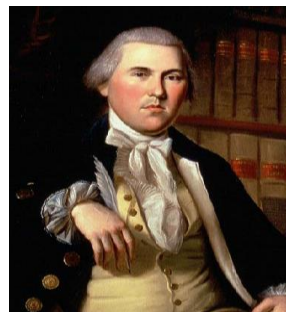
The 2018 equivalent of the 20 pounds would be about \$340.00. It appears that Amy's brother, Maskell Ewing II, was the "administrator" of the annuity payments.

¹³ William Belford Ewing, Greenwich, Cumberland, New Jersey written in 1841. Page 21

Amy's brother---Maskell Ewing II

On October 6, 1787, Amy's brother, Maskell Ewing, II (Jan 30, 1758 - Aug 25 1825), married Jane Hunter (1767-1831), in the First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia. The marriage ceremony was performed by Dr. John Ewing, (Jun 21, 1732 - Sept 8, 1802), Minister, and also Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.

Jane was the daughter of James Hunter (d. 1797), a merchant of the Revolutionary era in Philadelphia who amassed extensive landholdings in Philadelphia and throughout Pennsylvania in the 1770s and 1780s.¹⁴ Hunter served as a corporal with the Light Horse Troop of the City of Philadelphia during the battles of Trenton and Princeton in 1776-1777. Also serving with him was Thomas Leiper as a Sergeant. Leiper is RMP's father-in-law, and Amy became Jane Hunter Ewing's sister-in-law.



**Maskell Ewing II
By Charles Willson**

Maskell II saw military duty in the Revolution, and at the age of 20, was elected clerk of the New Jersey Assembly. He held this office for 20 years, practicing law as well, in Trenton. At the death of her father, Jane Hunter Ewing inherited, with her brother James Hunter, a Philadelphia lawyer, interests in considerable landholdings which her husband and brother jointly administered. In 1805, apparently in part due to personal financial reverses, Maskell II moved his family to Philadelphia and then to Radnor Township, Delaware County, where he farmed, opened a distillery, helped to manage the Hunter family rental properties, and held a variety of elective offices---Commissioner of Militia Fines during the War of 1812, Justice of the Peace, and member of the State Senate for six years. He and his family heard the ringing of the original Liberty Bell.¹⁵



Jane Hunter Ewing

Maskell and Jane Ewing had five children who lived to maturity:

1. James Hunter Ewing, Princeton graduate and medical doctor who practiced in Berks County and in Philadelphia before his very premature death;
2. Elinor, who married George Curwen, and resided at Walnut Hill, near Lancaster Road in Delaware County, close to the Ewing and Hunter homes;
3. Maskell Cochran Ewing (1807-1849), 1826 graduate of West Point;

¹⁴ The American Magazine and Historical Chronicle, published by the William L. Clements Library, 1987, The Ewing Papers—Part One. Pages 45-53.

¹⁵ Ibid

4. Louisa, who in 1837 married William Bell and moved to Louisville, Kentucky;
5. Mary P., who after the death of her parents lived with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James Hunter.

President James Monroe comes to Philadelphia

James Monroe was elected President of the United States in November 1816, succeeding James Madison. In those days, the inauguration ceremony occurred on March 4th of the following year. It was later in the spring because of the problems of travel to Washington, DC in the winter.



James Monroe
(Public Domain)

After taking office on March 4, 1817, President James Monroe was hungry to repair the political disorder between Democratic-Republicans and Federalists. On June 1, 1817, President Monroe ventured on his first procession (tour) of northern states with the mission of unifying the Republic and inspecting her defenses. Unlike today, with contemporary transportation, 24-hour-news coverage, and social media, rarely, if ever, did people in the 1800s get to see the President of the United States. One of his stops was Philadelphia. Many fine events occurred in the city that year, “But the greatest society event of the year was the visit of President Monroe, in June.”¹⁶

“A meeting of the civil officers of the United States and State governments had been previously called, and it was arranged that a committee composed of seven representatives of each branch of service should be appointed to wait upon him.”¹⁷ Of course, Director of the Mint, Robert Patterson, a federal officer, was a member of that committee.

After landing at Fort Mifflin on the morning of June 6th, and receiving a national salute, “he was rowed up the Schuylkill to Gray’s Ferry, where he was received by the volunteer cavalry and a large number of citizens on horseback.”¹⁸ Gray’s Ferry was always regarded as the most important entrance to the City. It was the perfect location for a public pleasure garden. It was also the outlet for the King’s Highway from Chester, Wilmington, and the South.

Robert Maskell Patterson, my 3rd great grandfather is the son-in-law of Elizabeth Coultas Gray, daughter of George Gray (1725-1800). With that list of relatives, it is possible that a cross-section of the Grays, Leipers, Pattersons, Hunters, and Ewing relatives were on horseback when President Monroe arrived at the Gray’s Ferry. The President inspected all of the government facilities, including the US Mint. RP was completing 12 years as Director of the US Mint, having served under three US Presidents – Jefferson, Madison, and now Monroe. I picture in my mind Amy shaking hands with President Monroe as he entered the front door of the Mint. Probably several of the Ewing/Patterson family and relatives were there that day just as they had gathered when Benjamin Franklin disembarked the “London Packet” returning from

¹⁶ History of Philadelphia, 1609-1884, J. Thomas Scharf and Thompson Westcott, Vol. I, L. H. Everts & Co. 1884

¹⁷ Ibid

¹⁸ Ibid

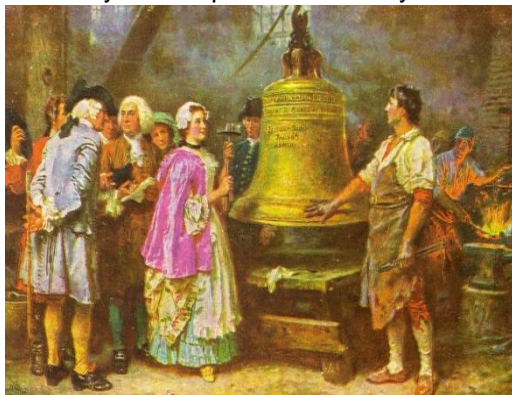
Paris in 1785. While President Monroe was in Philadelphia, we can assume that the Liberty Bell was heard several times.

How Often Did Amy Hear the Liberty Bell?

Robert (RP) may have been the first in his family to hear the Liberty Bell ring when he arrived from Londonderry, Northern Ireland, and disembarked at age 25 onto the wharf at Philadelphia in 1768. The 2,000-pound bell had been made in 1752. It was cast with the lettering **“Proclaim LIBERTY Throughout all the Land unto all Inhabitants Thereof,”** which is a Biblical reference from the Book of Leviticus (25:10).

Amy and Robert arrived with family in Philadelphia fulltime back in 1780. Before that, September 11, 1777, the Liberty Bell had been removed from the State House steeple by a heavily-guarded wagon train and taken to the town of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. After the British left Philadelphia, the bell was returned in June 1778. It was not until 1785 that it was again mounted for ringing. In those days, the bell was rung on the Fourth of July and on Washington’s Birthday, as well as Election Day to remind voters to hand in their ballots.

It also rang to call Professor Patterson’s students at the University of Pennsylvania to classes at nearby Philosophical Hall. Amy heard the bell many, many times between 1785 and 1817.



The Bell’s First Note
Jean Leon Gerome Ferrito

It is uncertain how the bell came to be cracked; damage occurred again sometime between 1817 and 1846. The bell is mentioned in a number of newspaper articles during that time; no mention of a crack can be found until 1846.¹⁹ If that is correct, Amy would continue to hear the bell ring until her death in 1844.

Amy Hunter Ewing Patterson and her family are among a very small percentage of Americans who actually heard the “ringing” of the original “Liberty Bell” before it was retired because of the crack.

John Trumbull’s Painting of the Declaration of Independence Signing

John Trumbull, Artist, created an enlarged painting for the Rotunda of the US Capital between August 1817 and September 1818. On October 5, 1818, the painting was put on public view at the American Academy of Fine Arts in New York. Over the next four months, he exhibited it in New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore; it was in the Capital early in 1819.

The public exhibit in Philadelphia in the fall of 1818 created an environment of great nostalgia for those who experienced the Revolutionary War and the creation of the United States of America. Of all the men who signed the Declaration of Independence, only Jefferson and Adams were still living in 1818. The painting was probably exhibited in the Statehouse

¹⁹ Liberty Bell, Wikipedia, 4/28/2018

(Independence Hall). This was another social event that the Ewing/Patterson family experienced. It is not possible to know how many of the famous men in the painting were acquainted with Amy and Robert, but I have found links to some of them who resided in Philadelphia from 1780 to 1800.



Declaration of Independence
By John Trumbull
Public Domain

Besides George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson, signers Benjamin Rush, Robert Morris, Thomas McKean, John Hancock, and George Clymer were occasionally in the social and professional circle of the Patterson clan, including Amy's brother, Maskell Ewing, II, from Radnor, Pennsylvania. I have seen the painting in the Capitol rotunda and will forever think of the Ewings seeing the painting displayed in Philadelphia soon after the oil paint was dry in 1818.

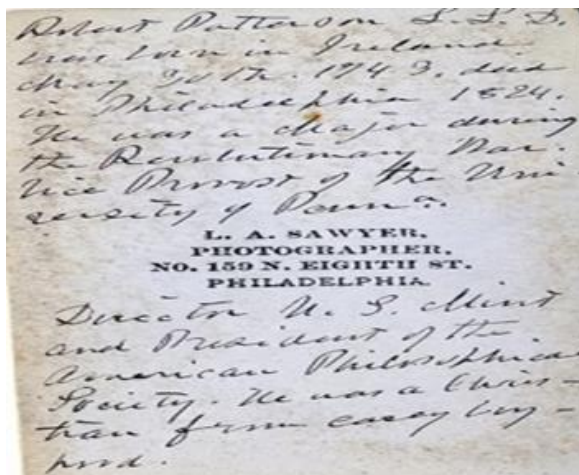
I also received the following items from the Radnor Historical Society and they have given me permission to include them in this article. Obviously these were passed down from Maskell and Jane Ewing and their children.²⁰

First we have a pastel portrait of Robert Patterson. The reverse of the portrait reads as follows:



Robert Patterson
Courtesy of Radnor Historical Society

“Robert Patterson LLD was born in Ireland May 30th. 1743, died in Philadelphia 1824. He was a Major during the Revolutionary War, Vice Provost of the University of Penn. Director of the U.S. Mint and President of the American Philosophical Society. He was a Christian from early boyhood.”



**Notes on Reverse Side of
Robert Patterson's Portrait**
Courtesy of Radnor Historical Society



Amy Hunter Ewing Patterson
Courtesy of Radnor Historical Society

Next we have the pastel portrait of Amy Hunter Ewing Patterson. On the back is written the following:

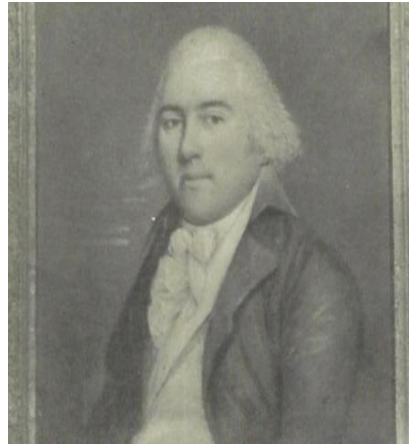
“Ame Hunter Ewing born in Greenwich, N.J. 20th Jan 1751. Died in Philadelphia May 23rd 1844. Married to Robert Patterson May 9th 1774. Her character was remarkably amiable and lively, and she was an earnest happy Christian”.

²⁰ Historical Photos Courtesy of the Radnor Historical Society, Wayne, Pa.

The Radnor Historical Society also provided these illustrations of Maskell Ewing II and his wife, Jane Hunter Ewing, and their home “Woodstock” located in the town of Wayne, Pennsylvania.



Jane Hunter Ewing
Courtesy of Radnor Historical Society



Maskell Ewing, II
Courtesy of Radnor Historical Society



Woodstock
Courtesy of Radnor Historical Society

The right portion of “Woodstock” was built in 1776; the left is the addition built in 1800.

These lockets contain wonderful portraits of Maskell Ewing (1721-1796) and Mary Padgett (1725-1798). Maskell's father, Thomas (1690-1747), born in Londonderry, Ireland, was married to Mary Maskell (1701-1784). Her father Thomas Maskell (1665-1731) was born in Simsbury, Hartford, Connecticut and married Mercy Stathem (1685-1741) in Greenwich, New Jersey in December 1700.

It was Findley Ewing, Sr. (1650-1730) who left Glasgow, Scotland with his wife Jane Porter along with several children including Thomas and emigrated to Northern Ireland. About 1718, Findley, Jr. (b.c.1695-) and his older brother, Thomas Ewing (1690-1747/48), emigrated to America. And it is about Maskell B. Ewing, Sr.'s (1721-1796, born to Thomas in Greenwich, New Jersey) daughter, Amy Hunter Ewing Patterson (1751-1844), we are writing about in these EFJ articles.

Finally, earlier this year I was gifted a copy of *"The Lost World of James Smithson,"* authored by Heather Ewing. I assume she is a cousin to one of us, but more importantly, her book is the story of an Englishman named James Smithson who never came to the US.

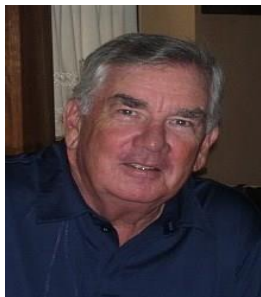
In the mid-1830s, the United States learned it was the beneficiary of a strange and unprecedented bequest. The gift eventually evolved into the Smithsonian Institution. My wife, Cobe, and I recommend it to our Ewing relatives.



**Maskell Ewing
(1721 – 1796)**



**Mary Padgett
(1725 – 1798)**



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.

William Belford Ewing Manuscript

Submitted by Grace Thomson (Member #517)

Grace Thomson (iamusuallyhappy713@gmail.com) wrote:

I don't know who has the original manuscript unless it is in the family house in the library. My son Mike owns that house now - it has never left the Ewing family since WBE's son James Josiah built it in 1834). The manuscript is a copy. I received it from my cousin who received it from our grandparents, Robert and Grace Ewing. Robert was WBE's great grandson. I suspect that this copy was given by WBE to a cousin in NY whose name I don't know but WBE cites going on a ship to NY to see his cousin with his niece(?). There is a note on an inside page that says "to Charles Ewing with esteem from Thomas Ewing Yonkers NY 1/28/1930". Charles was WBE's elder grandson who was the brother to my grandfather's father Dr. Robert Patterson

I am not surprised that you can't find a copy of this manuscript in the Ewing Archives as I am probably the only one who has this manuscript. WBE was the great grandson of Thomas and Mary Maskell Ewing, grandson of Maskell and Mary Padgett Ewing and son of Dr. Thomas Ewing and Sarah Fithian Ewing. When Thomas died WBE's uncle Maskell, Ame Patterson's brother, took him to ward and his mother Sarah remarried as it states in his history of the Ewing family.

Now back to the family home and farm. WBE's only living child, James Josiah Ewing, lived with his father and after he married Martha Harding (I believe they had about 9 children and I can provide those names if anyone is interested).

Charles Ewing (my family always called him "Great Uncle Charlie") as the eldest Ewing male then inherited the house when his father, James Josiah, died. I suspect that the house was inherited intact and all the furniture, books, etc., were kept as well. Great Uncle Charlie never married even though he had been engaged. His fiancée died and he never sought another wife so his younger brother, Dr. Robert Patterson Ewing and his family including my grandfather, moved in with him and Dr. R.P. Ewing went to serve in the Civil War.

My grandfather was not the eldest Ewing male. His brother, Walter, was and so Walter had the right of inheritance.

However, as Uncle Walter had a house and family by that time and my grandfather and his family did not. He gave his right to my grandfather and that's how we inherited it.





WILLIAM BELFORD EWING

Greenwich, Cumberland
New Jersey

The Superintendent and Trustees of Trenton Academy

To all whom these Presents shall come Greeting:

Be it known that William Belford Ewing, of Trenton, hath regularly studied the following subjects in this Academy, viz: Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, and the English Language grammatically,- Cesar's Commentaries, Sallust, Virgil, Ovid, Cicero's Orations and Horace, in Latin - with the New Testament, Lucian, and Xenophon in Greek; And, after sufficient public examination previously had, hath been approved as having obtained a competent skill in each of these Studies; and hath, during the course of his Studies, supported a good moral Character, and conducted himself with exemplary Respect and Subjection to the officers and Laws of this Institution.

In Testimony whereof the Common Seal of the Corporation is hereunto affixed, and our names subscribed.

Given at a public Examination
In the said Academy, on the
14th day of September, 1792.

JENKIN WHITESIDE
Superintendent

JAS. EWING)	
MOORE FURMAN)	
ISAAC COLLINS)	Trustees
CONRAD ROTH)	
PETER GORDON)	

Some account of that branch of the Ewing Family that settled in the Township of Greenwich, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey,

by William Belford Ewing
Greenwich, August 12th, 1841.

Having lived so near the time of the establishment of my name in this place, and having seen and known every individual of whom I write except my Great Grand Father; being also assisted by an accurate Church Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths, I think implicit confidence may be placed in the information here given in every important particular. I have undertaken this in my old age for the information of my Dear Son and his young family that they may have a full knowledge of the respectable character of their Progenitors, and may be enabled to emulate their virtues. More especially I would commend to them the attachment of their family at all times to the religion of their Fathers. Although our Ancestor Thomas Ewing came from Ireland, it has always been understood that he was descended from Scotch Presbyterians driven by persecution to the North of Ireland. I was left by my Father a sword of ancient appearance which was said to have been presented to the Father of Thomas Ewing by King William for his distinguished bravery at the battle of the "Boyne Water". Unfortunately it was stolen from the possession of my Uncle Maskell Ewing by a Negro servant and destroyed for the sake of the silver hilt. The sword was worn by my Father through the Revolutionary War.

W.B. Ewing

(. . .) sides of the road where Mr. Silus Glaspel now lives. The mansion of Thomas Maskell, Esq. was that in which Mr. Elias Keen now resides. The house of our great Grandfather stood near the southwest corner of the crossroad below Mr. Keen's between his house and Mr. Glaspels.

Thomas and Mary Ewing had six sons and one daughter:

Maskell Ewing	Born March 31, 1721
Thomas Ewing	October 6, 1722
Mercy Ewing)	Feb. 27th, 1726
Mary Ewing)	
John Ewing	June 7, 1732
Joshua Ewing	Nov. 8, 1736
Samuel Ewing	April 23, 1739
and James Ewing	July 12, 1744

The first Thomas Ewing died 1748, Aged 52 years.

Maskell Ewing, the eldest son of Thomas & Mary Ewing, upon his birthday March 31, 1743, married Mary Padgett, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Padgett, of Stoe Creek Township.

Maskell & Mary Ewing had ten children, all of whom lived to be married and have children, viz:

Abigail	Born	Feb. 4th, 1744
Phebe	Born	May 13th, 1746
Thomas	“	Sept. 13th, 1748
Ame	“	Jany. 20th, 1751
Mary	“	April 26th, 1753
Sarah	“	April 19th, 1756
Maskell	“	Jany. 30th, 1758
Rachel	“	Dec. 25th, 1759
David	“	March 18th, 1762
Susanna	“	May 27th, 1764

Maskell Ewing, Esq. was the first Sheriff of the County of Cumberland after it was set off from the County of Salem. He was likewise a Magistrate and both Clerk and Surrogate of this County many years under the Colonial Government. And a Judge of the Court, and Justice of the Peace after the Revolution 'till the time of his death, which was April 16, 1796, aged 75. {Revision: October 11th, 1844. I find from an examination of Records of our Court that my Grandfather was not the first Sheriff of this County. He was Sheriff about the year 1762.} Maskell Ewing and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church of Greenwich for a long course of years. He was one of the Elders, they were both converted under the preaching of the celebrated George Whitefield who visited this place and preached in the open air in front of the Meeting House, Novem. 19, 1740. {WEB Note: My Grandfather at the time of his conversion was in his 20 year. }

I remember well my Grandfather- in his old age, his pleasing countenance and mild blue eyes. He was a slim man, a little taller than I am, of a fresh complexion, strong features, and hair white as snow. I always consider myself as much flattered when my near relations and others have often told me I much resembled my Grandfather. My Grandmother was about the size of my aunt Patterson, in person not quite so full, round face, large black eyes, her complexion in old age rather pale, in her youth when possessed of more animation I think she must have been handsome. I was always a little afraid of my Grandmother; but could be familiar with my Grandfather. My Grandfather built the house in which Mr. Glaspel now lives and resided in it during the last years of his life. My Grandmother died October 30th, 1798, aged 73 years.

Aunt Abigail their 1st child married Mr. Isaac Watson a respectable farmer of this township. He owned and lived upon the farm where James Tomlinson now lives. She had but one child the present Miss Sarah Watson. My Aunt Abigail very much resembled her Mother in size and complexion, was kind, domestic, of an even temper; indulgent to children, of a placid countenance indicative of serenity of mind, and of habitual piety. She died in 1798 Oct. 25th, aged 54.

Aunt Phebe the 2nd daughter married Abner Woodruff by whom she had a large family of children. Mrs. Phebe Brown her youngest daughter is the only one now living. Aunt Phebe was a woman of strong mind, great firmness, and when left a widow with a family to support, active and successful in providing for them. She was tall, erect, of a pleasing countenance, with a piercing black eye. In the Age of Chivalry such a woman might have been a heroine. In her day she was a tender Mother, and a humble Christian. She died about 1803.

Thomas Ewing, their 1st son, my Father, studied Medicine under Dr. Ward. A few months before he was twenty-two years old he married Miss Sarah Fithian daughter of Samuel Fithian of Greenwich Town, Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Cold Spring, Cape May, where my Father practiced medicine. Here their son Samuel Fithian Ewing was born Sep. 27th, 1771, and died Oct. 21st, 1772. After the death of Dr. Ward Feb. 27th, 1774, they returned to Greenwich, and lived in the house where Reuben Hunt now lives. In this house I was born Dec. 12th, 1776.

At the commencement of the Revolutionary War my Father was by the unanimous vote of the New Jersey State Convention appointed Surgeon of a Brigade to be raised in the Counties of Burlington, Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland. He was likewise appointed by the Legislature and commissioned by Gov. Livingston Major of the 2d Battalion of the Cumberland Regt. commanded by Col. David Potter. Both the appointment of the Convention, and the commission of the Governor, are now in my possession. In what capacity my Father joined the American Army I am not informed or at what time. He was present at the battle and disastrous retreat from Long Island and was near being captured, having occasion to draw his sword to enforce an entrance into one of the last boats that left the Island. He was brought home sick with the camp fever the morning I was born. The Father of Enoch H. Moore of Bridgeton was brought home and died, about the same time of the same fever.

My Father in the course of the war made a voyage to St. Eustatia in the Letter of Marque Brig Hibernia, Capt. Robert Collins, upon their return they sustained a severe action with an English sloop of War and were successful in beating her off. When the battle was over, the Brig was so nearly in a sinking state, that her commander hailed the sloop of War, "that they surrendered, and desired to be taken on Board". The answer returned was that "they might sink and go to Hell". By great exertions they were saved and arrived safe at Phila. My Father left a most interesting journal of the voyage and combat which I have frequently read, but for many years has been lost. The accounts, of the day represent the affair in consequence of the disparity of the force engaged as one of the most gallant and successful performed by a private vessel of war, in the course of the Revolution. Whilst lying at St. Eustatia my Father was in the habit of friendly intercourse with the officers of a British ship of War in Port. From the Surgeon he received a present of a case of Pocket Instruments, which are in good order in my possession at this time.

In Sept. 1779 my Father again embarked at the mouth of Stoe Creek on Board of the Privateer, Genl. Wayne, Capt. Collins, bound upon a cruise, after making several captures the Genl. Wayne was driven on shore near the Mouth of Great Egg Harbor River by a heavy ship of War. Col. David Moore of Deerfield was a volunteer on board. The journal of this cruise is now in my possession. In 1781 my Father was elected and served as a member of the State Legislature; during the session he was Chairman of the Military committee. After his return home from the legislature his health rapidly declined and on the 7th of October 1782 the consumption terminated his active useful, and honorable life, aged 34 years.

Thomas Ewing my Father was five feet ten inches high, slim built, dark complexion, black eyes, and black hair; he was capable of undergoing great fatigue, more especially on horseback. In his extensive practice he thus rode altogether. His route of attendance upon his small-pox patients required from three to four days to accomplish from this place by various digressions to Somers Point, across Great Egg Harbour River; through Cape May County, the lower part of this County, and so homeward. He sometimes rode from Cold Spring to this place in a day, which in those times, in the rough and indirect state of the roads was thought a great performance. I have often heard the courage and endurance of one of his horses spoken of by my Uncle Maskell, and there were two I well remember; one a stout bay horse

with a star in his forehead, and a small sorrel mare that after his death my Mother rode for many years. My Father had a knowledge of Latin which he acquired at Parson Green's School in Deerfield. He wrote well, and is said to have possessed considerable talents for public speaking. I think he was not a professing Christian, but I have often heard my Mother say that he entertained great veneration for religion, and that nothing gave him so much offence as an appearance of want of attention or disrespect to sacred duties.

Arne their third daughter was born Jan. 20, 1751, and is now living at the advanced age of 90 years. She married Dr. Robert Patterson, who was appointed Assistant Surgeon under my Father by the State Convention as may be seen in the Minutes of their proceedings. After the Revolutionary War he removed to Philad^a and was made Professor of Mathematics in the University of Pennsylvania. Under the administration of Mr. Jefferson he was appointed Director of the Mint of the U. St. which he held 'till the time of his death. Mr. Patterson was a man of great learning, distinguished as a Philosopher. He was for many years President of the American Philosophical Society. He was a tender Father, a devoted friend, generous, hospitable, he was plain in his manners, venerable in his appearance. He lived like my Aunt to an advanced age, above eighty years. {WEB Note: May 26th, 1844. This day attended the funeral of my Aunt Patterson, Philad^a who was buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery, she was sick but a few days. Her age was ninety-three years and four months. W.B. Ewing} He was a great many years elder of the Presbyterian Church in Spruce Street, Philad^a of all the men I have ever known I think my Uncle Patterson was the most attentive to his religious duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson had two sons and four daughters, the eldest son William a Physician long since deceased, and the present Dr. Robert M. Patterson of Philad^a Director of the Mint of the U. States. The eldest daughter Mary married Dr. Samuel Moore at present of Philad^a originally of this county. He was a representative in Congress for some years from Bucks County, Penn., also director of the Mint after the decease of Uncle Patterson.

The other daughters are Mrs. Martha Dubois at present of Doylestown, Penn. Mrs. Emma Fisher, wife of Samuel Fisher, a wealthy citizen of Philad^a now for many years resident in France. Mrs. Matilda Harris wife of Dr. William Harris, an eminent practitioner in Philad^a. Of all my Aunts I loved my Aunt Patterson the best.

Mary the fourth daughter {Editor: daughter of Maskell and Mary Ewing} was born April 26th, 1753. She first married Richard Caruthers by whom she had one son Richard who if alive resides in the western part of Pennsylvania. After the decease of Mr. Caruthers she married William Findley a distinguished member of Congress from Pennsylvania. Aunt Mary was a sensible, pious, and excellent woman, rather reserved. She had the appearance of great resignation to the will of God, and was exemplary in her duties to her family and society. She lived to a good old age.

Sarah the fifth daughter was born April 19th 1756. She married James B. Hunt, Esq., They resided in this Township in the house in which their son Reuben Hunt, Esq. now lives. They had three sons, the present Thomas E. Hunt, Esq. Reuben Hunt, Esq. both of this Township and Dr. William P. Hunt of Salem County. My Aunt Hunt was a pleasant lively woman fond of society, of strong feelings and quick apprehension, somewhat independent in her sentiments. She was an excellent wife and a most indulgent mother. She died in the 79th year of her age.

Maskell Ewing, their second son, was born Jany. 30th, 1758. In his youth he acted as clerk of the court for his father. Before he was 21 years of age, he was elected Clerk of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, and removed to Trenton, where he studied law with Mr. William Churchill Houston, He married Miss Jane Hunter of Philad^a by whom he had six children, three sons and three daughters. Of these four are living, Eleanor, his eldest daughter, married to Mr. George Curwen of Montgomery County, Penn, Mary Padget Ewing unmarried, Louisa, married to Mr. Bell of Louisville, Kentucky, and Maskell C. Ewing, late of the United States Army, some time since married to a lady in Maryland. He resides at Alexandria, Dis. of Columbia, Uncle Maskell continued Clerk of the Assembly for more than twenty years, he then resided some time in Philad^a, afterwards in Radnor Township, Del. County, Penna. He represented that County six years in the State Senate. He died in August 1825 whilst on a visit to his friends in this place, in the 68th year of his age, and was buried in the Presbyterian Churchyard in this town. {WEB Note: My Uncle Maskell was more than six feet in height, and full proportioned; his appearance was the most noble and commanding I have ever seen. He was a pleasant companion, and possessed great qualifications for business, more especially with his pen. He was idolized by his children, the delight of his relatives and oh, how dear his memory is to me. Wm, B. Ewing Jany. 7th, 1859.}

Rachel, their sixth daughter, was born December 5th, 1759. She married her cousin Enos Ewing, son of John Ewing. They always resided in this Township. They left two daughters, Mary the wife of Charles B. Fithian residing in this Town. And Sarah, married to Ephraim Bacon of this Township. Uncle Enos and Aunt were most excellent and respectable people, prosperous in their circumstances, distinguished for their hospitality, and the provident enjoyment of the comforts of life. They lived to a good old age. Uncle Enos was for a great many years a Judge of the Court and Justice of the Peace. He died August 9, 1834, in the 74th year of his age. Aunt Rachel in the 77th year of her age.

David Ewing, their youngest son, was born March 18th, 1762. He married Sarah Ewing of Cape May, and had by her one daughter, Eliza who married Mr. John Parvin by whom she had one son and two daughters, the eldest Rebecca married Mr. Theophilus Davis and Elizabeth Mr. Isaac Mulford, both of Fairfield, and David who has gone to the West. Uncle David was a man of unsteady character, but of great courage and enterprise. He was an officer in the army, the Captain of a ship in the Liverpool trade; the commander of an Oriental Privateer; sometime in a Spanish dungeon in St. Augustine, the clerk of a steamboat upon the Ohio, and a schoolmaster, and died about the 68th year of his age in the West of Pennsylv^a.

Susanna, their {Ed. Note: daughter of Maskell and Mary} youngest child, was born May 27th, 1764, she married Major Wm. Ferguson of the U.S. Army, who was killed at St. Clairs defeat. She had by him one daughter, Mary, sometime since deceased, who left one daughter, Mary by Mr. Brown, a clergyman of Connersville, Penn. After the death of Maj • Ferguson, Aunt Susan married Col. Ercuries Beatty of Princeton, by whom she had two sons and one daughter. The only survivor is the Rev. Charles Beatty of Steubenville, Ohio. My Aunt Susan has now been some few years decd. She was a fine looking, high spirited woman, with a well cultivated mind. I have often thought her and her daughter Mary two of the most fascinating ladies in conversation I ever met with. They were both eminently pious. My Aunt Susan died October 27, 1839; Cousin Mary W. Brown died of the consumption on the 27th of April, 1838, Aunt Susan's age was 75 years, and 5 months.

Thomas Ewing, the second son of Thomas and Mary Ewing, was born October 6th, 1722, and died May 29th, 1771. {WBE Note: Thos. Ewing was a Blacksmith by trade He built and lived in the house where Samuel C. Fithian now lives.} He had three wives, Phebe Sayre, Rachel Dixon and Sarah Vicars. He

had one child by his first wife, three by his second, and nine by his last. Of these we have but little information except of his son George by his last, who was born March 18th, 1754. He was a soldier of the Revolution* married a sister of the present Mr. Abijah Harris of Bridgeton. After the war he emigrated to the West, and is the Father of Thomas Ewing the Secretary of the Treasury of the U. States at this time.

Of Mary the only daughter of Thos and Mary Ewing I have no information. I have since been told my Great Aunt Mary first married Mr. David Harris, and after his death, Mr. Jonathan Deming of Fairfield. John Ewing, the third son of Thos. and Mary Ewing, was born June 7th, 1732. His wife's name was Bacon, they had four sons, Abner, John, Enos and Thomas. The old people lived in Stathem's Neck were much respected and domestic. (Their son John married a Stathem and resided near his Father). He was proverbial for the integrity of his life; his children are long deceased. Of his son Enos I have given the necessary information in my account of his wife Aunt Rachel Ewing. Mr. John Ewing lived to an advanced age and has been deceased several years.

Joshua Ewing, the fourth son, was born Nov. 17, 1736, and died when I was about nine years old. He was a small man, active and ready at business, and was a member of the State Legislature. His family after his decease emigrated to the West, consisting of his widow and two sons James and Robert.

James Ewing the youngest son of Thos. and Mary Ewing, was born July 12th, 1744. He married Martha Boyd of Bridgeton. By her he had one son the late Chief Justice Charles Ewing of this State. Uncle Ewing owned the land and built the house belonging to Moses Sheppard where Mr. Moore now lives. He was elected a member of the Legislature from this County and about the year 1779 removed to Trenton. After the war he was appointed by the old Congress Auditor of Accounts, which office he held for a long course of years. He was likewise a Judge and Justice of the Peace for the County of Hunterdon. He died about the year 1824 80 years age.

Chief Justice Charles Ewing was born July 8th, 1780. He was one of the most able and distinguished men of this State in his day. He was carried off by cholera in August 1832 in the midst of his usefulness. He left two sons and three daughters. His family except his eldest daughter decd reside in Trenton.

Of my great uncle Samuel Ewing, the fifth son of Thos. and Mary Ewing I have no recollection and but little information. {WEB Note: Uncle Samuel Ewing built and lived sometime in the Stone House uptown where Samuel Githin now lives, and afterward in Salem County, near Quintons Bridge.} A son of his Thomas Ewing, a respectable man with whom I have a slight acquaintance at this time resides in the Township of Millville in this County

Another son Wm. M. Ewing with whom I was well acquainted having been brought up by Uncle James Ewing after he was of age went to Jamaica, whilst I was in the West Indies and has never been heard from since. He was a fine, handsome young man, a house carpenter by trade.

Sarah Fithian, my Mother, was the daughter of Samuel and Abigail Fithian. My Grandfather was a cousin to Dr. Fithian's Grandfather and is said to have been a plain old Quaker. Was quite wealthy and lived upon this farm upon which we now live, in a house which stood upon the Market Ground. He married my Grandmother, the widow of Joseph Moore, by whom she had one son and five daughters, viz Enoch Moore, the father of the present Enoch H. Moore of Bridgeton. Rachel the wife of Isaac Sharp and Grandmother to Mrs. Kitty Davis, Mrs. Rachel Ware and Mrs. Philo Sheppard, Mercy the wife of Elnathan Ware and Mother of Squire Ware of Roadstown, Dorcas the wife of Morgan Friant, Hannah

the wife of John Scott and Grandmother to Mrs. Hannah Sheppard, Mrs. Mary Fithian, Mrs. Rachel Jones, Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Mrs. Abigail Mulford and Mrs. Esther Williams; And Mary the wife of William Waithman and the Mother of Mrs. William Brown up the Creek.

My Grandmother was the daughter of Thomas Maskell, Esq. and of course the sister of my Great Grand Mother Mary Ewing, Grandfather Fithian was a widower when he married her; and advanced in years and had no children by his first wife. About nine months before my Mother was born, my Grandfather made his will leaving the whole of his estate to his relations of the Fithian family, and although he lived some months after the birth of my mother and is said to have been much delighted with the child of his old age, he neglected to alter his Will, in consequence of this neglect my mother lost the valuable estate which was her birthright, consisting of a farm in Stoe creek and valuable lands in this Township and retained alone this Township and retained alone this farm which was held in possession by my Grandmother for her use. {WBE Note: My Grandfather by the Fithian records, was born in 1688, and died in 1752, and was consequently 64 years old when he died. This will make my Mother been near 2 yrs. old at the time of his death, which makes his conduct respecting his will still more unaccountable.}

{WBE Note:

Jan. 6th, 1859. I have been furnished within a few weeks with the appraisement of Grandfather Saml. Fithian's personal estate in 1752 by Philip Dennis, Annanias Sayre, and Sewane Boy. It amounted to £566. 11 s. 3-3/4 d.

a Silver Tankard was valued at £ 14.;	a clock at 12 £;	a tea set at	£5.	April 4, 1752.
To six days, appraising ye estate & proving ye Will			£1.10s. 0d.	
To 1/2 Gal. Rum, ye appraiser		.	.	2. 2
April 25, to Saley Mills, 3 days crying ye vendue		7/6 per day	1 .2s. 6d}	

My mother was born May 1750 and was married to my father May 30th, 1770. After the death of my father my mother married Mr. William Mulford by whom she had two sons, Thos. Ewing Mulford born June 8th, 1788 and who at present resides in the town of Salem, and James W. Mulford born June 25, 1791, formerly of the same place now deceased. My mother died after a few days illness April 1st, 1806 in the 56th year of her age. I am under great obligation to my mother for the religious instruction she gave me in my tender years. It is to this under a merciful and gracious God, I most confidently believe that I am at this day blessed be his holy Name, a professing Christian.

William Belford Ewing.

(Editor's Note: Join us for Part II of WBE's Manuscript in the May 2019 issue of the Ewing Family Journal)

Steven Craig Ewing's Connection to "The Five Ewings of Easthampton"

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Little did I know, back in 1995, when I started to look for my lost grandfather, Bertram Thayer Ewing, what adventures lay before me. Genealogy research has turned into a wonderful hike in a very interesting wood. There will be long straight runs with lots of head scratching tedium. Then I'll turn a bend and a spectacular landscape will unfold.

Something like that happened when I first signed up to Ancestry.com and started to fill in my tree. One of the best parts of internet research is the member connect. A third cousin, experimenting with ancestry on a two week trial reached out and asked me how I was related to her Ewing ancestors. It turned out Virginia (Ginny Ewing) Spina was a third cousin and directly related to my "lost" Ewing line. After a few minutes of amateur fumbling, on my part, we hit it right off. Ginny and her family have even taken a day trip over to the island of Martha's Vineyard to visit us. She did tell me she wasn't really very involved in the "genealogy stuff" but another cousin, who happened to live nearby me, on Cape Cod, was. That's how I met Dottie and Bruce Stewart and one of these wonderful landscapes started to unfold.

Dottie's mom, Grace Esther (Ewing) Jayes had been a repository of all things family. Since Grace was a Ewing she had lots of Ewing stuff. One such bundle was a compilation of the work of two women, Margaret Cassens and Marguerite "Peggy" Jenks entitled "The Five Ewings of Easthampton". Well as Dottie and I got to know each other and she saw my complete ignorance about our Ewing Family, she said;" load your fax machine, I'm sending you your history". Out spat about 20 sheets of paper and low and behold there we were. I could clearly see my grandfather Bertram and the line of Ewings we are descended from.

I have written about my quest for Bert in other Journal articles and how he had disappeared from our family back in 1925 when my dad, Harvey was one and my uncle Robert was being born. I have recounted finding his last known residence back in July 1995, when my brother Doug, who was dying of cancer, wanted to know about our grandfather. I wrote about sitting in a living room in Pittsfield, NH, and hearing his step daughter, by his third wife-Bert never divorced my grandmother-relate how my grandpa took his own life with a pistol in his bedroom, next to where we sat, back in 1981. I did get to tell this sad story to my brother before he passed away in August of '95. Unfortunately Harvey our dad never heard the tale. He left us July 5th of the same year.

Of the Five Ewings I am a direct descendant of Alexander Ewing (my 5th g-grandfather) who was born in Muff, Inishowen, Donegal in 1744 and died in Glentougher, Inishowen, Donegal in 1832. Here follows Alexander's line to me. (See attached)

My wife Claudia and I have been fortunate to travel to Inishowen and locate the ruin that was the Ewing farmhouse in Glentougher. We contributed an article to the Journal entitled "Ramblings About Inishowen" that recalls our adventures. Alexander's grandson, Alexander John Ewing emigrated to Massachusetts in 1848 under the patronage of Samuel Williston, an early MA industrialist and philanthropist. I am currently researching a very strong

Williston/Ewing connection and am trying to unravel what brought the powerful Williston to employ and befriend my Scots-Irish immigrant ancestors.

Alexander John had three sons, Alexander Matthew, John and Thomas Butler Ewing. As you can see I follow from Thomas Butler's line. You can find Dottie and Virginia (Ginny) in Alex Matthew's descendant tree. I have located more cousins in my walk through the woods. Brenna Ewing, comes down through Raymond son of Alex Matthew. I have also been communicating with Sylvia Free the daughter of Peggy (Pack) Jenks, who co-authored "The Five Ewings". Peggy was the great-granddaughter of William Ewing. William was Alexander John's brother. He came over on the ship Adam Carr in 1850. William had married Mary Ewing, daughter of Samuel Ewing, of Inch, and Mary O'Donnell. Samuel seems to be my family from Glentougher's only connection with Inch that I can find so far.

I have always wondered why all of my Ewings came to the States just after the Famine where so many others came over 100 or more years before.

Relationship between Alexander Ewing & Steven Craig Ewing



Steve Ewing (aquamv@gmail.com) is a dock builder living in Edgartown with his wife Claudia. They have two grown sons, Niko and Arno. Steve is the Town of Edgartown's first poet laureate. He is interested in all New England Ewings. The five Ewing families to whom he is directly connected are just up the Connecticut River in the North/East/Southampton area. They all came over in the mid-1800s.

Manuscript of Mildred (Campbell) Cassens

In the 1960's and 1970's, Marguerite (Peggy) Jenks Pack and I were collecting all sorts of information on our Ewing family. We talked to members of the older generation, collected news items and shared our knowledge with each other. The Packs did research on their trips and they visited many cemeteries. We both read microfilms and collected birth, marriage and death certificates, visited probate courts, town offices and read censuses. We read faded clippings, and listened to grandparents, aunts, parents, and Peggy found William's will and sent me a copy. Every time one of my cousins found the Ewing name in the papers, they sent it on to me. Without our interest, the story of the lives of those Ewings who came from Ireland in the 1800's would have been lost. The "Five Ewings" is not meant to be a proper genealogy, ' but just a method of showing where a person belongs in each 'family. Unfortunately, what is missing from these pages are the stories, recollections and memories that proved they were flesh and blood people

The younger generations have contributed to this as well by sending the stories they remember of their families. The growing interest in our Ewing ancestors is most gratifying. But the best part of all "this genealogy thing" are the friends. Peggy Pack and I have been friends over the years. Ellie and Freeman Scott are such great people –I regret not knowing them sooner. Bill Hunt and his wife Harriet visited me - which was delightful, and he has become a lively and interesting correspondent. And now I have new friends in Kenneth Goddard and his family in California. My family and those whose forebear was John Ewng, who came to America in 1848, have always kept in touch, and my friends Dorothy Meadon, Jacqueline Tetreault and Muriel Burr are in touch often. Even the younger generations know each other. That spans over 150 years!

Looking up your forbears can be addictive. It is like unraveling a mystery. Maybe some of the ones you find were not the most sterling characters. That only makes things more interesting. Goody-goodies are boring. But most of them were honorable and hard-working and you can say to yourself proudly, "Hey, I carry your genes."

Mildred (Campbell) Cassens, Traverse City, Michigan, April 2001

EWING

It is said a William Ewing, a Scotsman, settled in Muff, Ireland, around 1649 and that he had three sons: William, John, and Alexander. The dates of his birth and death are unknown, as is his wife's name or where he once lived in Scotland. The Alexander Ewing born in Muff around 1744, was either a grandson or a great-grandson of this man. Thomas Butler Ewing had probably learned of the bygone Ewings from his father and his grandmother, Flora (Butler) Ewing for he was 13 when she died. Later in his life, he went to Ireland to seek Ewing information. He wrote in his so-called 'diary' what he knew of Ewings, although he admitted he found no written records. It is due to him that we know about the background of these three Ewing brothers who settled in Hampshire County, MA.

Alexander – b. ca. 1744, Muff, Donegal Co., Ireland; d. 1832 Glentougher, Donegal Co., Ireland (age 88); m. Elizabeth McCorkle, d. 1802.

Children:

- **William**
- **Margaret**
- **John** – b. ca. 1788, Glentougher, Ireland
- **Mary Ann**

John – b. 1785-88, Glentougher, Ireland, d. 1843 Glentougher (age 58); m. 1818, Flora Butler, daughter of William and Lettia Butler (?). She died 7 July 1862, Glendale Village, Southampton, Hampshire Co., MA (age 65).²¹ Thomas Butler Ewing says she died at age 75, but death certificate shows 65.

Children:

- **William** – b. 18 April 1820, Glentougher, Ireland
- **Alexander** – b. 23 April 1822, near Slieve Snaght (?), Ireland
- **John** – b. 20 April 1824, birth place unknown, but in Ireland

JAMES EWING

James Ewing (known as 'Old Jim') – b. ca. 1813, Ireland, d. 19 December 1901, Glendale, Easthampton, MA; m. Mary, daughter of James and Sarah (White) Lee, b. October 1813, Ireland; d. 22 December 1909, Easthampton, MA. Sarah (White) Lee, her mother, was born in Ireland; died 4 August 1871 in Easthampton.

Children:

1. **James** – b. 21 February 1851, Carndonough, Ireland; d. 19 December 1901, Glendale, Easthampton; m. Jane Doherty, b. 1651; d. 19 April 1884

²¹ VS Massachusetts Deaths, 1862, V. 157, Page 78, #14

Children:

2. **Joseph** – b. 29 July 1874, Glendale, Easthampton; d. 24 December 1953, Easthampton; m. Edith Halford 4 June 1894 (Her parents were born in Prussia and New York.)

Children:

3. **Allan** – lived in Red Wing, Minnesota
3. **Clifton** – m. Lora Batchelder 14 June 1923

Children:

4. **James** – b. 1938; a mechanical engineer
4. **Margaret** – b. 1941; a doctor in New York; m. Henry Stern
2. **Sarah** – b. 28 July 1876; d. 19 August 1908
2. **Frederich C.** – b. 14 July 1878; d. 16 December 1963; m. Bertha Marsh, d. 15 July 1958

Children:

3. **Frederic Ellis** – b. 1911, d. 1912
3. **Phyllis** – b. 1914; m. (----) Sattler, d. 1953
2. **Jessie** – 1880-1881
2. **Mary** – 1882-1884
1. **William** – b. 1856, m. Alice (----), b. 1863, Illinois

Children:

2. **George A.** – b. October 1893, Colorado
2. **James W.** – b. October 1895, Colorado
2. **William R.** – b. May 1897; Colorado
1. **George** – b. 1863, d. 30 December 1889

JOHN EWING OF SPRINGFIELD

John Ewing – b. 20 April 1824, Ireland; d. 12 April 1900, Springfield, Hampden Co., MA; m. Agnes Ann Eliza, 3 May 1850, daughter of John and Frances (Johnson) Wheeler of England.

Children:

1. **Emily** – b. 16 March 1852, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; d. 1905; m. James Osterhouse Meadon, son of Thomas and Charity (Noble) Meadon

Children Named Meadon

2. **William John** – b. 4 June 1886; d. 8 September 1946; m. Mary Jane MacBrian, b. 20 August 1889, Ansonia, Connecticut; d. 11 September 1969, daughter of John and Mary (Shannon) MacBrian

Children;

3. **Elmer William** – b. 13 September 1908, Westfield, MA; d. 6 November 1962
 3. **Thelma** – b. 27 July 1912; taught school
 3. **Dorothy** – b. 22 February 1919; worked at Springfield Library
1. **Frances** – b. 17 September 1856, d. ??; m. Robert Herrick

Child:

2. **Everett** – m. (1) Helena McDermott; m. (2) Grace (----)

Child (Helena):

3. **Miriam** – b. 5 December 1920; m. Richard Groton

Children (Grace):

3. **Grace** – b. 1941
3. **Everett William, Jr.** – b. 1942

1. **Agnes Ann Elizabeth** – b. 15 December 1860, Easthampton, MA; d. 10 July 1915, Springfield, MA; m. Christopher Alexander Fraser, 20 August 1883; b. June 1862, Falmouth, MA; d. 29 December 1940, Agawam, MA

Children Named Fraser

2. **Howard** – b. June 1892; m. Ethel Tracy (no children)
2. **Norman John** – b. 25 May 1894, Springfield, Hampden Co., MA; d. September 1943; m. Lillian Grace Luster, 3 August 1915; b. 18 May 1895, Elizabeth, NJ; d. 20 August 1987, Florida

Child:

3. **Muriel Agnes** – b. 30 January 1917, Springfield, MA; m. Kenneth Atherton Burr, 3 August 1940; b. 25 August 197, Hingham, MA; d. January 2001, Englewood, FL

Child:

4. **Judith Luster** – b. 7 October 1942; m. John Edgar Felch, 13 August 1966; b. 2 November 1944, Framingham, Middlesex Co., MA
4. **Norman Chauncey Burr** – 31 July 1944, Springfield, Hampden Co., MA; m. 25 March 1967, Susan Jane Purington, b. 30 December 1947, Framingham, MA
3. **Norma Jacqueline Fraser** – 14 April 1919, Springfield, Hampden Co., MA; m 6 May 1950, Laurence Tetreault; Feeding Hills, MA
4. **William Fraser** – b. 20 December 1954; m. 21 June 1980, Phyllis Elizabeth Brown, b. 18 January 1956, Chateauroux, France

4. **Robert Henry** – 20 December 1954; m. 7 October 2000, Mary Poulin, Augusta, ME
4. **Laurie Beth** – b. October 1968; m. 3 August 1991, Ken Steffey
1. **Thomas Ewing** – b. 1861 Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; d. 1917 Springfield, Hampden Co., MA
1. **Ambrose** – b. 9 February 1862, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; d. Springfield, Hampden Co., MA
1. **Flora** – Died young

WILLIAM EWING OF GLENDALE

William Ewing (Alexander, John) – b. 18 April 1820, Glentougher, Donegal, Ireland; d. 14 October 1898, Glendale Village, Southampton, Hampshire Co., MA; m. Mary Ewing, 6 March 1850, daughter of Samuel (William) and Sarah (O'Donnell) Ewing.

Children:

1. **Sarah** – b. 18 February 1852, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; d. 15 November 1927, Glendale; m. John Daily (1848-1918) 18 April 1895 (no children)
1. **John** – b. 12 April 1853, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; d. 5 November, Easthampton; m. Hetty Sophia Hicks, South Deerfield, 10 July 1890, daughter of Gerrit Boon and Mary Ann (Renslow) Hicks

Children:

2. **Arthur Gerrit** – b. 13 September 1881, Pleasant Street, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; d. 7 May 1959, resident of Easthampton; m. (1) Alice Davis, b. 1878, daughter of Frank and Maude (Eccles) Davis; d. 1912, Springfield, Hampden Co., MA; (2) Anna Johnson, Maine

Child (Alice)

3. **Lillian Mae** – b. 6 January 1904, Lynn, MA; d. January 1994, Agawam, Hampden Co., MA; m. Walter Johnson, 15 June 1929, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; b. August 1904, Crompton, Rhode Island, to Emil and Eliza (Ashworth) Johnson (Johanson); d. 1 September 1969

Children Named Johnson

4. **Warren Ewing** – b. 5 July 1931; m. Sylvia Mary Rogers, Leeds, MA;
4. **Glen Davis** – 5 April 1934; m. Virginia Grise; divorced; m. (2) Ruth Rider, 27 May 1961

3. **Arthur William** – b. 2 November 1905, Westfield, Hampden Co., MA; d. 2 June 1972, Holyoke, MA; m. Mildred Clapp, daughter of Newman and Sadie (----) Clapp (no children)
2. **Mary Mildred** – b. 2 December 1883, West Street, Easthampton, Hampshire, Co., MA; d. 6 February 1978; m. by Rev. Hamlin, Grover Cleveland Squier, 14 June 1900, son of Clinton and Myna (Wiley) Squier, at her parent's farm, Glendale Road (no children)
2. **Myron William** – b. 30 March 1886, Bridge Street, Northampton, MA; d. 19 December 1972, Easthampton; m. Helen (Smith) Jones;

Children:

3. **Ruth** – m. Richard Allen; three children
3. **Myron** – married; children
2. **Annie Louise** – 29 December 1888, Northampton, MA; d. 27 May 1946, Park Street Easthampton; m. Albert Campbell, 1 December 1909, son of William and Anna (Letson) Campbell

Children Named Campbell:

3. **Mildred Louise** – b. 13 March 1913, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; d.??; m. John Donald Cassens, 1 September 1938, son of John Henry and Margaret (Agnew) Cassens; b. 7 November 1913, New York, NY; d. 4 January 1985, Old Lyme, CT

Children Named Cassens:

4. **Karen Louise** – b. 20 June 1945, Springfield, MA; m. Hobby Thompson, 27 January 1969, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Hobby) Thompson; b. 6 February 1945, West Point, NY
4. **John Henry** – b. 30 December 1946, Springfield, MA; m. Marie Therese Pellerito, 5 December 1971, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI
4. **Stephen Renslow** – b. 23 May 1948, Springfield, MA; m. Lory Linda Begg, Sterling Heights, MI, 1 September 1973, daughter of Theodore and Joyce (Long) Begg
4. **Glenn Agnew** – b. 4 March 1951, Springfield, MA; m. Joyce (Guercio) Smith, 14 February 1988, Lake Tahoe, CA

4. **Paul Ewing** – b. 11 January 1955, Springfield, MA; m. Upataua Leota, American Samoa
3. **John Ewing** – b. 5 July 1916, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; d. 19 September 1984; m. Mary Krzynowek, 7 June 1940

Children:

4. **Alexandra** - b. 14 June 1946, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; m. Stephen Charles Clark
4. **Anne Louise** – b. 16 August 1951, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; m. Jeffrey Daignais; (2) Robert Misner
4. **Diane** – b 25 September 1951; m. David Levalley
3. **Shirley Ruth** – b. 29 March 1920, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; d. 29 June 2000, West Virginia; resided D.C, Alexandria, VA, and Harper’s Ferry, WV
3. **Norma Hetty** – b. 22 Sept. 1922; m. Bernard Callihan, CT.

Children Named Callahan

4. **Anne Ewing** – b. 10 May 1949; m. Scott Leslie Lapham, 26 May 1973
4. **Margaret Letson** – b. 8 July 1951; m. John Maugeri 20 June 1981
4. **John Michael Renslow** – b. 24 March 1954; m. Nancy Petitt, 14 April 1984
4. **Elizabeth Campbell** – b. 19 Jan. 1955; m. Robert Holzworth, 3 September 1988
4. **Keane** – b. 16 December 1958; m. Mimi Line, 30 September 1990
4. **James Gerrit** – b. 18 December 1959; m. Kristi Tuz, 23 July 1994
2. **Hetty Belle** – b. 9 September 1890, Northampton, MA; d. 19 May 1978; m. Douglas Healy, b. 31 November 1896, England; d. 28 November 1971, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; son of William and Elizabeth (Barker) Healy; WWI veteran

Child Named Healy:

3. **Elizabeth Mae** – b. 21 August 1922, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; d. 17 February 1996; m. Robert Rhoades, 18 April 1942

Children Named Rhoades:

4. **Linda** – b. 27 October 1946; m. Timothy Wing, 17 June 1967, Southampton, MA; b. Holyoke, MA
4. **Robert** – b. Sept. 1950; d. 16 June 1998
1. **Samuel** – b. 1854, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; d. 2 January 1920, Haydenville, Hampshire Co., MA; m. Frances Howard, d. 1926, widow of Charles Howard; by Pastor of the Congregational Church, Florence, MA, O.G. Cobb, 22 May 1883

Children Named Howard:

2. **Charles H.** – 1866-1958; m. Elizabeth Eames
2. **Ella S.** – 1873-1961

Children Named Ewing:

2. **Dorothy Frances** – b. 1885, Haydenville, Hampshire Co., MA; d. 1984, Florida; m. (1) Percival Styles Goddard, b. Granby, CT, d. 1954, New York, NY; (2) Walter Ross

Children Named Goddard:

3. **Henry Ewing** – b. 1910, New York; m. Ruth Elsie Cordes, b. 1916, Brooklyn, NY

Children:

4. **Kenneth Ewing** – b. 1942, New York; m. Marian Leilani Monty, b. 1945, Honolulu, HI
4. **William Frederick** – b. 1944; m. (1) Linda Oakes Cimigliaro, (2) Dolores Banner
2. **Stanley A.** – 1890-1895
1. **Flora** – b. 18 June 1855, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; d. 14 February 1933, Glendale, Southampton, MA; m. William Lyon as 3rd wife (no children)
1. **Margaret Ann** – b. 9 October 1857; d. 7 December 1947, Westhampton, MA; m. Franklin Howard, 12 April 1893, son of Lewis and Deborah (Bigelow) Howard

Children Named Howard:

2. **Gladys** – b. 19 February 1893; d. 17 June 1973, Springfield, Hampden Co., MA; m. Raymond Mowry Jenks

Children Named Jenks:

3. **Kenneth Browning** – b. 19 December 1921; d. 18 Dec. 1995, Texas; m. Lillian Vega del Rio, 14 December 1946
3. **Marguerite (Peggy)** – b. March 1923; m. A. Boyd Pack, 19 July 1945

Children Named Pack:

4. **Sylvia Ellen** – b. 19 April 1945; m. James R. Free, 16 December 1967
4. **Howard Marshall** – b. 11 May 1950
4. **Janice Marion**, b. 10 August 1954
2. **William** – b. 1898, d. 1986; unmarried; lived at home in Westhampton
2. **Rodney** – b. 1900, d. 1968; m. Amner Rose

Children:

3. **Eunice Jane** – b. 26 January 1929; m. Chester Herring
3. **Douglas Alden** – b. 1934; m. Curtiss Gilmore, b. 26 July 1938
1. **William** – b. 21 November 1858, d. 1942; unmarried; always lived at old home in Glendale
1. **Maria Jane** – b. 23 July 1860; d. 1945, at home of Florence Hames Hunt, Springfield, Hampden Co., MA; m. George Brown, 18 April 1895, Glendale.

Child:

2. **Irving Brown**
1. **Robert** - b. 1861, d. 1941
1. **Elizabeth** – b. 1863, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; d. 1956, Westhampton; m. 1886, Lyman W. Clapp; b. 1859, d. 1939

Children Named Clapp:

2. **Herbert** – b. 1889; m. Flora Collins

Children:

3. **Russell**
3. **Robert**
2. **George** – b. 1891, d. 30 July 1985 (age 94); m. Ella Townsend, b. Stafford Springs, CT

Children:

3. **George Chandler** – Dover, Delaware
3. **Elizabeth** – m. William Needham, Westfield, MA
2. **Mary** – b. 1894, d. 1984 (age 91) m. Harold Cushing
2. **Robert** – b. 1897, d. 1978; unmarried
2. **Doris** – b. 1902, d. 1978; m. Leroy Sabin

Children:

- 3. **Donald**
- 3. **Edward**
- 3. **Mary Elizabeth**
- 3. **Grace**

- 1. **Alexander** – b. 1864; d. 1952, Florence, MA; m. Elizabeth Cranston, b. 31 October 1859, Nassau, NY, daughter of Cadman and Lucy (Harris) Cranston; d. 1957

Child:

- 2. **Rachel** – b. 12 October 1896, d. 27 September 1988; m. Theodore Behringer

Child:

- 3. **Glenn**

- 1. **Emma** – b. 1866; d. 23 February 1919, Chelsea, MA; buried Main Street Cemetery, Easthampton, Hampshire Co., MA; m. George (---) Hames, b. 1871, Leicester, England; d. 7 January 1963, Orange, MA; son of Harry and Susan (Whitefield) Hames

Children Named Hames

- 2. **Ruth E.** – b.1895, Chelsea, MA; d. October 1981, Harpswell, ME; m. Herbert C. Corliss; resided Everett, MA

Children Names Corliss:

- 3. **Eleanor Ruth** – b. ??; m. Freeman Scott, 1949; resides Westhampton, MA

Children Named Scott:

- 4. **Robert** – b. 1951
- 4. **Richard** – b. 1954
- 4. **Christine** – b. 1957
- 4. **Susan** – b. 1958
- 3. **Marjory Emma** – b. 1924; m. (1) Robert Hope, (2) Howard Gamage

Children:

- 4. **Lynn**
- 4. **Janet**
- 4. **Steven**
- 2. **Florence Emma** – b. 18 July 1896, Chelsea, MA; d. 21 March 1991; m. Russell Powell, 8 October 1921, Glendale; d. 19 October 1975

Children Named Hunt:

3. **Dorothy Ruth** – b. 1922; m. Harold Wallace Graves, 1920-1988

Children Named Graves:

4. **Donald Edward** – b. 1943, m. Petra Werner
 4. **Douglas Allen** – b. 1946; m. Jeanne Sweeney
 4. **Barry Rusell** – b. 1948; m. Dorothy Mae Crow
 4. **Marilyn Ruth** – b. 1951; m. Thomas Steena
3. **Robert Ewing** – 1924-1987; m. Mary Patricia Provost; three adopted children
 3. **William Josselyn** – b. 1933, Springfield, MA, Hampden Co., MA; m. Harriet Mae Peck

Children:

4. **Steven Russell** – b. 1957; m. Tanya Ann Rusiecki
 4. **Jeffrey William** – b. 1960
 4. **James Alden** – b.1961; m. Cheryl Lynn Phillips
 4. **Nancy Elizabeth** – b. 1965; m. Shaun Anthony O'Reilly
2. **Robert William** – b. 1902; d. 1971; m. Beatrice Dorothy St. Lawrence

Children:

3. **Barbara Jean** – b. 1925; m. (1) Charles Comstock, (2) Ray Ellis

Children Named Comstock:

4. **Richard**
4. **Susan**
4. **Cynthia**
4. **Nancy**
4. **Mary**
4. **Roy**
4. **Robin**

3. Richard Lawrence – b. 1926; m. Marjorie Dorcas MurcellChildren:

- 4. **Steven**
- 4. **Lawrence**
- 4. **Joanne**
- 4. **Craig**

3. Mary Jane – b. 1928; m. William Kittrell Hiatt**3. Nancy Ann** – b. 1932; d. 1969; m. Martin Joseph PicardChildren Named Picard

- 4. **Lizabeth**
- 4. **Martha Jane**
- 4. **Robert**

2. George Ewing – b. 1906; d. 1981; m. (1) Margaret Ellis, (2) Marion SullivanChild:**Harriet** – m. Brian Colville

[Editors Note: *In the May 2019 Journal, we will move with Mildred Cassens into the Ewing line from which Steven Craig Ewing descends.*

The Porters of Burt – One Name, Many Stories

Tina McDaid Porter and Ben Porter

We have been collaborating over the last number of years on a very much on-going project researching the Porters of Burt. Tina has been researching Porters for a few years as she is married to a Porter from Burt. She lives on Inch Island in the same parish so feels very connected to the history that surrounds her in everyday life and connecting with descendants and relatives both at home and abroad. Ben descends from Patrick Porter, a US Scots-Irish pioneer who first entered the written record in 1753, when he, among others, signed a call letter for a minister for the newly-founded New Providence Presbyterian Church (NPPC) in Raphine, Virginia. There are many circumstantial connections between Patrick and the Porters of Burt, but as yet no smoking gun.

There has been much ground covered by Robert Burton Porter in his 1997 publication “The Porters of Burt”. We hope to be able to use this research and update it using more recent searching strategies for example DNA analysis and also the more recent availability of online records which Robert would not have had at his disposal at the time of his research. Another area of interest for us as researchers is how the Porters link into other families, including the Ewings by marriage, as well as other founding families of the NPPC congregation with possible ties to Burt. We have been making huge progress in this particular area, the ultimate goal being to be able to tie our own lineages into the family and have one big family tree, alas this has yet to happen.

Some of the obstacles we have crossed to date are quite simply the lack of available records. Civil registration did not begin in Ireland until 1864, therefore records before that date while they do exist in many cases, research does become more difficult. We are very lucky that we do have some existing church records such as the one below in roots Ireland (see Fig 1, p. 38) and the Burt Kirk book and land records have been hugely helpful in our quest. In particular, a huge missing piece of Burt Kirk Book records may become available in the future, when recently-found session notes, currently held as evidence in a lawsuit, are released. We live in hope that the answers to our burning questions lie in someone’s attic waiting to be discovered!!

We are currently examining land records (Templemore rents) to establish lineage patterns through land inheritance. We have recently viewed a 1727 map of Burt which a local historian kindly allowed us to view. We have found many Porters in this map which we are currently working to unravel and establish lineages and links. However there is one William Ewing who according to the map owned land in the townland of Moness, Burt (p. 39). There are many other recognisable names on this map that we do know married into the Porters so we are working on how we all interconnect.

This project, while is in its infancy, we hope will have far reaching benefits for all of us and for future generations to learn where we are from and how we connect. We would love to hear from anyone who has information that could assist in the search. We will keep you all updated of our progress.

Church Marriage Record

Date of Marriage: 02-Mar-1721

Parish / District: ST. COLUMB'S

Name: Nathaniel

Address:

Denomination: Church Of Ireland

Occupation:

Age:

Status:

Name: Ewing

Address:

Denomination: Ewing

Occupation:

Name:

Address:

Denomination:

Occupation:

Name:

Address:

County: Co. Derry

Wife
Name: Rachel
Address: Porter
Denomination: Church Of Ireland
Occupation:

Wife's Father
Name: Porter
Address:

Wife's Mother
Name:
Address:

Witness 1
Name:
Address:

Witness 2
Name:
Address:

Notes:
 MARRIED BY SAMUEL LAW.

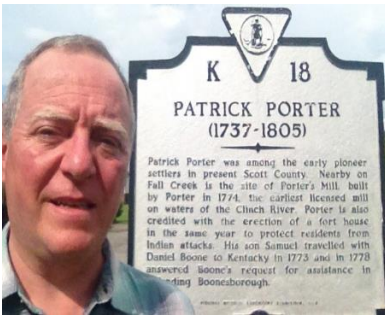
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Fig. 1 Rachel Porter and Nathaniel Ewing Marriage in Roots Ireland



Tina Porter (tinaporter279@gmail.com) is a Genealogy enthusiast with over 20 years researching experience in local family history with particular interest in the West Inishowen area. Her own family names include McDaid, McLaughlin, Doherty, Gill, Donaghey, Hegarty, Cassidy and Harrigan, Boyle and Nash from Derry. She is married to a Porter from the Burt area so also is a very keen researcher of families in this locality such as Craig, McElwee and McGrory.

Tina is a member of the West Inishowen History and Heritage Society and volunteers with the Ireland Reaching Out Programme. She is passionate about connecting Donegal Diaspora with their families who live locally. She has built a network of contacts that extends to the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Scotland, England and Nationwide in Ireland. She has built an extensive database of almost 30,000 people all connected in one family tree.



Ben Porter (chasingporter1737@gmail.com) is a Porter family researcher, concentrating on the antecedents of Patrick Porter, a Scots-Irish (Ulster Scots) pioneer who, with his son John Walker Porter, through whom Ben descends, was a veteran of the American Revolution. Ben poses here with a roadside marker honouring Patrick, placed by the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission.

Patrick first appeared in the American written record in 1753, when he signed a call letter for a minister to establish the New Providence Presbyterian Church in Raphine, Virginia, near Staunton in the Shenandoah Valley. The call letter went to the Donegal Presbytery of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where Patrick's brothers Samuel, Alexander, and Joseph were members.

Families with whom these Porters intermarried included Walker (Patrick's wife's family), Houston, Montgomery, Snoddy, Ritchie, Webb, and Hutchinson. Other allied families included Grier, Patterson, Mitchell, Dysart, Banner, and Kilgore.

Ben's interest in sorting out his family's history began in interest in 2004, and literally begins "a man walks into a pub...", where he was informed, to his surprise, that he could not be of English descent, as he had been led to believe by a hopelessly confused oral family narrative. Determined to uncover his roots, Ben used a combination of DNA analysis, contextual history, and original records that eventually led him to Burt, Donegal, where generations of Patrick Porters have lived since the early 1600s.

Robert George Ewing – A Study

Compiled by: Richard C. Jonsson (EFA Member #1066)

Robert George Ewing A Study: 9 October 2018 His Ancestry and Descendants

Chicago, Illinois, USA

b. 2 December 1933 in Chicago, Illinois, USA
d. Missing about 14 October 1961 on Lake Michigan

With input from:

Alisa Lynn Brenner Weatherford of Paducah, Kentucky, USA
(a Ewing descendant),
and

Betty Jean (Ewing) Brenner, her mother, of Paducah, Kentucky, USA

Additional Research by: Karen Avery (EFA Genealogist)
DG Ewing (EFA Member & Y-DNA Project Team)
Georgia Morgan (EFA Member)



Lake Michigan
Showing Chicago, IL, Wisconsin,
and Michigan
(Courtesy of The World Maps)

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Karen Avery, Ewing Family Association (EFA) Genealogist, responded to the request for information and suggested a further study into Alisa Lynn Brenner's family's history.

Alisa Lynn Brenner Weatherford (a Ewing descendant) of Paducah, KY, who first requested information regarding her grandfather from the Ewing Family Association, and provided family names and some information about events surrounding the family.

Georgia Morgan, EFA Member, who contributed a key historical news article.

DG Ewing, EFA Member and Ewing Y-DNA Project Team member.

Sheriff's Office, Racine, Wisconsin

And – Our gratitude to all the researchers and historians, who created the variety of publicly available records, enabling the modest success of this study.

Preface

The genesis of this report is a request for help on the Ewing Family Association (EFA) Facebook page during mid-2018 from Alisa Lynn (Brenner) Weatherford, a Ewing descendant. She requested assistance in finding the name of her Ewing grandfather. "Her mother was adopted, and it was believed that her mother's biological father was a Ewing, probably born in Illinois and possibly dead."

The response from EFA was motivated by the following statement: "I myself feel part of me is missing because I don't know anything about my heritage. And I know my mother feels this way also." During an e-mail exchange between Karen Avery, EFA Genealogist, and Alisa, the following discourse occurred with resultant information:

Alisa (Brenner) Weatherford

So, my mother's biological father's name was Robert James Ewing. Supposedly, he died in a fishing accident when she was a child. She was born in Chicago, IL. I happened to run across this Facebook page and was just trying to find out some history on the Ewing last name. I also want to add that she and four other children were given up for adoption after he passed. Would be cool to know some background on the Ewing name, since we know none of our blood relatives.

Ewing Family Association

Alisa, more information is needed. Vital dates and locations are necessary. You may PM me with names, approximate dates of birth, names of your mother's siblings, anything else you know that would help find your family in the US Census or perhaps City Directories.

Sent by Karen Avery (See Appendix 1 for the full dialog.)

Alisa Lynn (Brenner) Weatherford was born in Paducah, Kentucky, to Betty Jean (Ewing) Rambo Brenner, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, daughter of Robert George Ewing. At the initial contact, we were told that his name was Robert James Ewing, which was subsequently corrected to Robert George Ewing.

After the disappearance (no body found) of Robert George Ewing in 1961, the five siblings, Bobby (9), Gloria (7), Frankie Jean (5), Betty Jean (3), and James Leonard (1), were placed in the Chicago Orphanage System. In the 1960's, the Chicago System appears to have had two approaches: Older children were placed in orphanages, became wards of the state, were schooled, and taught trades. If not adopted, they remained in the orphanage until age 18 when they left to provide for themselves. Younger children (who needed more attention) were put up for adoption as soon as possible. (See Appendix 5.)

Betty Jean Ewing and James Ewing fell into the latter category, were adopted by a Rambo family when they were respectively three and one years of age and grew up with the name Rambo. Over the years, minimal contact has occurred between the siblings

This report is designed to provide a compilation of information for Alisa Lynn (Brenner) Weatherford to aid in any further studies on her family.

Discussion and Findings

The objective of this Study is to find the identity of Robert George Ewing of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, USA. And, to which Ewing family he might be related.

Alisa's grandfather had presumably been lost on Lake Michigan on a fishing expedition with a friend. The friend's boat was found drifting on the shore, on the Michigan side, just below Ludington, Michigan. The mystery of an accidental death is compounded by a look at the weather on October 14, 1961. The closest weather station to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, shows the average temp at 45 degrees, visibility at 14.9 miles, the wind speed somewhere between 13.3 and 17.1 knots, with zero precipitation (Appendix 6). Something serious must have happened, as no bodies were found.

The discussion will be in two sections, the first portion being related to the information received from Alisa Lynn (Brenner) Weatherford of Paducah, KY, by EFA Genealogist, Karen Avery. (See Appendix 1 and 2.)

Section 1: Several items obtained from available information.

- ***Email discussion with Alisa Lynn (Brenner) Weatherford***

Robert George Ewing – It was stated that Robert George Ewing was married to a Jeanette Kazak about 1953, and that she placed the children for adoption after the loss of their father. Further, it was stated that she remarried, had six additional children, and that the orphaned children have had no contact with her.

The Ewing children were described as:

- **Bobby Ewing** – born about 1952 in Cook County, Illinois
- **Gloria Ewing** – born about 1954 in Cook County, Illinois
- **Frankie Jean Ewing** – born about 1956 in Cook County, Illinois
- **Betty Jean Ewing** – born 27 June 1958 in Cook County, Illinois
- **James Leonard Ewing** – born about 1960 in Cook County, Illinois

Very little information could be obtained from Alisa on the first two children. Apparently, they have lost contact with each other.

However, it was stated that Betty Jean and James (Jimmy) were both adopted by a Rambo family. It was further stated that Betty Jean married into a Brenner family, and now lives in Paducah, KY. Therefore, Alisa Lynn (Brenner) Weatherford of Paducah, KY, daughter of Betty Jean (Ewing) Brenner, is a grandchild of Robert G. Ewing.

- ***Information provided by Researcher Georgia Morgan***

Additional and related information provided by Georgia Ewing Morgan, EFA Researcher. Two articles were found in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel dated 14 and 16 October, 1961 - that reported the death of Robert Ewing and James Corey in a fishing accident – no bodies found (See Appendix 3.).

Robert Ewing – Reported to be 27 by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel which would put his birth at 1934. (See Appendix 3.)

- **Excerpt from an email from Alisa Weatherford**

Betty Jean connected with her sister Frankie Jean when she was 16, and they have remained in contact. They found Bobby and Gloria, but apparently did not reconnect. They searched for and managed to connect with their birth mother, and received a modicum of information. As Betty Jean's birth mother told her – and reported by Alisa:

“After his apparent passing, she told my mother she got put into a hospital, so she had to give all five children up. We found a cousin on Jeanette's side (she was a Kazak before marrying to Robert Ewing), and the cousin told my mother that Jeanette went through a period of depression resulting in her leaving the five children home alone. Jeanette's brother, Charlie, came to the house and found the children home alone and called social services and the children were taken away. So we have found quite a bit of information on her side (the Kazak side), but no one had information about the Ewing side. My mother stopped speaking to her biological mother as it was too painful for her.”

According to Alisa, Betty Jean's mother is still living. “They connected after 55 years; however, she didn't give much information.”

Section 2: Includes independent findings.

- **Robert Ewing** - Two men named Robert G. Ewing are found in the marriage listings:
 - Robert G. Ewing married Mary Tabacoff on 8 March 1946 in Cook County, IL
 - Robert G. Ewing married Joan Shields on 13 Nov. 1952 in Cook County, IL
1. In the 1940 census, Joan Patricia Shields was listed as age 8, b. about 1932), and daughter of Leon Shields (age 41), and Harriet Shields (age 36) with six Shields children, and an Amelia Winzeler (age 59).
 2. Joan P. Ewing (spouse Robert G. Ewing) was seen in 1955, residing at 229 Golden Ave. Long Beach, CA. (Note: I found it interesting that Joan was listed and Robert was referenced. Further study showed the Robert G. Ewing of Long Beach was in the US Coast Guard).
 3. The California Birth Index: The birth (15 Sept 1954) of a Robert Francis, “sometimes called Bobby” Ewing – mother, Shields.
 4. This Joan P. Ewing (Birth date 17 April 1931) was also seen residing at the following addresses: 4679 Cleveland Ave, Las Vegas; 200 E. 56th St. Long Beach, CA; 1502 Marita Dr. Boulder City, NV; 1296 Black Mountain Ct, Boulder City, NV (1993); 1296 Black Mountain Ct. Boulder City, NV (1996).
 5. Joan P. Shields' death notice 5 Jan 2002 – Last address as 85020 Maricopa Ave, Phoenix, Arizona. Birth given as 30 June 1929 – SSN given before 1951 in Illinois.

(Could this be the same Joan P. Ewing as shown in item 1?) Although he appeared to be a very good possibility, this Robert did not fit, and no other Robert G. Ewing of the right age and location has surfaced. Possibly the next release of census records will enable more research

- **Emma Thomas** – In a 1940 census report for Chicago, Illinois, it showed that a Robert Ewing, age 6, was listed as a grandson to Emma Thomas. Alisa exclaimed “That’s her, that’s his grandmother.” That statement of fact was used as a baseline for extended research.

So, now there are two facts: The names, Robert G. Ewing, and Emma Thomas, his grandmother.

Emma Thomas (cont’d.) – In the 1940 census, there is an Emma Thomas (age 45) married, resident of Cook County with the following:

1. Lester Thomas - son (17)
2. Mary Jane Thomas – daughter (14)
3. Roy Thomas – son (11)
4. Evelyn Pempke – daughter (19)
5. Margaret Pempke – granddaughter (10/12)
6. Robert Ewing – grandson (6).

This fits the 1934 birthdate, and is the point of the above exclamation. There was no mention of a husband, so using Lester (17), a Lester Richard Thomas, b. 14 June 1923 was found, and showed Father, George R. Thomas, and Mother, Emma (Unk.). In the 1930 census, the whole family was listed, showing the eldest daughter, Margaret – born 1915.

Based on the assertion that Emma Thomas is “Robert Ewing’s” grandmother, then Robert’s mother had to be a Thomas daughter. Looking at this family in 1930, we find Margaret Thomas (age 15), Evelyn Thomas (age 9) and Mary Jane Thomas (age 3). Of the three girls it would appear that a young Margaret was Robert’s mother.

George Rheinhold Thomas died 12 Sept 1936 in Chicago, Cook County, IL. Possibly, he is the George in Robert George Ewing’s name.

A marriage of Virgil E. Ewing and Margaret Ethel Thomas occurred on 18 February 1933 in Cook County, Illinois. However, the West Virginia 1940 census for a Virgil E. (Edward) Ewing indicates that he is 19 years of age, single, and working on his father’s farm. This family is in the EFA DNA data base.

So, what happened to Margaret Thomas between 1933 and 1940? Was this a marriage in order to “legitimize” little Robert? Then dissolved?

In the 1940’s, the USA was in WWII, and there are references to a Margaret Thomas, born 1915, Illinois. On 10 August 1943, she is seen arriving in Honolulu on the SS Fort Royal.; last residence Hawaii. On 12 Dec. 1945, she is seen arriving on the NC 15582 in Key West, Florida. There were no cruise ships operating during this period, so it would appear

the Margaret had entered the Merchant Marine effort. In 1947 the Pacific War had just ended. Margaret apparently left Hawaii, because on 7 Dec 1947, she is seen arriving on Pan America Airways flight 406/07 in Miami, Florida., Pan Am flight 07 is the Miami – Nassau leg. It would appear that 06 is the Nassau-Miami leg. She was next seen on the SS Florida, a cruise ship, arriving in Miami on 15 July 1957. (See Appendix 5 for the SS Florida.)

- **Jeanette Kazak** – I found no record of a Jeanette Kazak. This does not mean that there is no Jeanette Kazak – it simply means I could not find one.

However, in the 1940 Census, there is a Mary J. (Jeanette?) Kazak, age 3. The interesting part is that she has a brother Charles, a sister Gloria, and a brother James. Charles, the brother who found the children, and Gloria and James – the names of two of Betty Jean’s siblings. A possible coincidence? The parents were listed as Charles and Bernice Kazak.

An email was sent to the **Sheriff’s Office in Racine, Wisconsin** on 12 August 2018

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An Officer of the Sheriff’s Dept. of Racine responded. We discussed the news Article and where the car and trailer were parked. They had looked at the 1961 records at my request. His response was that “Robert Ewing was not noted in any report.” There has been no response from the Mason County Sheriff’s

- **Brief Review of the Child Welfare System in Chicago in 1961:** - Showed privately-run Orphanages and Adoption agencies (both Church and private) with governmental support. It appears that 1960/1961 was a time of turmoil in the adoption/orphanage system, with Government taking more control and the private agencies moving out of town and taking on different clients and objectives. An essay by Kenneth Cmiel in the Encyclopedia of Chicago briefly describes the transition. (See Appendix 5.)

Conclusions

- Have met an initial requirement and provided Alisa Weatherford a direct line to her grandfather, Robert George Ewing. However I did not resolve a direct connection to a present day Ewing family.
- Have established some family reference points for further study.
- Have shown Alisa that her great-grandmother, Margaret, was possibly a Merchant Mariner during WWII, mostly in the Pacific Theatre.
- Alisa was told that she would receive a consolidated report.

Potential Items for Further Study

1. Find the name of the specific agency from which Robert's children were adopted.
2. Obtain a DNA sample from a Ewing male to bridge to a Ewing family.
3. Obtain Bobby's middle initial.

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Appendix 1

Message from Alisa Weatherford (alwrfw244@hotmail.com)

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

More information is needed. Vital dates and locations are necessary. You may PM me with names, approximate dates of birth names of your Mother's siblings

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

Your original query was seen by many EFA members and everyone will be hoping that we found your Ewing heritage. We would like to publish the latest information about the death of your Grandfather Ewing and more about his descendants.

Response from DG Ewing, Y-DNA Project Team (dg@dgewing.com)

Her mother was adopted and it was believed that her bio father was a Ewing probably born in Illinois and possibly died young (abt. 28) in Michigan. This statement is what motivated us to give all the help possible:

"I myself feel a part of me is missing because I don't know anything about my heritage. And I know my mother feels this way as well."

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My mother's name is Betty Jean, born June 1959. There were two more girls, Gloria and Frankie Jean. Two boys – Jimmy and Bobby. All last named Ewing until they were adopted after Robert's passing. The story was that he died in a fishing accident. However, we don't know that for certain. My mother was maybe three when he died. Jimmy is a year younger than my mom. My aunt is a year older. We have never had contact with Betty Jean and Jimmy who were adopted together.

My mom's mother is still living. They connected after 55 years; however, she didn't give much information. Birth order of Robert and Jeannette's children is: Bobby, Gloria, Frankie Jean, Betty Jean and James.

Reply from Georgia Morgan, EFA Member (findgrandpa1783@gmail.com)

RE: Alisa's search: There are two short articles in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel that may be helpful in the search for Alisa's grandfather. The dates seem appropriate. A Robert Ewing was reported to be 27, and of Chicago. He had been a missing passenger on a boat that washed ashore in October 1961 near Big Point Sauble lighthouse, south of

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See the newspaper issues dated October 14 1961, p. 1, and October 16, 1961, p. 23. These may be checked on the www.genealogybank.com newspaper site, and probably are available on other sites. Other data might be obtained from the other locations mentioned. Later papers might report if/when the men were located. Thence, death certificate locations.

I'm also thinking--the Cook County (IL) courts, if that's where they lived, must have some records about the children/orphans, even if just some authorization for what orphanage they were to be placed in, guardians, or other provision for their care.

Response from DG Ewing, Y-DNA Project Team (dg@dgewing.com)

What state do you think Robert was born or died in?

Message from Alisa Weatherford (alwrfw244@hotmail.com)

I think he was born in Illinois, and died in Wisconsin or Michigan.

Response from DG Ewing, Y-DNA Project Team (dg@dgewing.com)

Let us assume that he was born about 1934 +/- 5 years. He would be on the 1940 census. Robert and/or George and/or Bobby and/or Bob, .we then discover 230 possibilities—in all states, and only 12 born in Illinois. I have updated the file after a 20 minute research. Unless you believe your grandfather was African-American, we can cross two more off. And if the death is accurate, we can cross off 3 additional and if your grandmother's name is not Florence Floyd, cross off one more. That leaves 6 'maybes.' One died in 1964 as a Staff Sergeant, possibly in Vietnam.

After further refining. . .

The first name on the list, I believe died in Michigan in 1979. He was married two times: First wife unknown with son Robert, b. 1955 (Bobby?), and second wife, Janet (Jeanette??), with three girls and one boy...so two boys and three girls in the correct order! If I were you, this is where I'd spend my time until I could eliminate or confirm.

But his name was George Thomas Ewing, b. 1935 in Chicago and died 1979 in Michigan (not Robert George Ewing). His father was George Nick Ewing, b. 1907, d. 1943. Mother was Margaret Christina Whittle.

I am guessing that your mom and her sister having "Jean" as middle names is significant and perhaps they were named after their mother. Is your mom's brother Bobby still living?

Message from Alisa Weatherford (alwrfw244@hotmail.com)

Yes. This is so exciting! We haven't had any information, ever!!

Response from DG Ewing, Y-DNA Project Team (dg@dgewing.com)

You made my day. Keep searching and ask if you need/want guidance.

Stay on George Thomas Ewing until you can eliminate or confirm.

Message from Alisa Weatherford (alwrfw244@hotmail.com)

That is the Ewing. Emma Thomas was his grandmother!

Response from DG Ewing, Y-DNA Project Team (dg@dgewing.com)

How do you know that Emma Thomas was his grandmother?

Get one of your uncles' Y-DNA tested. It is a little pricey, but maybe you can get your mom and siblings to pitch in. The test you want is from Family Tree DNA, labels Y-37. Go to <https://www.familytreedna.com>, and don't forget to join the Ewing Y-DNA Project at:

<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/ewing/about/background>

Appendix 2

Georgia E. Morgan wrote:

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Appendix 3



Painting of the SS Florida

(Courtesy: Cruising the Past. Travel and Social History)

Built in New Port News, Virginia, in 1931, the SS Florida accommodated 612 passengers in first class and 130 in second class. The SS FLORIDA had first sailed from Key West to Cuba until the 1934 devastating hurricane destroyed the terminal and rail connections to Miami. The SS FLORIDA was sailing three times a week from Miami, until Castro's regime closed Cuba to cruise ships in 1960.

The P&O (Peninsular & Occidental) Steamship Company owned this long-serving liner and operated her from SS Florida throughout her 37-year career, except for four years in World War II. After World War II the overnight ship was turned into a one class liner.

Originally, the SS Florida connected Tampa, Key West and Havana. In 1934, service was transferred to a Miami-Havana route. In 1954, a weekly Miami-Nassau roundtrip was tried briefly to compete with Eastern Steamship Line, but the Florida reverted to three weekly Miami-Havana round-trip sailings. This fare included all transportation, two nights aboard ship, a day in Havana and all meals. It was transferred from American to Liberian registry in 1955 in response to costly American labor problems. Finally in 1959, with growing unrest in Cuba, the Florida was permanently assigned to twice weekly Miami-Nassau cruise service until her final layup in 1966.

Appendix 4

Orphanages

The first Chicago orphanages, the Chicago Orphan Asylum and the Catholic Orphan Asylum, opened their doors in 1849 in the aftermath of a cholera epidemic. By 1890, there were 12 orphanages in the city. They split along Roman Catholic and Protestant lines. Chicago had no Jewish orphanages until the 1890s. Until then, Jews tried to send orphans to institutions in Cincinnati, but some Jewish orphans lived in Protestant orphanages in Chicago. Almost all “orphans” in 19th-century Chicago orphanages had one parent living. They were places that single-parent families in financial crisis could safely keep their children. A few of them, like the Home for the Friendless, were gigantic, housing hundreds of children at a time.

Turn-of-the-century progressive reformers like Jane Addams attacked orphanages as places that warehoused children in unhealthy, overcrowded buildings. Reformers wanted children kept at home. Despite the complaints, new orphanages continued to be built between 1890 and 1920. Major institutions like the Marks Nathan Jewish Orphan Home opened around the turn of the century. By 1910, Chicago had more than 30 children’s homes. While a few were small, most housed between 200 and 900 children.

Gradually, between 1900 and 1940, orphanages did respond to the reformers' challenge. By the 1920s, almost every major orphanage had moved from the center of the city to spacious suburban campuses. A few, like the Illinois Industrial School for Boys (now known as the Glenwood School for Boys), moved far south of the city. Most, however, moved northwest. St. Hedwig's, a Roman Catholic girls' orphanage, found a home in Niles Township. The Catholic Boys Asylum in the Bridgeport neighborhood moved to Des Plaines and became St. Mary's Training School for Boys. Hannah Greenebaum Solomon, a friend of Jane Addams, spearheaded the move of the Illinois Industrial School for Girls to Park Ridge.



St. Joseph's Bohemian Orphanage, 1922

In those same decades, the huge dormitories housing the children during the 1800s were gradually replaced by smaller “cottages” that tried to simulate a home setting. A few institutions run by progressive Protestants and Jews shut down and became foster home placement centers. Still, more than 5,000 children remained in Chicago orphanages in the middle of the 1940s. Angel Guardian, the largest Catholic institution, housed over 1,200 children during the Great Depression.

Orphanages declined in two stages after World War II. Between 1945 and 1960, more than half the orphanages in the city, under pressure from welfare professionals, decided to either close down, turn their plants into housing for the elderly, or shift their focus to the psychotherapeutic treatment of small numbers of emotionally disturbed children. Then, in the

early 1970s, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services forced almost every orphanage still operating to shut down. Angel Guardian, still housing 400 children in the early 1970s, closed in 1974. By the 1980s, only the most emotionally troubled adolescents lived in institutions. Compared to previous generations, the numbers were tiny.

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Appendix 5

On October 14th, 1961, the closest available weather station to **Milwaukee, WI (MILWAUKEE MITCHELL INTL AP, WI)**, reported the following conditions:

High Temp:	52°F *	
Low Temp:	35.4°F	
Average Temp:	45.8°F	(24)
Dewpoint:	34.7°F	(24)
Sea Level Pressure:	1026.7 mb	(24)
Station Pressure:	1000.8 mb	(24)
Visibility:	14.9 miles	(24)
Wind Speed:	13.3 knots	(24)
Max Wind Speed:	17.1 knots	
Max Wind Gust:	n/a	
Precipitation Amount:	0 inches G	
Snow Depth:	n/a	
Observations:	n/a	

Commander's Comments

John Thor Ewing (thor@thorewing.net)



It was a delight once more to be able to catch up with clansfolk and cousins at the EFA Gathering in Nashville this August. Since then, I have been trying to bring some sort of order to the records of our Ewing ancestors we have identified from 16th- and 17th-century Scotland. Each nugget of information is valuable in itself, but being able to see them all together could potentially add a great deal to our understanding of the early Ewings.

I'm also looking forward eagerly to next year's event in Scotland. The final details are yet to be confirmed (expect more on this from Chancellor Beth Ewing Toscos), but it will focus on the Cowal Highland Gathering which takes place from the 29th to 31st August 2019. This is one of Scotland's most spectacular Highland Gatherings, and it's right on the doorstep of our medieval homeland on the Cowal peninsular. I hope to see many Ewings there!

Chancellor's Letter

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



The Ewing Family Association's 15th Biennial Gathering, held in Nashville, TN, on August 17-19, 2019, was a successful meeting for the attendees, many of whom were new to the EFA. It was wonderful to see old cousins and meet those new cousins who chose to join us. Informal genealogy discussions abounded, giving everyone an opportunity to discover where their Ewing ancestors fit into the picture.

2019 will be another exciting year as we move toward the 1st International Clan Ewing Gathering, to be held in Dunoon, Cowal, Scotland on August 29-31. The Ewing Family Association, working in conjunction with Commander Thor Ewing, will offer transportation from Glasgow to Dunoon for the Cowal Highland Games, at which Clan Ewing will have a presence. Built into this trip will be a drive up the east coast of Loch Fyne to visit the two early *Mhic Eoghainn* castle sites.

Look for upcoming information in the February Newsletter, on the Ewing Family Association website, and on the Clan Ewing Facebook page. This should be a wonderful event as we bring Ewings from a number of countries together to celebrate a shared heritage.

We now have 900+ group members signed up for the Clan Ewing Facebook site. We also have 10 new Ewing Family Association members since August. Welcome to all of you, and as my brother John Ewing says, "It's a great time to be a Ewing!"

Treasurer's Report

Linda (Ewing) Coughlin, Treasurer (llcoughlin@comcast.net)

The Ewing Family Association's (EFA's) 2018 year-to-date revenue from regular operations of \$1,970 was derived from membership dues and library support donations. Year-to-date 2018 operating expenses for quarterly journal & newsletter editor stipend, printing & mailing, professional fees, PayPal fees, office supplies & other postage expenses were \$3,209 resulting in a net loss for regular operations of \$1,239.

The registration fees received to cover the cost of the 2018 EFA Gathering in Nashville, TN are \$6,910 while the expenses incurred to date are \$2,004.

The EFA also received designated contributions in 2018 of \$210 for the Special Operations Fund and \$15 for the Warrior Regiment Fund. The Heritage Fund incurred \$95 in expense in 2018 for tent space & program ad related to the September Scottish Games in California and the Special Operations Fund incurred \$1,000 in expense to help cover the airfare for J. Thor Ewing to attend the 2018 EFA Gathering.

Please contact the treasurer Linda Coughlin with any questions or to receive additional information related to EFA's 2018 profit and loss or fund balances.

Total equity at 8/13/18 was \$17,748.

The fund balances at 8/13/18 were:

DNA Fund	\$ 58.62
EGD Project Fund	0.00
Heritage Fund	517.43
Pocahontas James Ewing Memorial	100.00
Warrior Regiment Fund	15.00
Research Fund	1,754.05
Special Operations Fund	4,352.37
Regular Operations Fund	10,950.96
Total Equity	\$ 17,748.43

Membership Report

Terry (Ewing) Schulz, Membership Coordinator (Schulz912@frontier.com)

The Ewing Family Association had 202 members at the end of 2017. We received 17 new members since the beginning of the year, 4 members renewed their membership in 2018 who had not renewed in 2017 and 30 people have not renewed their memberships for 2018. The EFA currently has 193 members as of 7/31/18.

Archivist's Report

Daniel C. Ewing EFA Archivist (DC.Ewing@frontier.com)

EWING FAMILY MATERIALS ACPL DIGITIZATION STATUS

For the past few years, various personal collections of the Ewing Family have been gathered and turned over to the Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) in Fort Wayne, IN. The purpose of doing this is for the material to be digitized and made available online for ease of Ewing Family research by the genealogy-minded public, in general, and our own EFA members, specifically. You are invited to visit the ACPL website and view the Ewing Family collections, to date.

From your Internet Home page:

Go to: www.genealogycenter.info/search_ewing.php A page titled: "Ewing Family Association & Related Materials" will open, with eight (8) Categories listed: To open a selection, use a **single left click** on the Selection listed below.

From the EFA Home page (www.ewingfamilyassociation.org):

In the Toolbar at top, place curser on "Resources". Use a single left click on the words "Web Sites" on the second line. The "Ewing Web Sites" Page opens. The second website in RED print is the above ACPL website.

Selection Containing:

Ellsworth Samuel Ewing Collection – 24 Items

James McMichael Collection – 5 Items

Wallace K. Ewing, Ph.D. Materials – 6 Items

William Ewing Riddle Collection – 58 Items

Ewing Family Data File – A very large list of Family names

Ewing Family Legacy Images – 5 Items (2 Photo Albums, 3 Misc.)

Ewing Family Association Information File

Clan Ewing – Thor Ewing Historical Information on Clan Ewing

The digitization of Ewing materials is a work in progress. The researcher may (1) use the on-line material (more to be added), or (2) make a visit to the library to see the EFA material as well as see the "All Other" Ewing material available

15th Ewing Family Association Biennial Gathering

The 15th Biennial Gathering of the Ewing Family Association convened on Friday, August 17, 2018, in Nashville, Tennessee. The Millennium Maxwell House Hotel offered an excellent central location for participants as we travelled throughout the Nashville community.



Chancellor Beth Ewing Toscos presents Scottish thistle pin to Jean Carter Wilson

Friday evening’s opening session began with a welcome from Chancellor Beth Ewing Toscos who introduced onsite coordinators Alma Sanford and Jean Carter Wilson, mother and daughter. Alma and Jean are direct descendants of Robert Ewing II (1700–1787) from the ‘Peaks of Otter’ in Virginia. Both are extremely knowledgeable regarding Nashville and environs, affording our participants with an interesting and informative visit.

Alma Sanford introduced the evening’s speaker, David S. Ewing, a ninth-generation Nashville resident. David is a noted local historian who owns the largest private collection of Nashville memorabilia. He is a business owner and is the current Chairman of the Nashville Metro Board of Zoning Appeals. David took us back in time to 1871 where his 2nd-great-grandfather, Prince Albert Ewing, became Nashville’s first licensed African-American lawyer.

David also joined us for Saturday’s activities, and served as an enthusiastic guide during our visit to the Hermitage where he previously served on the Board.

Following a Saturday morning presentation by Carole Bucy, Davidson County historian, participants met at the Nashville City Cemetery to visit the gravesites of Andrew Ewing (1740-1813) and Alexander Ewing (1752-1822). This tour was led by Florence ‘Fletch’ Coke, local historian, founder and current member of City Cemetery Foundation.



**Carole Bucy, Ph.D,
Davidson County
Historian**



**David S. Ewing, Alma Sanford, and
Clan Ewing Commander, John Thor
Ewing**

The group then moved on to the Hermitage, home of the 7th President of the United States, Andrew Jackson. In addition to touring the house and grounds, there was a 3 p.m. reenactment of the famous Jackson-Dickenson duel.



Dueling Equipment for reenactment of Jackson-Dickenson duel



David S. Ewing gives excellent tour of the Hermitage grounds and house



Front view of The Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson

The Saturday evening banquet included the Ewing Family Association General Membership Meeting with reports by Board members in charge of numerous activities on behalf of the EFA, including Larry Ewing and Thor Ewing, who reported on Heritage events.

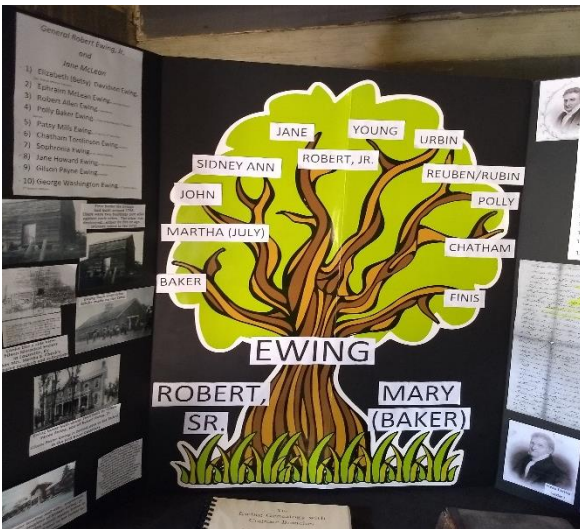
The evening's entertainment was a delightful dance presentation by the Glen Garry Highland Dancers, accompanied by bagpiper Jim Drury.



Larry Ewing addresses the Membership Meeting



The Glen Garry Highland Dancers perform to Jim Drury's pipes



Robert Ewing lineage display at Red River Meeting House



Commander John Thor Ewing announces the First International Clan Ewing Gathering to take place in Scotland in 2019

Before adjournment on Sunday afternoon, participants travelled north into Logan County, Kentucky, to visit the Red River Meeting House. Darlynn Burney Moore, historian in residence for Red River Meeting House, gave the group a talk regarding the meeting house and its history. Home of the Cumberland Presbyterian sect, several early Ewings were involved in the establishment and growth of the church membership.

The 15th Biennial Ewing Family Association came to a close mid-afternoon. Many old and new participants enjoyed the company of other Ewings, some close relatives and some cousins from further afield. We wish to thank all the speakers, the staff of the Millennium Maxwell House Hotel, and most especially, Alma Sanford and Jean Carter Wilson, for their time and dedication to making our Gathering a truly memorable occasion.

New EFA Members – Welcome Aboard!

Raj D. Kumar (Member #1251) resides with his wife Shelley in Cookeville, Tennessee. You may contact him at rajdkumar@hotmail.com. *Raj is the nephew of Robert Johnson (now deceased) of Erie, Pennsylvania, a once very active member of the Association.*

Deloris C. Herberger Knott (Member #1252) resides with her husband, Charles Knott, in Carrollton, Missouri. You can contact her at deeknott@aol.com.

Brent T. Ewing (Member #1253) son of Brad Ewing of Akron, Ohio, is our new Journal Editor. He can be reached at EwingBrent89@gmail.com. *Don't hesitate to contact Brent with Journal articles and information you would like to share.*

Jennifer Ewing Webb (Member #1254) lives in Hurst, Texas, with her husband Joel. Jennifer can be contacted at jennyrosewebb@gmail.com.

Joy Montgomery (Member #1255) resides in Richards, Texas, where you can reach her at joyrenee07@gmail.com.

Susan Gore (Member #1256) lives in Memphis, Tennessee. Susan can be reached at cphistory@aol.com. *Susan joined us in Nashville for the 2018 Gathering and had a great time!*

Alma F. Sanford (Member #1257) lives in Antioch, Tennessee. You can contact Alma at almasanford@comcast.net. *Alma and daughter Jean Carter Wilson were on-site coordinators for the 2018 Gathering. Alma is descended from Robert Ewing of Peaks of Otter, and numerous descendants who were instrumental in helping to organize and settle Nashville. Thank you, Alma, for sharing your lineage with the group!*

Linda Ewing Strapp (Member #1258) lives in Circle Pines, Minnesota and can be reached at kahanasurf@aol.com. *Linda is also a descendent of Robert Ewing of Peaks of Otter.*

Brian Ewing (Member #1259) lives in Granville, Illinois with his wife Sofya. You can reach him at dlvrd@yahoo.com.

Jamie Ewing (Member #1260) lives in Sheridan, Arkansas, and can be reached at jlewing973@gmail.com.

Benjamin T. Ewing (Member #1261) lives in Birmingham, Michigan. You can contact him at going-to-the-sunroad@outlook.com.

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.

Ewing of Inch Island, Donegal, Ireland

Message from Tina Porter (tinaporter279@gmail.com)

While researching another family on Inch Island over the weekend, I came across these Ewings by accident. I have verified this data myself. It was the White connection I was exploring when I found this information. Are there any resources that you are aware of that will allow me to verify further details? There seem to be many Porter connections to the Ewings which I am really excited to explore with you. The major stumbling block in Ireland is the lack of records. A huge fire in the four courts in Dublin decimated what records were stored there, which is a huge loss to genealogy enthusiasts.

However, I feel badly that I haven't been in touch sooner but life has been incredibly busy. I still work full time as a nurse and care for my mother and my genealogy is an indulgence that I hope will lead to great things. I would, however, love to research these connections further and I have ordered some resource manuals from the Scottish side which may give us some clues to proceed from there. Maybe if you are still interested in doing this we can define exactly what we want to achieve and what we will do with this info starting by verifying the existing research that is out there. There seems to have been lots of excellent research already conducted so where do we go from here?

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

I'm anxious to learn about what you receive in the resource manuals you have ordered from Ireland. Back in the 1990s, one or two times, folks from the former 'Clan Ewing in

America' hired research to be done and it may be that all to be found has already been found. We changed our name to 'Ewing Family Association.' That list you shared with me a while back was actually a report from our search. Where did you find that copy? Plus, several members journeyed to Scotland and Ireland to research. Actually cousins and I came to research in 2014.

The people born on Inch Island in your report below are partially known to me. I already had Thomas and wife, Mary (Anderson) Ewing with son, Samuel Alexander Ewing, in my data base. I did not have brothers James and Robert. Let me know if you find their dates of birth, etc. By the way, where did you find the report from below?

We had an early member of the clan who asked her brother to do the Y-DNA test, so I have more details about the family of Samuel Alexander Ewing. It appears that Samuel and his brother, David, came to America about 1860 and settled in the state of Iowa. Let's keep comparing, and we may be able to make some more connections.

(Editor's Note: Please see Tina and Ben Porter's article on page 37)

Descendants of Thomas Ewing

Generation No. 1

1. THOMAS¹ EWING was born 1770 in Inch Island. He married MARY ANDERSON.

Children of THOMAS EWING and MARY ANDERSON are:

2.
 - i. SAMUEL² EWING, b. 1801, Inch Island; d. 10 Apr 1870, australia.
 - ii. ROBERT EWING, b. 1800, Inch Island.
 - iii. JAMES EWING, b. 1800, Inch Island.

Generation No. 2

2. SAMUEL² EWING (THOMAS¹) was born 1801 in Inch Island, and died 10 Apr 1870 in australia. He married ANNE WHITE, daughter of DAVID WHITE and ELIZABETH KINCAID. She was born 1808 in Classygowan.

Children of SAMUEL EWING and ANNE WHITE are:

- i. THOMAS³ EWING, b. 09 May 1831, Ballybegley Newtown.
- ii. DAVID EWING, b. 15 Apr 1833, Ballybegley Newtown.
- iii. SAMUEL EWING, b. 29 Jun 1835, Ballybegley Newtown; m. AMALDA WESTCOTT; b. 1851, Jefferson NY.
- iv. ELIZABETH EWING, b. 08 Dec 1844, Ballybegley Newtown; m. DAVID HAMILTON; b. 1840, Milford.

James Robert Ewing

Message from Jennifer Ewing Webb – Member #1254 (jennyrosewebb@gmail.com)

I am a descendent from the much contested line of Margaret Fife. I am hoping that since the article is quite dated now that maybe new information has been found.

One thing that I didn't understand was that on the Ewing Family Association website it says that John Ewing, b. 1849 or 50, son of Isaac Ewing, b. 1817 moves to Oklahoma in 1908 and died there in 1921. I show he died in 1884.

I am planning a trip to Scotland and Ireland for next summer and really want to visit the places our family came from!

Here is what I have on my line at this point. I don't have my mother's or my family's information on this list, but I can add it if you're interested.

My grandfather is the James Robert Ewing on this list. He is still living. I ordered him a test and family finder and should have it soon.

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

Welcome to Ewing Family Association! I am happy to work with you and glad you found our website. Since you have become a member, you will read all about the latest and future happenings. I am aware that you wish to receive your Journals and Newsletters by mail, but I have attached an electronic PDF version of the May 2018 Journal so that you can be up to speed on the latest functions.

Please note the future EFA plans in Scotland in August, 2019. You might want to be a part of that during your travels.

It is great that you are awaiting DNA test results for your grandfather. It appears he tested at FTDNA. Did you begin from the Ewing Project via the EFA web page? If not, when you receive the test results, you will want to join the Ewing Y-DNA Project. From the information you have given me, I would be quite surprised if he isn't placed in Group 2.

Yes, we are aware of errors Mrs. Fife made in her book. We have a gentlemen who actually worked with her and is now researching and will prepare a corrected version of her line.

I have added the lineage data you provided and look forward to learning about the results of the Y-DNA test. I need some time to check out the conflicting dates you mentioned.

Genealogist's Note: Jenny's grandfather, Jimmy Robert Ewing, has recently been placed in the project as JR3.2*. Jimmy closely matches RE1-2f (Ricky Dale Ewing). This line is that of Fife with others matching in group 2c also (Stewart Thomas Ewing).

Response from Stewart T. Ewing (Ewingent@bellsouth.net)

Margaret's book has this Isaac, wife Lydia (also spelled Lidia in places) and children on page 421 and 422 of her red book. There she reports "Jonathan Ewing (also shown as John and Jothn) born 1845. He went to Oklahoma in 1908 and died there 21 Oct 1921. We do not have more on this family.

I'm afraid I have little else on them either, other than I show Isaac in the 1860 and 1870 census residing Gwinnett County Georgia (Margaret Fife has him in the 1840, 50, 60, and 70 census but not 80, and married to Lidia Hughes 4 Oct 1837). My father, who did much of the research in this part of Margaret's book has nothing more either.

I know that a sibling of Isaac, Thomas (my ancestor), also went to and died in Oklahoma, as did his two youngest sons, Charles Dilmus and Thomas Wesley. (Thomas Wesley later left Oklahoma for California and died there destitute.... we know where he is buried in an unmarked grave). Samuel Jones Ewing, who was a son of Thomas, sibling to Isaac, we think went to Oklahoma with the others, but returned to Georgia.

That is about all I know about the situation which I don't imagine is much help. Keep in touch and let's continue trading notes and perhaps we can run across something together. Be sure to keep up with my Facebook and website.

Marilyn / Mary Jane Ewing

Message from Evelyn Murray McKelvey (evmcklv@aol.com)

I have been doing genealogy research on Marilyn/Mary Jane Ewing, born 1625, possibly at Berkshire, England, daughter of Lloyd R. Ewing and Irene M. Wojoda, both born 1580. Marilyn/MaryJane married Richard Thomas Hankins at the age of 10 years in 1635, supposedly at Nursling, Hampshire, England. No records of this can be found.

All of the above information has been received from Ancestry.com family trees, however, none of it is documented with a reliable source. So as a last resort, I am asking you: "Does the Ewing Family Association know anything about these people and if they did indeed exist?" I am a member of the Hankins Family and I have documented Richard (1610-1692). He arrived in Virginia in 1652 as an indentured servant and primary immigrant, which tells me that he possibly had his wife and one son with him. Six more children were born in the colonies.

It is my hope that somewhere in your family records will be something to help me document the existence of: Marilyn/Mary Jane Ewing. Anything that you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

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

Unfortunately my records do not include the folks in your query. The lack of records in that time period makes it almost impossible to learn the truth. As you mention, online trees are not a reliable source - especially when information is copied over and over until it seems like it must be true. A female married at age 10 is also a huge red flag.

The Ewing Family Association will gladly share your query in the next Ewing Family Journal. You might also post a query at:

groups.google.com/group/ewingfamilyassociation.

William Lindsay & Margaret (Ewing) Lindsay

Message from Cynthia Theodore (packofhounds@yahoo.com)

I'm looking at Chapter XIII of "Ewing in Early America" by Fife regarding William Lindsay and Margaret Ewing Lindsay (my 4x grandparents). I have them married in PA in 1758 from "Concerning the Forefathers" by Conover. They moved to Lexington, KY in 1802 from "The Lindsay Family of Falling Spring" by Seilhamer, and the Conover book makes numerous mention of them in Lexington.

I believe they died in KY but can only find a notation in Find A Grave, noting that a newspaper article indicated the headstone of William Lindsay and Margaret Elizabeth Lindsay was dug up around 1913-1914 when the Baptist Church in Lexington was building an addition. I've been unsuccessful in locating any other information regarding these graves or what happened to the headstone.

Would you know of any other people researching William Lindsay and Margaret Ewing Lindsay (Chapter XIII).

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

From what I can see from Margaret Fife's book, "Ewing in Early America," is that this particular couple never left Pennsylvania. In Chapter 13, pages 103 and 104, the Will of William Lindsay is dated March 21, 1776 and proved April 14, 1776 in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Another couple named William Lindsay and Margaret Ewing had to have been born much later. It is very probable that the couple located in Lexington, Kentucky are descendants of the older couple.

I do not know of any other researchers, but will publish your query in the November 2018 EFA Journal.

Darens (Dorcas) Adeline Ewing

Message from Cumberline Abigail Bruner (marcussoukhaseum21@gmail.com)

I would like to request access to the Ewing lineage please. I just started this a few days ago and between stories and names mentioned that I recognize from them, I have made it back to the first marriage of George Washington Brisco and Darens (Dorcas) Adeline Ewing. I have all the information to Gail Kathleen Brisco and all of her descended line. I'm her Daughter, Cumberline Abigail Bruner, from her marriage to my Father. Unfortunately I have no income for the book or \$30 membership. Is there any way we can work together instead?

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

I will try to help you to find your Ewing ancestors, but first I must have more information with which to work. Besides names, I need to know dates (birth, marriage, death) and places where they lived. Please tell me the name of the book you mentioned.

Additional Response from Karen Avery

I discovered I did have some of your Ewing relatives in my data base. Your Dorcas Adeline Ewing who married George Washington Brisco was the daughter of Granville 'Gwinn' Porter Ewing and Tennessee Jane Cooper. One son was Kelsey L. Ewing who married Aminda Spears. They had Buster Kindell Ewing who married Vesta Jo Hefley. Their daughter, AvaNell Ewing Friddle, recently joined Ewing Family Association and is member #1243. Perhaps you already know her. She writes a blog that you may access here: <http://avanell.blogspot.com>.

I have nothing further back than Gwinn and Tennessee Ewing. If you discover more or if you are aware of a living Ewing male from your line, it would be a good idea to have him test his Y-DNA at FamilyTreeDNA.

Ewan/Ewen/Ewing of New Hanover, North Carolina**Message from Dan Betts (dan06betts@gmail.com)**

Do you have any information about the Ewing/Ewans of New Hanover, North Carolina?

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

I am sorry that this is too broad a question. Can you provide any names, vital dates and/or specific locations?

Response by Dan Betts (dan06betts@gmail.com)

Thank you for responding to my email. Sorry for being so vague before. Looking for Ewan/Ewen/Ewing ancestors, and this is what I have:

William Ewan/Ewen/Ewing, born about 1760, died about 1792, married Mary? about 1776. A plantation seven miles from Wilmington, NC, called Fork Fields, containing at least 500 acres, on which is a dwelling house and out houses, and about 40 acres of cleared ground.

Daughters:

1. Euphemia Jean/Joan "Effie" Ewing, born about 1777 in Wilmington, New Hanover, North Carolina, "Carolina Wilmington Gazette" 12 May 1807, Wilmington, Brunswick, North Carolina, United States:

For Sale: A plantation seven miles from town called Fork Fields, containing at least 500 acres, on which is a dwelling house and out houses, and about 40 acres of

cleared ground; belonging to Miss Effie Jean Ewens. Terms cash, for particulars apply to John Martin or Benjamin Blaney at Smithville, NC.

Married April 25 1808 in Brunswick, North Carolina, Charles Betts. Notice Event Date: 25 Apr 1808. Event Place: Brunswick, North Carolina, United States. Gender: Male, Spouse's Name: Effie Jean Ewins. Spouse's Gender: Female, "North Carolina, Civil Marriages, 1763-1868" also in NORTH CAROLINA MARRIAGES, 1759-1979 Indexing Project (Batch) Number M51600-3 System Origin North Carolina-ODM GS Film number 6330287

Lieutenant Charles Betts, born about 1775 in Wilmington New Hanover, North Carolina, died 1809 in Smithville Township, Brunswick, North Carolina

2. Margaret "Ewans" Ewing, born about 1778, New Hanover, North Carolina, married about 1797, Brunswick, North Carolina, Benjamin Sharpe Blaney, born Oct 29 1766, Roxbury, Suffolk, Massachusetts, died December 14, 1816, Smithville Township, Brunswick, North Carolina

I am a direct descendant of Effie Ewing and Charles Betts. Do you have any info on these families?

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

For some reason, I knew your name seemed familiar. I don't find any email correspondence between us, but I must have seen a query somewhere else since I had these few people in my Ewing database. Unfortunately I know nothing more about these folks.

Thank you for the additional information. The fact that Effie's sister, Margaret, married a man born in Massachusetts is interesting since my direct line was in Connecticut and at one time had land in Massachusetts.

Since the plantation near Wilmington was so large, have you found land records, tax records, ear marks or the Will of William Ewing? I've looked at the 1790 census, but do not see William listed.

I do want to share some rather exciting news with you. Your name comes up for two of my 1st cousins in DNA searches on FTDNA. You have a 2nd - 4th cousin match with my 1st cousin on my paternal direct line - Murphy.

You also have a smaller match to my 1st cousin on my maternal direct line - Ewing. Both of these matches are on chromosome 6. If you and I share DNA, it must be a very small amount. Let's keep working on this.

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Forms are available at www.EwingFamilyAssociation.org. Annual dues are \$30.00. Membership includes the semi-annual Ewing Family Journal.

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