

*The Early Ewing Families  
of Augusta County, Virginia*

*including*

*James Ewing of Monroe County, WV,*

*James Ewing of Pocahontas County, WV,*

*Joshua Ewing of Pocahontas County, WV, and*

*Captain James Ewing of Staunton, Augusta County, VA*

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## Introduction

In the early Western Virginia settlement period of the mid-1700s, most of the area from the Blue Ridge to the Mississippi was Augusta County, Virginia. There were at least three early James Ewing settlers to Augusta County plus a Joshua Ewing settler, all with large families using similar names and living in close proximity within this area:

1. James Ewing of Monroe County (est ca 1722 – bef 1800)  
lower Greenbrier River area – Indian and Turkey Creeks
2. James Ewing of Pocahontas County (1720 – 1801)  
upper Greenbrier River – Ewing/Knapp Creek
3. Joshua Ewing of Pocahontas County (1734 – 1810)  
upper Greenbrier River – Locust Bottom
4. Captain James Ewing (ca 1721 – 1796)  
Staunton and Middlebrook areas

The purpose of this document is to identify the members of these four Ewing families whose overlapping records of the 1700s and early 1800s in the Augusta County area cause so much confusion. Source documentation is identified where available providing reference for further investigations. Only an overview of the Pocahontas James and Joshua Ewing families is included since these families are well known and have been well identified previously. The Monroe James Ewing family and the Staunton Capt. James Ewing family genealogies have both been more fully developed recently and are presented here with known reference material provided.

The early records of James Ewing in this area are quite ambiguous as to just which James is being referenced. Lyman Chalkley's *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia*, the definitive abstraction of Augusta County records to 1800, contains some 96 items referencing Ewing. Of these, about 78 can be reasonably well associated with one specific family of six different Ewing families, the remaining 18 still being ambiguous.<sup>1</sup> The six Ewing families of Chalkley are the four above plus the Henry Ewings family of Rockingham County and the Charles and Robert Ewing family of Bedford County.

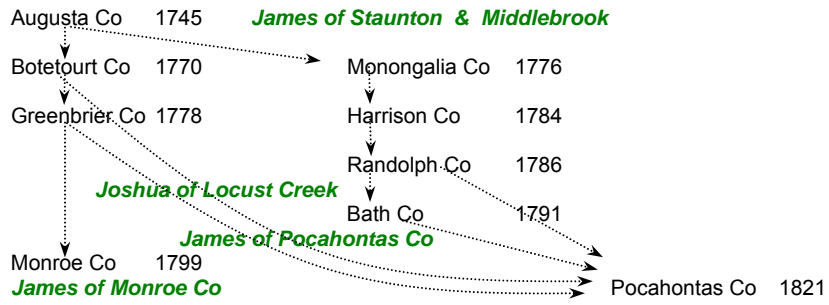
In addition to confusion caused by there being numerous Ewing families, the Virginia counties and their boundaries were continually changing. In 1745, Augusta County encompassed almost all the land west of the Blue Ridge; down to the North Carolina/Tennessee line and west to the Mississippi River. The land that James of Monroe settled was first in Augusta County, then Botetourt County, and then Greenbrier County before becoming Monroe County. The early records are dispersed among these counties and other colonial and United States jurisdictions. James of Pocahontas records will be found in Augusta, Botetourt, Greenbrier, Bath, and Randolph Counties before Pocahontas County. Then, the continuing movement of these settlers between areas compounds the difficulty of tracing their records.

While two of these Augusta County settlers are associated with Pocahontas County, James and Joshua, that county did not exist until 1821, long after both were gone. Their records are mostly found in Botetourt and Greenbrier counties with some found in Bath County. With the partitioning of the Augusta County area into many new counties and their boundaries changing, records are found in dispersed places. The changing of counties and Ewing family movement is depicted in the sketch below indicating where their records might be found.

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<sup>1</sup> Appendix A lists Ewing items of Chalkley's *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia* in MS-Word format and is sortable by several keys.

## Evolution of Augusta County to New Counties in Areas of Ewings



## 1 The James Ewing Family of Indian and Turkey Creeks of Monroe County, West Virginia \*

James Ewing was an early settler in what is now Monroe County, West Virginia. He is most probably of the Scots-Irish Ewing families of northern Ireland, but no evidence has been found proving this. He simply appeared, with full family, settling land on the Indian and Turkey Creeks in Monroe County in about 1770. That area was in Augusta County or became part of the newly established Botetourt County (1770), subsequently becoming Greenbrier County (1778), and then Monroe County (1799). The arrival of James Ewing to the Monroe County area was not noted since that area was sparsely populated and beyond most governmental cognizance. The marriage of his daughter Susanna to William Sproul in Augusta County in 1773 is recorded, so the family was in the vicinity by then. His first land record there (Greenbrier County at that time) was in 1787 “by virtue of a certificate in right of settlement,” meaning he established occupancy of the land sometime prior to 15 June 1782.

His wife’s name has not been found. But there were ten children of this James of Monroe family, all well documented in records mostly found in the Monroe County Court House in Union, West Virginia. These ten children of James Ewing of Monroe County were:

	<u>born</u>	<u>died</u>	<u>married</u>	<u>notes</u>
<b>Oliver</b>		<b>1823</b>		<b>no heirs, Monroe Co</b>
<b>Susanna Sproull</b>	~1755	1806	William <b>Sproul</b> , 1773	<b>had heirs</b>
<b>James</b>	<b>1738</b>	<b>1807</b>		<b>had heirs, Augusta Co, Va</b>
<b>Fanny Ewing</b>		<b>bef 1818</b>	_____ <b>Ewing</b>	<b>had heirs</b>
<b>Sidney McNutt</b>	~1761	<b>bef 1818</b>	Lt. James <b>McNutt</b> , 1781	<b>had heirs, Ohio</b>
<b>Samuel</b>		<b>1815</b>	<b>Isabella McNutt</b> , 1790	<b>Monroe Co</b>
<b>Joseph</b>		<b>1822</b>		<b>Monroe Co</b>
<b>John</b>		<b>bef 1818</b>	Sarah Davis, 1787	<b>had heirs</b>
<b>William “Turkey Bill”</b>		<b>Feb. 1818</b>		<b>no heirs, Monroe Co</b>
<b>Jean Patterson</b>		1830	Matthew <b>Patterson</b>	<b>no heirs</b>

These ten siblings are specifically identified in the will of Oliver<sup>1</sup> (d. 1823). The will of William<sup>2</sup> and estate appraisals of Samuel<sup>4</sup> and Joseph<sup>5</sup> give further information. Primary source documentation exists for all the family listing above which is shown in bold, verifying most of the first generation and family structure. Subsequent listing may be color coded by sources to more readily identify source information. Each of these children and their families are addressed briefly in the following sections.

### 1.1 Descendents of James Ewing of Monroe County

#### 1.1.1 Oliver Ewing

	<u>born</u>	<u>died</u>	<u>married</u>	<u>notes</u>
<b>Oliver<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>1823<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>no heirs<sup>1</sup>, Monroe Co<sup>1</sup></b>

The will of Oliver Ewing<sup>1</sup> provides the most complete record of the family of settler James Ewing of Monroe County. This 1818 will identifies the ten children of settler James Ewing of Monroe county plus four of their children and which ones were alive then and which had heirs. Oliver was one of the few of that family that remained in Monroe County, being recorded there in the 1810 census with himself and one female, both over 45, and again in the 1820 census, then with a male of 18 to 26 living with them. When he died in 1823, his will probated in Monroe County mentions all his siblings but no wife or direct heirs, so he is presumed to have had no descendents. But although he had no direct descendents, he did have at least four nephews named Oliver, two being Ewing and two being sons of his sisters, thus rendering records mentioning Oliver sometimes ambiguous. His appraisal lists his estate, valued at \$1,155.12<sup>1a</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> – Monroe Co Will Book 2, p.196-98 17, **Oliver Ewing Will**, written Jan 1818, probated Jun 1823 in Monroe Co., (W)Virginia {son of Settler James Ewing}.

**Abstract** – Identifying familial relationships:

1. First, my just debts and funeral expenses;
2. nephew; Oliver Ewing s/o brother Samuel Ewing;
3. niece, Sidney Ewing d/o brother Samuel Ewing;
4. Fanny Ewing d/o brother Joseph Ewing;
5. Gean Charlton d/o sister Fanny Ewing;
6. brother William Ewing;
7. heirs of brother James Ewing;
8. sister Gean Patterson;
9. heirs of sister Fanny Ewing;
10. heirs of sister Susana Sproull;
11. brother Joseph Ewing;
12. heirs of brother John Ewing;
13. heirs of sister Sidney McNutt;

Executors: Friends: Isaac Hanly and Joseph Ewing s/o brother Samuel Ewing.

Witnesses: Andrew Walker, John Tackett.

**Will of Oliver Ewing** - Transcription from original will, spelling maintained, punctuation added

*My last Will and Testament in Maner and form following that is to say:*

*1<sup>st</sup> I Desire that All My Just debts and Funeral Expenses Be Paid Out of My Stock; to Wit Cattle and Horses –*

*2<sup>ndly</sup> I give My Nefew Oliver Ewing, Son of My Brother Samuel Ewing My Two Negro boys, Moses and Wilson, to him And his heirs forever –*

*3<sup>rdly</sup> I give to My Nees Sidney Ewing, Daughter of My Brother Samuel Ewing, My Negro Girl Named Sue*

*4<sup>thly</sup> I give to Fanny Ewin, Daughter of My Brother Joseph, Ewing, My Negro Woman Lucy –*

*5<sup>thly</sup> I give to Gean Charlton, Daughter of My Sister Fanny Ewing, My Negro Girl, Winney, To them and Their Heirs for Ever With their increase if any the Shout heave –*

*6<sup>thly</sup> I give to My Brother William Ewing One dollar Current And lawful Money of the United States –*

*7<sup>thly</sup> I give to the Heirs of My Brother James Ewing One dollar Current and lawful Money of the United States –*

*8<sup>thly</sup> I give to My Sister Gean Patterson One dollar Current and lawful Money of the United States –*

*9<sup>thly</sup> I give to the Heirs of my Sister Fanny Ewing One dollar Current and lawful Money of the United States –*

*10<sup>thly</sup> I give to the Heirs of my Sister Susana Sproull One dollar Current and lawful Money of the United States –*

*11<sup>thly</sup> I give to My Brother Joseph Ewing One dollar Current and lawful Money of the United States –*

*12<sup>thly</sup> I give to the Heirs of My Brother John Ewing One dollar Current and lawful Money of the United States –*

*13<sup>thly</sup> I give to the heirs of My Sister Sidney McNutt One dollar Current and lawful Money of the United States –*

*All the Rest of My Estate of What Nature and kind source{?} It May Be Not herein{?} before Particularly disposed if, I desire May Be Equally Divided Amongst My legaters Herein Before Named to which I give them, their heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns forever –*

*And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint My friends Isaac Hanly and Joseph Ewing, Son of My Brother Samuel Ewing, Executors of this My last Will and testament, hereby revoking All other former Wills or Testaments By Me heretofore Made –*

*In witness Where of I have hereunto Set My hand and afixed My Seal this Seventh day of January, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen –*

*Sealed, Signed, Published, and declared as and for the last Will and testament of the above Named Oliver Ewing in the Presence of Us*

*Andrew Walker*

*Oliver Ewing {seal}*

*John W Tackett*

Outside: *Ewing, Oliver Will*

<sup>1a</sup> – Monroe Co Will Book 2, p.208, *Oliver Ewing Appraisal*  
Nov 7, 1823 \$1,155.12

### 1.1.2 Susanna Sproul<sup>27</sup>

	<u>born</u>	<u>died</u>	<u>married</u>	<u>notes</u>
<b>Susanna Sproul<sup>1</sup></b>	~1755	1806 <sup>10</sup>	William <b>Sproul<sup>1</sup></b> , 1773	<b>had heirs<sup>1</sup></b>
Jean Sproul <sup>9</sup>	Feb 24, 1775	1837	John Weir	Raphine, Va
Sidney Sproul <sup>9</sup>	May 11, 1776	bef.1817	Joseph Beard	local
Mary Sproul <sup>9</sup>	Jan 21, 1778	aft.1825	died single	Locust Grove
Joseph Sproul <sup>9</sup>	Aug 15, 1779	aft.1822	Rachael Davis	Stanford, Lincoln Co, Ky
Oliver Sproul <sup>9</sup>	Dec 15, 1780	aft.1825	Mary Davis	Frankfort, Ky
Martha Sproul <sup>9</sup>	Dec 10, 1782	1859	Robert Hutcheson	Brownsburg, Va
John Sproul <sup>9</sup>	Mar 28, 1784	1749	Matilda King Scott	Locust Grove
Fanny Sproul <sup>9</sup>	Jan 29, 1786	1867	Thomas Thompson	Swoope, Va
Samuel Sproul <sup>9</sup>	Jul 19, 1789	bef.1817, while finishing education		Locust Grove
Charles Sproul <sup>9</sup>	Sep 28, 1792	1817	Margaret Humphreys	Frankfort, Ky

William Sproul was a Scots-Irishman from County Donegal who is first recorded in 1754 in the upper Cowpasture River area, not far from where Pocahontas James was located on the Jackson River at that time. Susanna Ewing married William in 1773, establishing the earliest known date by which the James Ewing family was documented in the area. Susanna and William lived at their Locust Grove farm, near Middlebrook, Va. The Sproul Family Bible<sup>9</sup> records the children of Susanna, beginning in 1775. The 1773 marriage of William Sproul was recorded from now-lost Augusta County records in Chalkley's *Chronicles*<sup>24</sup> although the name of the bride is not listed. A great deal is know about this family and each of its lines, all well-documented in *Early Western Virginia Sproul Family*<sup>27</sup>, by this author. This is available online at [www.sproulfamily.net](http://www.sproulfamily.net).

<sup>9</sup> – *William & Susanna Sproul Family Bible*

<sup>10</sup> – *Airy Knoll Cemetery Gravestone* – "William Sproul & Susannah his wife Died 1806"

<sup>24</sup> – Chalkley, Lyman. *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia*

<sup>27</sup> – Sproul, William. *Early Western Virginia Sproul Family*. [www.sproulfamily.net](http://www.sproulfamily.net)

### 1.1.3 James Ewing

	<u>born</u>	<u>died</u>	<u>married</u>	<u>notes</u>
<b>James<sup>1</sup></b>	1738 <sup>11</sup>	1807 <sup>11</sup>		<b>had heirs<sup>1</sup>, Augusta Co, Va<sup>13</sup></b>
James Jr			m. Mary Hunter 1795, Rev Arch Scott	
Anne Ewing			Thomas Deverick 1815	
Mary Ewing			George K. Harris 1820, (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Isaac Johns -> Illinois	
Jane ?				
<b>Other Heirs<sup>1</sup></b>				

This James Ewing is believed to have moved to the Middlebrook, Va area of Augusta County, living near his sister Susanna. There he lived to the age of 69 and was buried in the North Mountain Meeting House Cemetery in 1807. Because this "North Mountain" James family has been recently identified (previously confused with the Capt James of Staunton family) and not positively documented to be of the Monroe family, his records are addressed separately in Section 1.2, James Ewing of North Mountain Cemetery.

<sup>11</sup> – *James Ewing Gravestone* – North Mountain Cemetery - "In memory of James Ewing who departed this life April 14, 1807, aged 69 years. He was an affectionate husband, an indulgent parent, a good member of society."

### 1.1.4 Fanny Ewing

	<u>born</u>	<u>died</u>	<u>married</u>	<u>notes</u>
<b>Fanny Ewing</b> <sup>1</sup>		<b>bef 1818</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>Ewing</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>had heirs</b> <sup>1</sup>
<b>Jean Ewing Charlton</b> <sup>1</sup>	1781	1855	Joseph <b>Charlton</b> , 1807 <sup>28,22</sup>	Line to Present Available
Oliver Charlton <sup>28,22</sup>	1810	1888		
Thomas Charlton <sup>28,22</sup>	1812	1888		
Frances Charlton <sup>28,22</sup>				single
James Ewing Charlton <sup>28,22</sup>			Wilda Bell Boslee	
Letty Charlton <sup>28,22</sup>	1818	aft 1880		
Jane Charlton <sup>28,22</sup>	1820	aft 1870	single	
Joseph P. Charlton <sup>28,22</sup>	1822	1858	Lydia Keeney	
<b>Other Heirs</b> <sup>1</sup>				

Fanny Ewing must have married a Ewing cousin, thus keeping her Ewing name since her brother Oliver's will mentions "I give to Gean Charlton, Daughter of My Sister Fanny Ewing..." and her sister Janet Paterson's 1814 will mentions "to her sister's daughter Janet Ewing now Janet Charlton..." Fanny had other heirs since Oliver's 1818 will mentions "to the Heirs of my Sister Fanny Ewing...." in addition to the mention of her daughter Gean. While there is little known about Fanny, her daughter Jean 1807 married Joseph Charlton in 1807. Their family includes a 'James Ewing' Charlton and another 'Oliver' and has been documented in detail and referenced to source material by Mary Bess-Boswell in *Descendants of Joseph Perry Charlton*<sup>28</sup> as well as being briefly noted in Morton's *History of Monroe County*<sup>22</sup>.

<sup>22</sup> – Morton, Oren – *A History of Monroe Co, West Virginia*

<sup>28</sup> – Bess-Boswell, Mary - *Descendants of Joseph Perry Charlton*

### 1.1.5 Sidney McNutt

	<u>born</u>	<u>died</u>	<u>married</u>	<u>notes</u>
<b>Sidney McNutt</b> <sup>1,29</sup>	~1761	<b>bef 1818</b> <sup>1</sup>	Lt. James <b>McNutt</b> <sup>1,29</sup> , 1781 <sup>14</sup>	<b>had heirs</b> <sup>1</sup> , Ohio
James McNutt <sup>29</sup>	~1780	aft.1833	Mary Laverty	Ohio
Joseph McNutt <sup>29</sup>	~1781	aft.1833		Ohio
John McNutt <sup>29</sup>	~1783	aft.1833	_____ Rossel	Illinois
(Female) McNutt <sup>29</sup>	1783		James Blair	Illinois
Ewing McNutt <sup>29</sup>	~1787	bef.1829	Mary _____	Indiana
Samuel H. McNutt <sup>29</sup>	1788	aft.1833	Mary Susanna Blair, Susanna Jeffries	Indiana
Rhoda Lyle McNutt <sup>29</sup>	1789		Michael Blair, 1833	Illinois
Frances(Fanny)McNutt <sup>29</sup>	~1800	bef.1833	Samuel Blair	Illinois
Jane McNutt <sup>29</sup>	1798	aft.1833	Michael Blair, 1816	Illinois
Oliver McNutt <sup>29</sup>	~1801	1854	Mary Jordan, 1821	Indiana
Nancy McNutt <sup>29</sup>	1803	1860	John Martin Laverty	Iowa

The family of Sidney and Lt. James McNutt are most thoroughly documented and referenced in Lara Cooper's *The McNutt Family of Monroe County, WV*<sup>29</sup>. which is found online at [www.mcnuttfamily.org](http://www.mcnuttfamily.org). Married in 1781, they remained in Monroe County for about 25 years before migrating to Madison County, Ohio, along with others including Charles and John Ewing. Their children subsequently continued the migration, settling in Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa.

<sup>14</sup> – *Greenbrier Co Marriage Record* – 1781 Sidney Ewing & James McNutt

<sup>29</sup> – Cooper, Laura. *McNutt Family of Monroe County, WV*. [www.mcnuttfamily.org](http://www.mcnuttfamily.org)

### 1.1.6 Samuel Ewing

	<u>born</u>	<u>died</u>	<u>married</u>	<u>notes</u>
<b>Samuel</b> <sup>1,29</sup>		<b>1815</b> <sup>4</sup>	<b>Isabella McNutt</b> <sup>29</sup> , 1790 <sup>8</sup>	<b>Monroe Co</b> <sup>4</sup>
<b>Joseph</b> <sup>1</sup>		aft 1847	Martha <sup>12</sup>	
<b>Sidney</b> <sup>1</sup>	1791	~1855 <sup>Cen50-60</sup>	_____ Alford	Lewis Co, Mo
<b>Oliver</b> <sup>1</sup>	1796	1886	Mary (Polly) Legg <sup>29</sup>	Lewis Co, Mo
Thomas B. <sup>21</sup>	1835	1886	Mary E. Jones	
Charles <sup>21</sup>	1847	1932	Mary Graham	
<b>Robert</b> <sup>16</sup>				
<b>John</b> <sup>16</sup>	1797	1842	Isabelle Berry Matthews <sup>29</sup> , 1829	Lewis Co, Mo
Susan Jane <sup>21</sup>	1831	1860	John Mell Howell	
Joseph Howell <sup>21</sup>	1852	1916	Mary C. Shouse	

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Samuel remained in Monroe County, and in 1790 married Isabella McNutt, sister of Lt. James McNutt who in 1781 had married to Samuel's sister Sidney. This family of Samuel and Isabella is also well-documented and referenced in Lara Cooper's *The McNutt Family of Monroe County, WV*. They had at least five children; Joseph, Sidney, and Oliver, mentioned in Oliver's 1818 will, and Robert and John, mentioned in an 1820 deed as "sons of Samuel, dec'd". At least three of these children migrated to Lewis County, Missouri. The children of Oliver and John have been identified through an old handwritten family tree<sup>21</sup> of uncertain origin, provided by Dr Wallace Ewing. This tree depicts four lines of the Monroe Ewing family that went to Lewis County, Mo. These are the lines of Oliver and John, sons of Samuel, and William and Samuel, sons of Joseph.

- <sup>4</sup> – **Samuel Ewing 1815 appraisal**– Monroe County, WV, Court House Records  
<sup>8</sup> – Greenbrier County, WV, CH Records – **Original Marriage Bonds and Consents** (with Greenbrier Historical Society)  
<sup>12</sup> – Monroe County Order Book A – 1813 sale from Joseph and Martha Ewing to John McNutt  
<sup>16</sup> – Monroe County Deed Book G – 1820 deeds note John and Robert as sons of Samuel Ewing dec'd  
<sup>21</sup> – handwritten **family tree of Monroe Ewings in Lewis Co, Mo.** in Dr. Wallace Ewing papers  
<sup>29</sup> – Cooper, Laura. **McNutt Family of Monroe County, WV.** [www.mcnuttfamily.org](http://www.mcnuttfamily.org)

### 1.1.7 Joseph Ewing

	<u>born</u>	<u>died</u>	<u>married</u>	<u>notes</u>
Joseph <sup>1</sup>		1822 <sup>5</sup>		Monroe Co <sup>5</sup>
Sidney <sup>2</sup>	~1789		William Nelson <sup>3</sup> , 1818 <sup>15</sup>	
Margaret Nelson <sup>3</sup>				
Frances (Fanny) <sup>1,2,3</sup>	1790 <sup>Cen50</sup>	~1865 <sup>Cen</sup>		Monroe Co
James <sup>2</sup>	~1792	1833 <sup>7</sup>	Elizabeth Massy, 1797 <sup>8</sup>	
John <sup>2,3</sup>	1793 <sup>Cen50</sup>	~1865 <sup>Cen</sup>		Monroe Co
Oliver <sup>2</sup>	est 1799	1847 <sup>3</sup>		Monroe Co <sup>3</sup>
Joseph <sup>2,3</sup>	~1805			
William <sup>2</sup>	1811	1849 Mo.	Elizabeth Creacy	Lewis Co, Mo
Benjamin F. <sup>21</sup>	1845	1933 Ill.	Anna Eliza Herring	
Ella Katherine <sup>21</sup>	1872	1912 Mo.		"Giantess" (8 ft 4 in. tall)
George Henry <sup>21</sup>	1849		Caroline Martin	
Florence Eva <sup>21</sup>			Schofield	
Samuel J. <sup>21</sup>	1850		Nancy Mell	
John D. <sup>21</sup>	~1890		Elizabeth	
Robert <sup>2</sup>		1826 <sup>6</sup>		Monroe Co <sup>6</sup>
Samuel <sup>21</sup>	1819	bef 1847 <sup>3</sup>	Jane	Lewis Co, Mo

Most of the children of Joseph seem to have remained in Monroe County although William and Samuel migrated to Lewis County, Missouri, probably with their cousins of Samuel's line. The 1847 will of Oliver<sup>3</sup>, son of Joseph, reiterated the names of five of that family but adds little additional information. Census data indicates that the siblings Fanny and John lived together in Monroe County until they died about 1865. They were the last of the Ewing family found in Monroe County in the 1800s.

The familial relationship of the Missouri "Giantess" Ella Katherine Ewing is based on a handwritten family tree<sup>21</sup> of uncertain origin, provided by Dr Wallace Ewing. This tree, Appendix C of this document, depicts four lines of the Monroe Ewing family that went to Lewis County, Mo. Ella's grandfather was William Ewing, shown here as son of Joseph. It was believed by the Ewing historian, Nancy Hank Ewing, that Ella's grandfather was another William, son of Oliver. But there is strong evidence in Oliver's 1818 will that he had no children, since he named all nine of his siblings and many of his nephews and nieces, but made no mention of a wife or children of his own. The 1810 Census of Monroe County does list Oliver with a female of equal age (wife, presumably), but no other household members. Thus Ella's grandfather is shown in Joseph's line.

- <sup>3</sup> – Monroe Co Will Book 1, **Oliver Ewing 1847 Will** {son of Joseph who was son of Settler James}  
Devises:  
1<sup>st</sup> to sisters, Frances Ewing and Sidney Nelson; after their death to the children of brothers Joseph and John Ewing.  
2<sup>nd</sup> to sister Frances Ewing (Margaret M. Nelson d/o Sidney is to have foal)

Executor Wm Nelson. Wit: Wm M. Nelson, Wm F. Nelson.

- <sup>2</sup> – **William Ewing 1816 will** – Monroe County, WV, Court House Records
- <sup>5</sup> – **Joseph Ewing 1822 appraisal** – Monroe County, WV, Court House Records
- <sup>6</sup> – **Robert Ewing 1826 sale/settlement** – Monroe County, WV, Court House Records
- <sup>7</sup> – **James Ewing 1833 appraisal/Sale** – Monroe County, WV, Court House Records
- <sup>8</sup> – **Original Marriage Bonds and Consents** - Greenbrier County , WV, CH Records (with Greenbrier Historical Society)
- <sup>15</sup> – **Monroe County Marriage Bonds**
- <sup>21</sup> – handwritten **family tree of Monroe Ewings in Lewis Co, Mo.** in Dr. Wallace Ewing papers

### 1.1.8 John Ewing

	<u>born</u>	<u>died</u>	<u>married</u>	<u>notes</u>
John <sup>1</sup> Heirs <sup>1</sup>		bef 1818 <sup>1</sup>	Sarah Davis, 1787 <sup>23</sup>	had heirs <sup>1</sup>

Almost nothing is known about this John Ewing. He has not been proven to be the John Ewing who was married to Sarah Davis in 1787 by Rev Archibald Scott. Rev Scott was the minister of the North Mountain Meeting House and minister to John's brother James who was buried there as well as father-in-law to one of his sister Susanna's children.

<sup>23</sup> – DAR, **First Marriage Records of Augusta Co, Va. 1784-1813** {Rev Archibald Scott, minister of North Mtn Meeting House}

### 1.1.9 William Ewing

	<u>born</u>	<u>died</u>	<u>married</u>	<u>notes</u>
William <sup>1</sup> "Turkey Bill" <sup>20</sup>		Feb. 1818 <sup>2</sup>		no heirs <sup>1,2</sup> , Monroe Co <sup>2</sup>

And almost nothing is known about this William Ewing. His will, written in 1816, further identifies the eight children of Joseph in order of age.

<sup>2</sup> – Monroe Co Will Book 1, p. 379-80 **William Ewing; Will, 7 Dec 1816, probated 17 Mar 1818.** {son of Settler James Ewing} (photocopy in files)

To brother Joseph of same county and his heirs, viz six sons and 2 daughters whose names are as follows in order of age:

- Robert Ewing
- William Ewing
- Joseph Ewing
- Oliver Ewing
- John Ewing
- James Ewing
- Fanny Ewing
- Sidney Ewing

Exec: brother Joseph and Oliver his son

Wit: John Perry, James Ewing, Oliver Ewing

*{It is noted that Joseph appears to have at least one more child born after this will was written. That is a Samuel, evidenced by the family tree of reference 21}*

<sup>2</sup> – **William Ewing will 1816**, prob 1818 Monroe County , WV, Court House Records:

<sup>20</sup> – Ewing, Nancy Hank and Powell, Barbara Ewing. **James Ewing-Pioneer**,

### 1.1.10 Jean Patterson

	<u>born</u>	<u>died</u>	<u>married</u>	<u>notes</u>
Jean Patterson <sup>1</sup>		1814 <sup>17</sup>	Matthew Patterson <sup>1,22</sup>	Monroe Co, no heirs

<sup>17</sup> – *Jean Patterson 1814 Will* – Monroe County, WV, Court House Records

<sup>22</sup> – Morton, Oren – *A History of Monroe Co, West Virginia*

## 1.2 James Ewing of North Mountain Cemetery

Augusta County, Virginia, near Staunton/Middlebrook

While the James Ewing, son of the Monroe County James Ewing settler, is believed to be the James buried in the North Mountain Meeting House cemetery, the evidence of this is circumstantial and not altogether clear. Here is the information associated with North Mountain James. First, the gravesite:

James Ewing Gravestone – North Mountain Cemetery  
James Ewing 1738-1807

The inscription on the gravestone reads:

*In memory of  
James Ewing  
who departed this life  
April 14, 1807  
aged 69 years  
He was an affectionate husband,  
an indulgent parent,  
a good member of society.*



This gravestone identifies a James Ewing in the Middlebrook area who is probably the brother of Susanna Ewing who lived nearby and is of the Monroe Ewing family. The North Mountain Meeting House was one of the early Presbyterian meeting houses located about 5 miles SW of Staunton, Va. along Rt 252 and predecessor to today's Bethel Presbyterian Church. Susanna married William Sproul in 1773, whose first wife had recently died, and came to live near Middlebrook, some ten miles SW of Staunton, Va. James appears to have come to this area a few years later. There are no records suggesting that James remained in the Monroe County area, and his brother Oliver's will, written in 1818, mentions "the heirs of brother James Ewing", indicating both that he was dead and that he had heirs. This James is first mentioned in the Middlebrook area in William McPheeter's 1881 List of Tithables. That list also includes Capt. James Ewing of Staunton who had land and lived near Middlebrook.

While no deeds of this James Ewing seem to be recorded, the Augusta County Land Book from 1792 to 1816, for land tax purposes, lists two parcels of 146 and 150 acres for this James, identified because after 1807 the listing changed to James Ewing "heirs". This would not be confused with land of Capt. James as both he and his son James Jr died in the late 1790s and that land went to his son Joseph. In 1816, this listing was changed to the name of Jane Ewing. The Jane of the Capt. James family had died in 1794, so this may be presumed to be a daughter of North Mtn James. No will for this James has been found, but his estate appraisers met at his dwelling and noted "a mare sold by James Ewing jun", thus defining yet another James Ewing! This is fortuitous since having just discovered that the other three local James' were dead, one wondered how there could still be a James in the subsequent records.

Both Susanna (Sproul) and North Mountain James would have attended the North Mountain Meeting House. James was buried there indicating his association. It was the closest meeting house for Susanna and one of her children married the daughter of Archibald Scott, the minister there who also performed the marriage of James Jr to Mary Hunter in 1795. North Mountain was also the meeting house of the Capt James Ewing family, although they all were buried at the nearby Glebe Burying Grounds.

The fact that there were four James Ewings' living here within a few miles of each other in the Staunton/Middlebrook area creates confusion in the records until each died:

Capt. James Ewing	d. 1796
James Ewing Jr (son of Capt. James)	d. 1799
James Ewing (North Mtn James)	d. 1807
James Ewing Jr (son of N Mtn James)	d. after 1820

Year	Records Related to North Mountain James
1773	Sprowl, William and _____, June 23, 1773 license only. {This is presumed marriage license of William and <a href="#">Susanna Ewing</a> of the Monroe James Ewing family. They lived at Locust Grove Farm, near Middlebrook, Va.} - Ch*
1781	Tithables, 1781; William McPheeters's List: including: Wm. Sprowl, <a href="#">James Ewing</a> , James Sprowl, Alex. Sprowl, <a href="#">James Ewing</a> {one of James' is probably Capt James and other North Mtn James} - Ch*
1795	Augusta County Marriage Bond, 15 Dec 1795, Bondsmen <a href="#">James Ewing</a> and William Patterson {guardian for Mary} Marriage of <a href="#">James Ewing and Mary Hunter</a> - c*
1795	DAR, Col. Thomas Hughart Chapter,. First Marriage Record of Augusta County, Va., 1785-1813 : <a href="#">James Ewing to Mary Hunter</a> , Rev Archibald Scott
1792-1816	Augusta Co Land Book, District 1 – <a href="#">James Ewing</a> listed for 145/146 acres and 150 acres in 1792 thru 1807. Thereafter same land listed as James Ewing "heirs", until 1816 when same acreage listed as Jane Ewing. - c*
1807	<a href="#">James Ewing</a> Gravestone – North Mountain Cemetery "James Ewing 1738-1807 - In memory of James Ewing who departed this life April 14, 1807 aged 69 years. He was an affectionate husband, an indulgent parent, a good member of society" - p*
1808	Augusta Co - Will Book 10 1805-1811, p.199-201 Appraisal of estate of <a href="#">James Ewing</a> , decd. April 1808. Total value \$468 "Agreeably to an Order of Augusta County to appraise the Estate of James Ewing deceased, We the subscribers met at the late dwelling of the said Ewing and after being duly sworn made the appraisement hereunto annexed, Vizt. inc: "a mare sold by <a href="#">James Ewing jun</a> " "Given under Our hands this 6th day of April 1808 Jacob Swoope, Robert Hanna, William McCutchen
1814-1816	Augusta Co Land Book, District 1 – <a href="#">James Ewing</a> listed for 172 acres { probably James Jr, son of N Mtn James} - c*
1815	Augusta County Marriage Bond, 9 April 1815, Bondsmen <a href="#">James Ewing</a> and Thomas Deverick Marriage of <a href="#">Anne Ewing and Thomas Deverick</a> - c*
1818	Monroe Co Will Book 2, p.196-98 Oliver Ewing; Will, 17 Jan 1818, probated Jun 1823. Including bequest to "heirs of brother <a href="#">James Ewing</a> ;" - c*
1820	Augusta County Marriage Bond, 19 June 1820, Bondsmen James Ewing and George Harris Marriage of <a href="#">Mary Ewing, daughter of James Ewing of Augusta County, and George K. Harris</a> - c*

Ch\* - Chalkley's Chronicles      c\* - copy available      p\* - photo available

### North Mountain James Ewing Family

<b>James Ewing</b>	b. 1738	d. 1807	buried in North Mountain Meeting House Cemetery, Middlebrook, VA
<b>James Ewing Jr</b>			m. <b>Mary Hunter</b> 1795, Rev Arch Scott
<b>Anne Ewing</b>			m. <b>Thomas Deverick</b> 1815
<b>Mary Ewing</b>			m. <b>George K. Harris</b> 1820, m. (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) <b>Isaac Johns</b> -> Illinois
<b>Jane ?</b>			
<b>Other Heirs</b>			

### 1.3 Descendents of James Ewing of Monroe County - Summary Chart

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Oliver		1823		no heirs, Monroe Co
Susanna Sproul	~1755	1806	William Sproul, 1773	had heirs
Jean Sproul	Feb 24, 1775	1837	John Weir	Raphine, Va
Sidney Sproul	May 11, 1776	bef. 1817	Joseph Beard	local
Mary Sproul	Jan 21, 1778	aft. 1825	died single	Locust Grove
Joseph Sproul	Aug 15, 1779	aft. 1822	Rachael Davis	Stanford, Lincoln Co, Ky
Oliver Sproul	Dec 15, 1780	aft. 1825	Mary Davis	Frankfort, Ky
Martha Sproul	Dec 10, 1782	1859	Robert Hutcheson	Brownsburg, Va
John Sproul	Mar 28, 1784	1749	Matilda King Scott	Locust Grove
Fanny Sproul	Jan 29, 1786	1867	Thomas Thompson	Swoope, Va
Samuel Sproul	Jul 19, 1789	bef. 1817, while finishing education		Locust Grove
Charles Sproul	Sep 28, 1792	1817	Margaret Humphreys	Frankfort, Ky
James	1738	1807		had heirs, Augusta Co, Va
James Jr			m. Mary Hunter 1795, Rev Arch Scott	
Anne Ewing			Thomas Deverick 1815	
Mary Ewing			George K. Harris 1820, (2) Isaac Johns -> Illinois	
Other Heirs				
Fanny Ewing		bef 1818	_____Ewing	had heirs
Jean Ewing Charlton	1781	1855	Joseph Charlton, 1807	Line to Present Available
Oliver Charlton	1810	1888		
Thomas Charlton	1812	1888		
Frances Charlton			single	
James Ewing Charlton		Wilda Bell Boslee		
Letty Charlton	1818	aft 1880		
Jane Charlton	1820	aft 1870	single	
Joseph P. Charlton	1822	1858	Lydia Keeney	
Other Heirs				
Sidney McNutt ~1761	bef 1818	Lt. James McNutt, 1781		had heirs, Ohio
James McNutt	~1780	aft. 1833	Mary Laverty	
Joseph McNutt	~1781	aft. 1833		Ohio
John McNutt	~1783	aft. 1833	_____ Rossel	Ohio
(Female) McNutt	1783		James Blair	Illinois
Ewing McNutt	~1787	bef. 1829	Mary _____	Indiana
Samuel H. McNutt	1788	aft. 1833	Mary Susanna Blair, Susanna Jeffries	Indiana
Rhoda Lyle McNutt	1789		Michael Blair, 1833	Illinois
Frances(Fanny)McNutt	~1800	bef. 1833	Samuel Blair	Illinois
Jane McNutt	1798	aft. 1833	Michael Blair, 1816	Illinois
Oliver McNutt	~1801	1854	Mary Jordan, 1821	Indiana
Nancy McNutt	1803	1860	John Martin Laverty	Iowa
Samuel		1815	Isabella McNutt, 1790	Monroe Co
Joseph		aft 1847	Martha	
Sidney	1791	~1855	___ Alford	Lewis Co, Mo
Oliver	1796	1886	Mary (Polly) Legg	Lewis Co, Mo
Thomas B.	1835	1886	Mary E. Jones	
Charles	1847	1932	Mary Graham	
Robert				
John	1797	1842	Isabelle Berry Matthews, 1829	Lewis Co, Mo
Susan Jane	1831	1860	John Mell Howell	
Joseph Howell	1852	1916	Mary C. Shouse	
Joseph	1822		Monroe Co	
Sidney Nelson	~1789		William Nelson, 1818	
Margaret Nelson				
Frances (Fanny)	1790	~1865		Monroe Co
James	~1792	1833	Elizabeth Massy, 1797	
John	1793	~1865		Monroe Co
Oliver	est 1799	1847		Monroe Co
Joseph	~1805			
William	1811	1849 Mo.	Elizabeth Creacy	Lewis Co, Mo
Benjamin F.	1845	1933 Ill.	Anna Eliza Herring	
Ella Katherine	1872	1912 Mo.		"Giantess" (8 ft 4 in. tall)
George Henry	1849		Caroline Martin	
Florence Eva			Schofield	
Samuel J.	1850		Nancy Mell	
John D.	~1890		Elizabeth	
Robert		1826		Monroe Co
Samuel	1819	bef 1847	Jane	Lewis Co, Mo
John		bef 1818	Sarah Davis, 1787	had heirs
Heirs				
William "Turkey Bill"		Feb. 1818		no heirs, Monroe Co
Jean Patterson		1830	Matthew Patterson	no heirs

## 1.4 Land of Settler James Ewing of Monroe County

The Monroe County settled by James Ewing prior to 1782 was not formally recorded and granted to him by the Commonwealth of Virginia until 1787. At that time the land was part of Greenbrier County. This land is readily found at the junction of the Indian and Turkey creeks about 3 miles south of Union, county seat of Monroe County, along Rt 219 and a little above the old Indian Creek covered bridge.

1787	<b>James Ewing, Sr. and Francis McNutt</b> adj Wm Shanks and Alex. Clark . by virtue of a certificate in right of settlement ( <i>meaning they were there prior to 15 June 1782</i> ) and in consideration of the ancient composition of two pounds sterling." dated 9 May 1787... in the County of Greenbrier on the waters of Indian Creek ... and on the bank of Turkey Creek, 380 acres ( <i>copy available</i> )	Indian and Turkey Creeks	Greenbrier
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Prior land grants of others recognized his land as being adjacent:

1785	<b>Alexander Clark:</b> adj lands of James Ewing, 330 acres	Indian Creek	Greenbrier
1785	<b>Francis McNutt:</b> adj land of Samuel Ewing, 250 acres	Indian Creek	Greenbrier

There were numerous land transactions by the family, recorded in Greenbrier and then Monroe counties.

Date	Ewing	Location	Acreage	Bk	Pg	Co
1785	Samuel	Indian	350	1	74	Gr
1787	James, Sr et al	Indian Creek	380	1	268	Gr
1795	William & Joseph	Swoopes Knob	170	3	180	Gr
1796	William	County Line	170	3	198	Gr
1801	William	Swoopes Knob	210	1	10	M
1822	Joseph	Turkey	32	1	358	M

## 1.5 Additional Records of James Ewing of Monroe County

There are hundreds of records of the Monroe James Ewing family in the libraries and court houses of Augusta, Botetourt, Greenbrier, and Monroe counties. Most of these await investigation, correlation, and analysis. While Chalkley's *Chronicles* seem to note items relating to Monroe James in 1779, there is a great deal of ambiguity in many of the references to "James Ewing." Many of the Augusta County records refer to Capt James and North Mountain James. Greenbrier records may refer to either Pocahontas or Monroe James. And the strays such as those from the Frederick County William Ewing family occasionally further confuse the records. Greenbrier County surveys in the now Monroe County area note James and Samuel as early as 1780.

**Appendix B** contains a listing of several hundred references thought to pertain to the Monroe James Ewing family for further investigations. Also the records of Botetourt County from 1770 to 1778 and Greenbrier County from 1778 to 1799 still contain a wealth of undiscovered information on this family.

## 1.6 Summary of References

Primary source documentation exists for all items in bold:

Monroe County , WV, Court House Records:

- <sup>1</sup> – **Oliver Ewing will 1818, prob 1823**
- <sup>1a</sup> – **Oliver Ewing appraisal, 1823**
- <sup>2</sup> – **William Ewing will 1816, prob 1818**
- <sup>3</sup> – **Oliver Ewing 1847 will**
- <sup>4</sup> – **Samuel Ewing 1815 appraisal,**
- <sup>5</sup> – **Joseph Ewing 1822 appraisal**
- <sup>6</sup> – **Robert Ewing 1826 sale/settlement**
- <sup>7</sup> – **James Ewing 1833 appraisal/Sale**

Other Primary Sources:

- <sup>8</sup> – **Greenbrier County , WV, CH Records – Original Marriage Bonds and Consents (with Greenbrier Historical Society)**
- <sup>9</sup> – **William & Susanna Sproul Family Bible**
- <sup>10</sup> – **Airy Knoll Cemetery Gravestone**
- <sup>11</sup> – **North Mountain Meeting House Cemetery Gravestone**
- <sup>12</sup> – **Monroe County Order Book A – 1813 sale from Joseph and Martha Ewing to John McNutt**
- <sup>13</sup> – **Augusta County Will Book – 1806 James Ewing Appraisal**
- <sup>14</sup> – **Greenbrier Co Marriage Record – 1781 Sidney Ewing & James McNutt**
- <sup>15</sup> – **Monroe County Marriage Bonds**
- <sup>16</sup> – **Monroe County Deed Book G – 1820 deeds note John and Robert as sons of Samuel Ewing dec'd**
- <sup>17</sup> – **Monroe County, WV, Court House Records - *Jean Patterson 1814 Will***

Secondary documentation sources:

- <sup>20</sup> – Ewing, Nancy Hank and Powell, Barbara Ewing. ***James Ewing-Pioneer***,
- <sup>21</sup> – **handwritten *family tree of Monroe Ewings in Lewis Co, Mo.*** in Dr. Wallace Ewing papers
- <sup>22</sup> – Morton, Oren – *A History of Monroe Co, West Virginia*
- <sup>23</sup> – DAR, First Marriage Records of Augusta Co, Va. 1784-1813 {Rev Archibald Scott, minister of North Mtn Meeting House}
- <sup>24</sup> – Chalkley, Lyman. ***Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia***

– Full family line genealogical documentation:

- <sup>27</sup> – Sproul, William. ***Early Western Virginia Sproul Family***. [www.sproulfamily.net](http://www.sproulfamily.net)
- <sup>28</sup> – Bess-Boswell, Mary. ***Descendants of Joseph Perry Charlton***
- <sup>29</sup> – Cooper, Laura. ***McNutt Family of Monroe County, WV***. [www.mcnuttfamily.org](http://www.mcnuttfamily.org)

Other:

- <sup>Cen</sup> – Census data
- ~ – Estimated date

## 2 The James Ewing Family of Pocahontas County, West Virginia

James Ewing, born in 1721 and early settler of Pocahontas County, was the fifth child of John Ewing of Carnashannagh, Ireland and his second wife Janett McElvaney. His brother John had a son Joshua who also settled nearby on land originally assigned to his uncle James and is the subject of Chapter 3. The background of the John of Carnashannagh family is well documented in Evelyn Jones Ewing's *Ewings of Shenandoah Valley Virginia*<sup>1</sup> and more detail of this family is presented in Margaret Ewing Fife's *Ewing in Early America*<sup>2</sup>.

James Ewing was an early pioneer to the Jackson River and Greenbrier River areas of what is now western Virginia and West Virginia. His earliest recorded date is for a land survey, 254 acres on the Jackson River at Muddy Run in 1746, so he must have been there by then, but probably not long before as that area was just being surveyed and opened following the 30,000 acre grant to Andrew and Thomas Lewis in 1743. He later moved about 19 miles further westward to settle and establish the name Ewing Creek (now known as Knapps Creek). He is noted in a 1751 survey there with a call "over the top of Ewing's house". This is in the area near today's town of Marlinton in Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

In 1770 James turned over his claim to Moses Moore for a steel trap and £2. This is the last known transaction involving James Ewing. His inventory was filed in 1801 in Bath County so he lived to 80 years of age. His inventory included only a horse, gun, saddle, and some clothes and blankets. His children were by then long grown and off on their own.

James had ten children, born from 1741 to 1772. These children and their children are listed in the following table, which should be helpful in identifying persons associated with various records. Included are a few more James Ewings' to compound our confusion. Note also that there are brothers John and William. These brothers appear to have had local contact with similarly named John and William Ewing brothers both of the Frederick County and Monroe County Ewing families.

One daughter, Ann, married Archibald Clendenin who was killed in a 1763 raid by Indians of Chief Cornstalk's Shawnee tribe. Ann, two of her children, and her brother John were taken captive. Ann escaped but one of her children was killed as the Indians attempted to lure her back. John and his niece Jane were taken to an Ohio area where they remained with the Indians for nearly two years before being released to return. John was known as "Indian John" thereafter. Most of the family moved to Gallia Co, Ohio in 1810.

A great deal has been written about this family in Nancy Hank Ewing's *James Ewing – Pioneer*<sup>3</sup>. Wally Ewing presents some interesting family history in his *The Ewings: One American Family*<sup>4</sup>. There is a continuing debate as to whether or not this James Ewing married a second wife, Sarah Edwards, and raised another five children, as shown herein.

<sup>1</sup> - Ewing, Evelyn Jones. *Ewings of the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia*, Journal of Clan Ewing, Vol 13, No 3, August 2007

<sup>2</sup> - Fife, Margaret Ewing (ed. James R. McMichael). *Ewing in Early America, Ch. XI, John Ewing of Carnashannagh*\*

<sup>3</sup> - Ewing, Nancy Hanks (ed. Barbara Ewing Powell). *James Ewing – Pioneer*\*

<sup>4</sup> - Ewing, Dr. Wallace. *The Ewings: One American Family*

\* - available online through EFA Reading Room

## Descendants of James Ewing of Pocahontas County, WV

From Wallace K. Ewing ,WFT Site

	<u>born</u>	<u>died</u>	<u>married</u>
<b>James (Pocahontas)</b>	1720, America	1801, Va.	
<b>Sarah Mays, 1st wife:</b>			
<b>Ann Janett</b>	1741	1817, Greenbrier Co	Archibald Cledennin (1 <sup>st</sup> )
John		1763, Poca Co	
Jane	1757, Aug Co	1834, Christian Co, Ky	
James	1760	1763, Poca Co	
			John Rogers (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Nancy Ann Rogers	1768, Greenbrier Co	1768, Greenbrier Co	
Archibald Rogers	1770		
James Rogers	1773		
<b>Susan Jane</b>	1743, Greenbrier Co	Moses Moore	
Aaron	1792, Poca Co	1839, Poca	
<b>John (Indian John)</b>	1747, Va	1824, Gallia Co	Ann Smith
William	1774, Aug Co	1858, Poca Co	
Susanna	1776, Poca Co	1855, Van Buren Co, Ia	Stephen Holcomb
John Smith	1778, Poca Co	1837	
Jane Jennet	1780, Poca Co	1855, Jackson Co	
Sarah Sallie	1783, Aug Co	1850, Gallia Co	
Nancy Ann	1785, Aug Co	1858, Oh	
Andrew	1787, Aug Co	1868, Gallia Co	
Elizabeth	1788, Aug Co	1853-60, Gallia Co	
Lydia	1792, Bath Co	1872, Harrison Co, Mo	
Samuel	1795, Bath Co	1855, Van Buren Co, Ia	
<b>Elizabeth</b>	1750		George Daugherty
<b>William (Swago Bill)</b>	1756, Bath Co	1822, Gallia Co	Mary McNeill, 1785
Elizabeth	1787, Poca Co	1852, Gallia Co	
Thomas	1788, Poca Co	1874, Gallia Co	
Jonathan	1790, Poca Co	1850, Gallia Co	
William	1792, Poca Co	1847, Gallia Co	
James	1793, Poca Co	1824, Gallia Co	
John	1795, Poca Co	1827, Jackson Co, Ill	
Sarah Jane	1797, Poca Co	1827	
Enoch	1799, Poca Co	1885, Hillsdale Co, Mi	
Jacob	1802, Poca Co	1878, Hancock Co., Ill	
Abram McNeel	1804, Bath Co	1891, Gallia Co	
George A	1807, Bath Co	1883, Gallia Co	
Andrew	1809, Poca Co	1885, Wayne Co, Ia	
<b>Sarah Edwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> wife</b>		1818	
<b>James Jr</b>	1758, Bot Co	1810	Unk (1 <sup>st</sup> )
John S	1785, Tn	1847, Logan Co, Ill	
James	1787		
Edy Margaret	1798, Va	bef 1870, White Co, Ill	
Ruthy	1787		
Ruben B	1801, Tn	1875	Ladovesey Ladusa Dillard (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
William P.	1802, Ky	1864, Clark Co, Ar	
Alfred	1805, Tn	aft 1880	
Melinda	1806, Smith Co, Tn		
Sarah	1808		
Nancy	1809		
<b>Edward</b>	1762	1780, SC	not married
<b>Mary</b>	1763		William Sexton
<b>Sarah Sallie</b>	1765		
<b>Robert J.</b>	1772	1844	Elizabeth Booker
Robert W	1808, Ky	1877, Neosho Co, Ks	

### 3 Joshua Ewing of Locust Creek at Greenbrier River

Joshua Ewing is the grandson of John Ewing of Carnashannagh, Ireland and son of John Ewing. Thus, Joshua is a nephew of James Ewing of Pocahontas County of Chapter 2, and came to live near the Greenbrier River on land originally assigned to his uncle James. The background of the John of Carnashannagh family is also well documented in Evelyn Jones Ewing's *Ewings of Shenandoah Valley Virginia*<sup>1</sup> and a great deal of detail of this Joshua Ewing family is presented in Margaret Ewing Fife's *Ewing in Early America*<sup>2</sup>. Around 1729, John Ewing of Carnashannagh, at age 81, came to America with his large family and settled in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Several of his children, including William Ewing, ancestor of the Stephens City Ewings, moved onward by the Great Philadelphia Wagon Road to the better land opportunities of the Shenandoah Valley. After John Ewing, father of Joshua, was killed by a male servant in 1736 in Chester County, his brother William Ewing and brother-in-law David Jenkins were named guardians and trustees of Joshua and his brother Thomas until they were twenty-one.

#### *Grandparents of Joshua Ewing -*

**John Ewing of Carnashannagh** 1648-1745  
 m. (2<sup>nd</sup>), **Janet McElvaney**, 1701

#### *Parents of Joshua Ewing -*

**John Ewing** 1703-1736  
 m. **Sarah Jenkins**

**Thomas Ewing** ca 1732 deaf mute

**Joshua Ewing** 1733-1810

#### *Joshua Ewing Family -*

	<u>born</u>	<u>died</u>	
<b>Joshua Ewing</b>	1733	1810	buried at Little Levels
m. <b>Eleanor</b> , 1759			

#### *Children of Joshua and Eleanor*<sup>3</sup> -

**Rebecca**

m. **John Collins**

**Elonor**

m. **Abraham Hawks**, 1802<sup>4</sup>

**Mary**

m. **Samuel Curry Jr.**

**Hannah**

m. **Collins**

**Arron**

m. **Elineor Bartley**

**John**

**Elijah**

**Joshua**

**Moses**

m. **Peggy Brown**

**Sarah**

m. **Alexander Stevenson**, 1778<sup>4</sup>

**Agnes**

m. **John Stevenson**

The earliest record we find for Joshua Ewing in the Augusta county area is in the 1763 estate sale of Nap Gregory, one of the earliest settlers to what is now Pocahontas County. The first land record of Joshua is a 1774 survey of 270 acres on the north side of the Greenbrier, at Little Levels near Locust Creek. In 1775, Joshua is noted in the list of tithables of the Little Levels area of Botetourt County along with William and John Ewing. These may have been sons of Pocahontas James Ewing since Joshua was located on Locust Creek, about 12 miles below Slago Creek where William and John Ewing held land. But other cousins, William and John Ewing, sons of William of Stephens City were also in the area. At this point there were actually three sets of Ewing brothers in this area named William and John: the sons of Pocahontas James, Frederick William, and Monroe James. Joshua appears to have been reasonably prosperous. The Greenbrier Historical Society Journal notes that Joshua held 500 acres of land in 1783 and the Greenbrier County Tax List of that year shows him as having 9 horses and 17 cows.

Joshua Ewing was buried in the Ewing Cemetery, an acre of land which he gave as a public burying ground, located about ¼ mile from the Greenbrier River about a mile above the mouth of Locust Creek in an area that became the Rhea place. Said to be buried there are Catherine Rhea, W. E. Ewing, Robert

Rhea, and J. E. Ewing (Joshua). {Although the cemetery was overgrown in 2007 to the point that I could not locate the Ewing stones, the Rhea stones were visible; wws}

<sup>1</sup> - Ewing, Evelyn Jones. *Ewings of Shenandoah Valley Virginia. Journal of Clan Ewing*, Vol 13, No 3, Aug 2007

<sup>2</sup> - Fife, Margaret Ewing, *Ewing in Early America*, Ch XI - *John Ewing (1648-1745) of Carnashannagh*.

<sup>3</sup> - *Bath County, Virginia, Will Book 1*, p.471, Will of Joshua Ewing, - lists wife and 11 children above

<sup>4</sup> - Greenbrier Co, WV - *Marriage Records* – Greenbrier Historical Society Archives

Year	Records Related to Joshua Ewing of Locust Creek
1763	<b>Augusta Co Will Book 3</b> , p.292.--26th September, 1763. Naphtalim Gregory's appraisement and settlement of estate recorded--Debts due the estate, by James Rusk, Jno. Rusk, Jno. Martin's estate. Account of sales on 13th September, 1763--To Jas. Williams, Michael Weaver. Wm. Fitzjarrell, Thos. Kirkpatrick, Richd. Morrison. Jno. Jordan, <b>Joshua Ewing</b> . Articles kept in hands of widow Mary--Some hooks. Paid Jno. Humphries.
1763	Samuel Curry Jr was born circa 1760. He married Mary Ewing Curry. Mary was born circa 1763 in Botetourt Co, VA. Mary was the daughter of Joshua Ewing and Eleanor Ewing. Samuel's will was probated 14 May 1823 in Gallia Co, OH.
1774	<b>Botetourt County, VA. Book of Surveys</b> , Vol 1, Pg 11. Survey of 270 acres for Joshua Ewing on the North side of the Greenbrier River - c*
1775	Stinson, Helen. <b>Tithables in Greenbrier Co 1775 in Botetourt Co Va Records</b> March & April 1775, Little Levels: Joshua Ewing, William Ewing, John Ewing
177x	<b>Greenbrier County Surveyor's Land Book One, from 1750</b> p.4 177x Joshua Ewing 250 ac Little Levels assignee of Samuel Ewing {Note: only known Samuel Ewing in this area and time was the son of James Ewing of Monroe Co.}
1780	Shuck, Larry. <b>Greenbrier County, West Virginia Records, Vol 1 – Early Survey Records/Early Court Records</b> p.2 Joshua Ewing 250 ac Little Levels adj Wm Idings, by settlement assignee James Ewing
1783	Shuck, Larry. <b>Greenbrier County, West Virginia Records, Vol II – Property Tax Lists 1782/3, 1786/7, 1792, 1796, 1799</b> 1782/3 Greenbrier Co Va Tax List Ewing tithes horses cows year Joshua 1 9 17 1783
1783	<b>Greenbrier Historical Society Journal – Vol. 1, No. 1, Aug 1963, p. 17</b> <i>Land Owned in Greenbrier at the End of the Revolutionary War</i> 1783 Joshua Ewing 500 acres
1784	Stinson, Helen. <b>Land Entry Book 1780-1786 – Greenbrier Co, WV</b> , p.93 Joshua Ewing, assignee of James Clerk, enters 100 acres adj land of the said Ewing at a place called Locust Bottom
1783	Sims, Edgar. <b>Index to Land Grants in West Virginia</b> , Greenbrier Co, WV Ewing, Joshua 250 ac Little Levels 1783 Greenbrier
1792	Ewing, Joshua 250 ac Locust Creek 1792 Greenbrier
1797	Ewing, Joshua 150 ac Little Levels 1797 Bath
1811	<b>Ewing Cemetery</b> – Located on the Rhea place, about 1/4 mile from the Greenbrier River just east and pretty close to Denmar Correctional Facility. There is a small abandoned church right across the road from it. The land was originally willed as one acre of public burying ground by Joshua Ewing who was on the land when it was still not open for settlement. He patented the land, and it has passed through a least a couple hands, one of which was the Rhea's. This is the only information currently available: Catherine Rhea, W. E. Ewing, Robert Rhea, J. E. Ewing (Joshua) {This cemetery, near the mouth of Locust Creek, was heavily overgrown but fenced when visited in 2007}
1811	Will of Joshua Ewing - <b>Bath County, VA. Will Book 1</b> , p.471. Probated April 1811. Mentions: wife - Elonor d – Rebecca d – Elonor Hawks, Mary Curry d – Hannah Collins s – Arron s – John , Elijah, Joshua, and Moses d – Sara and Agnes Stevenson
1811	Inventory of Joshua Ewing - <b>Bath County, VA. Will Book 1</b>

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## 4 Capt. James Ewing Family of Staunton, Virginia

The origins of this James Ewing have not been established and there are probably no surviving lines. However, from the DAR records of the Glebe Burying Grounds gravestones<sup>2</sup> and the will of Capt James<sup>3</sup>, the names and dates of this family are known.

<i>Parents of Martha Wilson Ewing -</i>			<u>Age</u>
<b>Col John Wilson</b>	b. 1701	d. 1773	27 Years a Representative in the House of Burgesses 72
<b>Martha Wilson</b>	b. 1695	d. 10 July 1755	Wife of Col John Wilson 60
<i>Capt. James and Martha Ewing Family -</i>			
<b>James Ewing</b>		d. 16 Feb 1796	m. Martha Wilson 1 Nov 1761
<b>Martha Wilson Ewing</b>	b. 15 Feb 1741	d. 12 July 1828	wife of James 87
<b>Jane Ewing</b>	b. 4 Mar 1762	d. 26 Sept 1794	32
<b>Martha Ewin</b>	b. 14 Mar 1764	d. 21 July 1855	unmarried 91
<b>Sarah Ewing</b>	b. 8 Sept 1766	d. 7 Mar 1793	17
<b>John Ewing</b>	b. 13 Dec 1768	d. 3 June 1794	26
<b>William Ewing</b>	b. 9 May 1771	d. 17 June 1794	23
<b>James Ewing, Jr</b>	b. 18 April 1775	d. 6 June 1799	24
<b>Joseph Ewing</b>	b. 12 Oct 1775	d. 22 Sept 1835	m. Marlyn <sup>4</sup> 60
<b>Nancy Ewing</b>	b. 24 July 1780	d. 22 June 1798	18

All members of the Capt James Ewing family are buried in the Glebe Burying Grounds with the site and stones well-preserved today, although located in a somewhat remote woods near Middlebrook, Virginia. It is sad to note that almost all of this family died in the 1790s, two passing within days of each other in 1794 and seven altogether over a short five year period. By 1800 the survivors consisted only of Martha, wife of Capt James, a daughter Martha, and a son Joseph. Martha, the daughter, was unmarried. She used the name Ewin, both in her will and on her gravestone. Joseph is believed to have been married, but no survivors have been found. With the passing of Joseph at the age of 60 and Martha at 91, this Ewing line seems to come to an end. However, Martha did mention one unknown Ewing in her 1855 will: “*to the heirs of Rob Ewin,*” so perhaps there was some survivor of this line.

This James Ewing family mostly used the same given names as found in both the nearby and often confused Monroe and Pocahontas James Ewing families. Capt James’ signature appears on documents with the Monroe James and his daughter Martha’s will mentions many of the Monroe James family descendants who lived nearby. Still, there is no established family relationship.

The closest indication of a Ewing relationship found would be that these Ewings lived in close proximity to Susanna Ewing Sproul, daughter of James Ewing of Monroe County. The land that Capt James purchased in 1772 appears to be adjacent to the farm of William Sproul and Susanna Ewing Sproul, Martha lived in nearby Middlebrook, and James Jr owned lot #8 in Middlebrook. Archibald Alexander Sproul and his brother William Scott Sproul, grandchildren of Susanna, bought 94 acres of Martha's land also adjacent the Sproul farm in 1855 after she died. Of great significance is that Martha Ewing, a wealthy woman, in her 1855 will left the predominance of her wealth to various members of the Sproul family. This may indicate a familial relationship with the Monroe Ewing family or, perhaps also, that there were just no remaining survivors of the Capt James line.

<sup>2</sup> *Glebe Burying Grounds, 1749*, DAR Booklet, pub 1934.

<sup>3</sup> Augusta Co. VA Will Book 8, page 244, *James Ewing Will*, February 1795

<sup>4</sup> Augusta Co. VA Will Book 21, p.378 – 1837 Appraisal of estate of Joseph Ewing decd and Marlyn

In *James Ewing – Pioneer*<sup>5</sup>, Nancy Hanks Ewing gives a brief sketch of this family:

*Captain James Ewing, merchant of Staunton, was married to Martha Wilson, daughter of Colonel John and Martha Wilson, also of Staunton. The colonel was for 27 years a representative in the Virginia House of Burgesses in Williamsburg. Both he and his wife, Martha who died in 1755 are buried in the Glebe Burying Grounds, as are Captain James Ewing and his wife Martha and most of their children, several of whom died young.*

*Captain James' will is dated Feb 3, 1795 and proved Oct 18, 1796. His wife Martha is mentioned, also two sons, James and Joseph, two daughters, Martha and Nancy, and several slaves.*

This is basically the information from the family gravestones at the Glebe Burying Grounds. There are ten Ewings buried at the Glebe Burying Ground, all apparently of the immediate family of James and Martha Ewing. All ten are either mentioned in the 1796 will of James Ewing or were already dead at the time of his death. There were four family members already buried here at the time of James' death.

### Glebe Burying Grounds Records

Records of the Glebe Burying Grounds and its Capt James Ewing family gravestones come from two sources:

- *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia*, Extracted from the Original Court Records of Augusta County 1745-1800 by Lyman Chalkley, pub. 1912
- *Glebe Burying Grounds, 1749*, Stones copied by Major W.A.Murphy and Mrs. W.W.King, for Colonel Thomas Hughart Chapter of DAR, 1934.

*Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia*, Extracted from the Original Court Records of Augusta County 1745-1800 by Lyman Chalkley, pub. 1912.

Colonel John Wilson		d. in 1773, in the 72d year of his age, having served his country 27 years a representative in The Honorable House of Burgesses.
Martha Wilson,		d. July 10th, 1755, in the 60th year of her age. wife of Colonel John Wilson,
Martha Ewin,	b. February 15th, 1741;	d. July 12th, 1828. wife of James Ewin,
Martha Ewin,	b. March 14th, 1764;	d. July 21st, 1835.
Joseph Ewin,	b. October 24th, 1775;	d. September 22d, 1835.
James Ewing,	b. March 4th, 1762;	d. September 26th, 1794.
John Ewing,	b. December 13th, 1768;	d. January 3d, 1794.
Sarah Ewing,	b. September 8th, 1766;	d. March 7th, 1793.

*Glebe Burying Grounds, 1749*, DAR Booklet, pub 1934.

#### Parents of Martha Wilson Ewing -

Col John Wilson	27 Years a Representative in the House of Burgesses. 1701-1773	
Martha Wilson	b. 1695 -	d. 10 July 1755      Wife of Col John Wilson

#### James and Martha Ewing Family -

James Ewing		d. 16 Feb 1796	{Capt James Ewing}
Martha Ewing	b. 15 Feb 1741	d. 12 July 1828	wife of James Ewing,
Jane Ewing	b. 4 Mar 1762	d. 26 Sept 1794	
Martha Ewin	b. 14 Mar 1764	d. 21 July 1855	
Sarah Ewing	b. 8 Sept 1766	d. 7 Mar 1793	
John Ewing	b. 13 Dec 1768	d. 3 June 1794	
William Ewing	b. 9 May 1771	d. 17 June 1794	
James Ewing, Jr.	b. 18 April 1775*	d. 6 June 1779	{* - born 6 months apart?}
Joseph Ewing	b. 12 Oct 1775*	d. 22 Sept 1835	{* - born 6 months apart?}
Nancy Ewing	b. 24 July 1780	d. 22 June 1798	

<sup>5</sup> James Ewing - Pioneer, Nancy Hanks Ewing (ed. Barbara Ewing Powell), 1994 (found at [www.clanewing.org](http://www.clanewing.org))

The Chalkley record, while published earlier, is less complete and does not identify its source. The DAR record is more complete but contains a birth date conflict as well as conflicts with the Chalkley record.

### Corrections for Family Dates

There are definitive inaccuracies here, some caused by the difficulty in deciphering inscriptions such as noted in the DAR booklet. Another source of inaccuracies would be that many of the Ewing gravestones and inscriptions were not installed until after 1855. Martha's will, probated in 1855 provided, "*I direct that there shall be a decent head and foot stone placed at the grave of each of the family with a suitable inscription on each.*" That provision of Martha's will, executed more than 76 years after the first Ewing graves, may account for errors in the inscriptions such as the birth dates of the siblings James and Joseph being 6 months apart.

Additionally, there was another son, also named James Jr, who lived locally and died about 1799<sup>6</sup>. He was unmarried<sup>5</sup> and most certainly should have been buried here with all his family. This James Jr would have had to be born by 1777 to have been of age 18 to be named an executor of his father James' estate in 1795<sup>7</sup>. It seems most probable that the James Jr. gravestone which the DAR recorded actually refers to this James Jr and the record of his date of death should be 1799 rather the inscribed 1779<sup>8</sup>.

That leaves the problem of there being six month between sibling births of James Jr and Joseph. One of the birth dates must be wrong but there is no evidence as to which, so that conflict remains unresolved. The Chalkley record definitely has the Jane dates incorrectly attributed to James<sup>7</sup>. The foregoing rationale thus accepts the DAR record with the changed 1799 death date for James Jr and recognizes the conflict between the birth dates for James Jr and Joseph.

### James Ewing's Will<sup>9</sup>

#### 3 February 1795 - Augusta Co. VA Wills Book 8 page 244

*"To my beloved wife, Martha, 1/3 of all land as long as she lives and other household furnishings and slaves.*

*To my son James Ewing all lands that William Scott conveyed to me on the East Side of the land I now live on between lands of Philip Singer and James Hathorn and 200 acres joining on the S.W. of James Hathorn and Matthew Wilsons land in Beverly Manor (land to be located with warrant of 500 acres) and 1/2 of the still and 1/5 of the horses. .*

*To my son Joseph Ewing the Plantation I purchased of William Dean and now lives upon with 1/2 of the still and other plenishings etc. 1/5 of horses.*

*To daughter, Martha, one negro named Benjamin, 1/5 of horses and 1/3 of cattle and 1/3 household plenishings, etc.*

*To my daughter Nancy, one negro named Frank, 1/5 of the horses and 1/3 of cattle and 1/3 household plenishings.*

*I have a bond on Frances McCormick for £125 and land I purchased of John Williams on Gauley River to be sold and the money collected with that of McCormicks bond to pay last debts and remainder to be divided between wife, Martha and two daughters*

*See Land Entry Book-Greenbrier, Ky. page 68-Capt. Jas. Ewing warrant #2228, 1000 acres on branch Gauley.*

*Witnesses were: Robert Hanna, John McCutchen and William Wilson. Executors were to be Wife, Martha Ewing, John Wilson and Matthew Wilson, Jr. Matthew Wilson, Jr. asked to be excused and James Ewing, Jr. was made one of the Executors in his place. Mathew Wilson, Jr. called James Ewing "Captain Ewing."*

*/s/ James Ewing [Seal]*

*The will was probated on 18 October 1796".*

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<sup>6</sup> Augusta Co Deed Book 1A p.299. 2 April 1800 - James Ewing possessed a lot in Town of Middle Brook; No 9 in the plot. James Ewing died Intestate and Joseph Ewing, his brother, became the Regular Heir at Law to the Goods and Charttels of James Ewing. Joseph Ewing sells this lot to Jacob King for £15.

<sup>7</sup> Augusta Co Will Book VIII, p. 244 3rd February, 1795.

<sup>8</sup> I personally visited the Glebe in 2008 and verified that 1779 was the date on the James Jr. stone, and also that the DAR record of Jane was correct. {wws}

<sup>9</sup> Margaret Ewing Fife, *Ewing in Early America*, Ch XXVIII Supplement (found at [www.clanewing.org](http://www.clanewing.org))

**Augusta Co Record – Will Book VIII p.244. 3d February, 1795.**

- To wife, Martha, and children; after the two boys have received their part;
- to son, James, lands conveyed by William Scott adjoining Philip Osinger and James Hathorn, also 200 acres joining James Hathorn and Mathew Wilson in Beverley Manor;
- to son, Joseph, tract purchased of William Deen;
- to daughter, Martha
- to daughter, Nancy Ewing
- Executors, wife Martha, John Wilson, Mathew Willson, Jr.
- Teste: Robert Hanna, John McCutchen, Wm. Willson.
- Proved, 18th October, 1796, by the witnesses. Mathew Willson refuses in writing, others personally refused.
- Administration granted Martha Ewing, John Willson, James Ewing.

**James Ewing's Executors Statement**

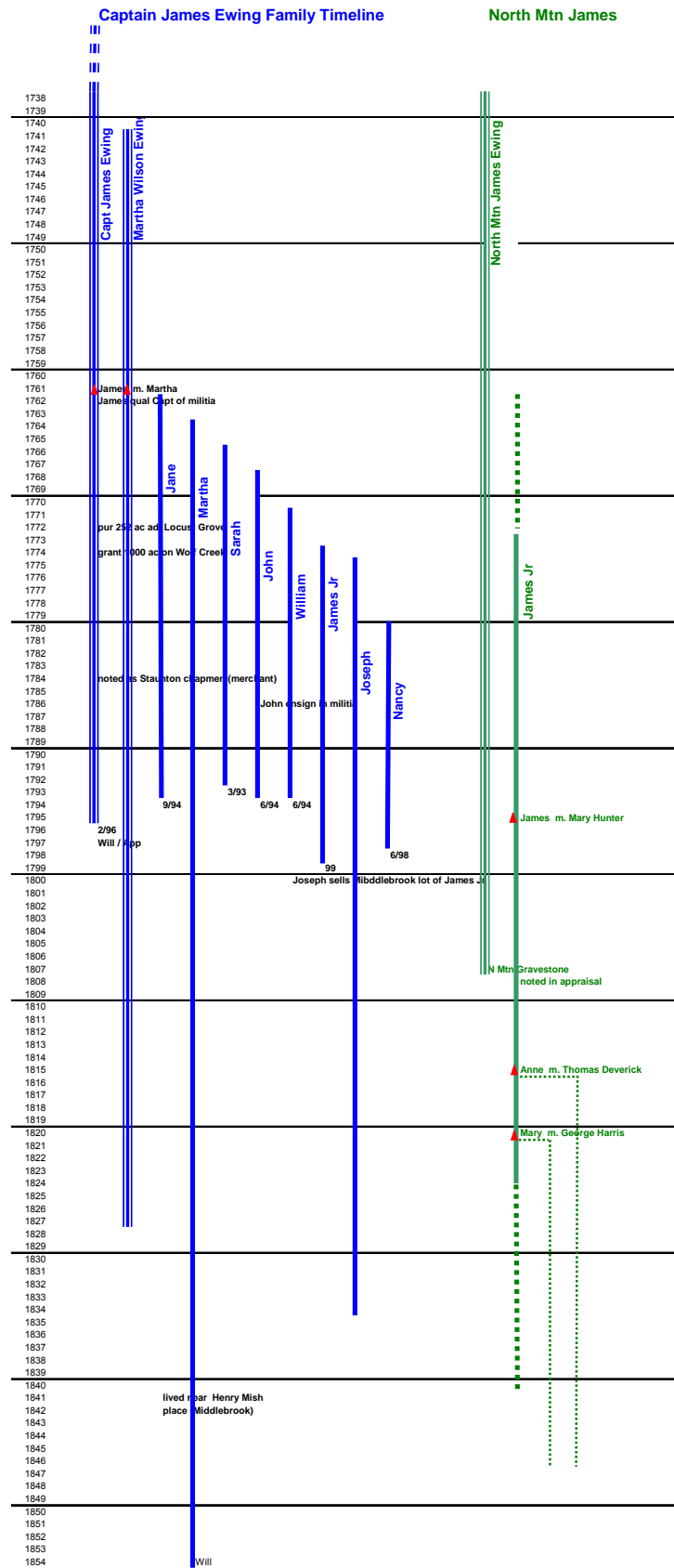
**Augusta Co Record – Will Book VIII, p.244. 3d February, 1795.**

The executor's statement by Mathew Wilson which is recorded after the will refers to preceding will of **Capt** James Ewing

Four children were alive at the time of Capt James' death. Nancy and James Jr died a few years later, leaving Joseph, and Martha. Joseph lived with his mother and died in 1835. Martha died in 1855.

**James Ewing of North Mountain Meeting House Cemetery**

Captain James and his family lived near Middlebrook, VA and were all buried at the Glebe Burying Grounds, all nearby the home of Susanna Ewing Sproul, daughter of James Ewing of Monroe County. Recently found at the nearby North Mountain Meeting House Cemetery is the grave of Susanna's brother James, another James who died ten years after Captain James. This James also had a son James Jr, so there were some four persons named James Ewing in that area of Augusta County at one time. This explains some of the conflicts and ambiguities such as where apparently duplicate records were actually referencing different persons. Having established that Captain James and his son James Jr died before 1800, subsequent references in that Augusta/Middlebrook area are generally to the North Mountain James family descendents of the Monroe County James. A timeline chart follows depicting the time-frame on these two James Ewing families.



**Timeline of Capt James Ewing and North Mountain James Families**

## Reference Notes – Capt James Ewing

While there are numerous persons named James Ewing in the Augusta County area, the numerous documented citations noted below are believed to be associated with the Capt James Ewing family. **Lyman Chalkley's *Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia*** has some 97 citations regarding Ewings which relate to at least six different Ewing families. About 36 of these that seem to be associated with Capt James Ewing of Staunton. {Chalkley's *Chronicles* may be found at [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~chalkley/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~chalkley/)}

Chlk Ref	Year	Records Presumed to be Associated with Capt James Ewing of Staunton
Ch2-276	1761	1761--November 1, <a href="#">James Ewing</a> ; {marriage license}
Ch1-98	1762	MAY 24, 1762. (253) <a href="#">James Ewing</a> qualified Captain of Militia.
Ch3-99	1767	WB3, p.33.--13th August, 1767. Charles Lockhart's estate appraisement, by <a href="#">James Ewing</a> , et al -To James Ward, Sr.
Ch3-101	1767	WB4, p.55.--13th November, 1767. Martha Patterson's estate appraised (by <a href="#">James Ewing</a> , John McPheeters, James McCleerey. John McCleerey).
Ch3-101	1768	WB4, p161.--9th September, 1768. Robert Wilson's will, farmer--To son, David, 260 acres I live on; wife; son, William (unmarried, infant) (?); daughter, Lettice, unmarried; daughter, Ann, unmarried; son, Robert, 105 infant (?); sons, Thomas. Samuel, James, have already had their shares. Executrix, wife Mary. Teste: Robert Mitchell, John Tate, Sr., John Tate, Jr. Proved, November 16th, 1768, by John Tate, John Tate, Jr. Mary Wilson qualified, with <a href="#">James Ewing</a> , William Crow, Arthur Graham.
Ch1-355	1769	MARCH, 1769 (A). <a href="#">James Ewing</a> vs. John Thompson.--Attachment. John Thompson, heir to Anthony and Robert Thompson, late of Pennsylvania. Captain John Willson, surety. Account as follows: "John Thompson, Dr. To your promise to pay me for your brother Robert."
Ch3-500	1770	DB16, p.391.--23d April, 1770. William ( ) McNabb and Martha ( ) to son, James McNabb, r10, 150 acres on North Fork of Christian's Creek in Beverley Manor; corner Alexander McFeeters; corner Samuel McNab's part of the tract. Teste: <a href="#">Jas. Ewing</a> , Alexander McFeeters, Samuel McNabb, John ( ) Campbell. Delivered: James McNab, June, 1780.
Ch3-115	1770	WB4, p.331.--3d August, 1770. John Brown's estate, appraised by <a href="#">James Ewing</a> , William McPheeters, John Buchanan.
Ch1-367	1771	MAY, 1771. William Davis vs. Joseph Scott.--Writ, 23d November, 1771. "Scott is now in Carolina, but expected in. <a href="#">Captain Ewing</a> is his uncle, where he resides when in Virginia."
	1772	1772, 13 February-Augusta Co., VA Deed Book 18 page 101. "William Dean to <a href="#">James Ewing</a> for 5 shillings paid by Ewing sold a tract of land containing 252 acres in Beverly Manor in Augusta Co., beginning at Hugh Davis line to James Trotters line to John McCutchions (sic) line on Nathan Lusks line back to Hugh Davis. Land part of 802 acres to Mary Dean late Mary Cook and to Jean and John Cook all descended to Mary Dean the only surviving heir." Signed only by William Dean. on page 103 dated 13 April 1775 Mary Dean releases her dower right. This is the land willed to son, Joseph, by the 1795 will of James Ewing. It had been recorded on 17 March 1772. /w/ Wm. Bowyer, Robt. Reed, Jno. Cawley, Dnl. Kidd {from Margaret Ewing Fife, <i>Ewing in Early America</i> , Ch XXVIII Supplement}
Ch3-517	1772	DB18, Page 101.-- February, 1772. William Dean and Mary ( ?) to <a href="#">James Ewing</a> , 252 acres part of 802 acres conveyed to said Mary Dean, late Mary Cook and to Jean and John Cook by Wm. Beverley, all which land descended to the said Mary Dean, she being the only surviving heir.
Ch1-367	1773	MARCH, 1773 (C). James Gamble vs. <a href="#">James Ewing</a> , Sr.--Petition. Writ, 28th May, 1772. Defendant is son-in-law to Colonel Wilson.
Ch3-210	1773	WBVIII, p.236. Mathew Willson, administrator to the legatees of Col. John Wilson {father-in-law of Capt James Ewing}, deceased, estate Dr.--A statement of the whole; 1773, paid, 18th April, to Patrick Crawford, legatee; 1772, paid, 14th December, to <a href="#">James Ewing</a> , legatee; 1774, paid, 20th April, to Wm. McKennan, legatee.
	1774	Virginia Land Office – Patents No 42 – Reel 41, p.518 Grant without fee to officers and private soldiers as had served in North America and are residing there, lands subject to ten years Quitrents and proved. That Alexander McClanahan, late a Lieutenant in the service of this colony is entitled to two thousand acres, one thousand acres thereof said Alexander hath assigned to <a href="#">James Ewing</a> and lying in the County of Botetourt on the branches of Wolf Creek, a branch of the Green Brier River, including the place in dispute between <a href="#">Ewing</a> and Mann. {this 1,000 acre land grant along Wolf Creek at the foot of Swoopes Knob in 1774 was assigned to the Staunton Capt James, not to James Ewing of Monroe CO.. When <a href="#">James of Augusta</a> County sold that parcel to James Byrnside in 1786 (Greenbrier County Deed Book 1, p. 16), he also executed a note stating "whereas the said 1000 acres of land is liable to the Dower of Martha the wife of the said Ewing, in case she survive him, the said Martha would relinquish and give all rights and Title to the same {Byrnside}." }
Ch3-150	1774	WB5, p.1.--19th November, 1774. David Cunningham's will--To wife, Ann, executrix; to son, David, executor; to son, Patrick, 1 shilling; to son, William, 1 shilling; to daughter, Ann, 1 shilling; to daughter, Mary, 1 shilling; to John, David, James, Alexander, Jane, Sarah, all estate. Teste: <a href="#">James Ewing</a> , <a href="#">Capt. James Ewing</a> . Proved, 17th March, 1778, by the witnesses. Executor qualified.

Chlk Ref	Year	Records Presumed to be Associated with Capt James Ewing of Staunton
Ch3-150	1774	WB5. p.4.--20th August, 1774. James Clark's will--To daughter, Jean Clark (Clok), 2 shillings; to daughter, Elizabeth Regh, 2 shillings; to daughter, Sarah Clok, 2 shillings; to son, John, 2 shillings; to son, James, 2 shillings; to son, William's heir, 2 shillings; to daughter, Ane Dunlap, 2 shillings; to son, Alexander, 2 shillings; to son, Samuel, 2 shillings; to son, Robert, 2 shillings; to daughter, Marget, 2 shillings; to wife, Elizabeth. Executors, wife, and son Wm. Regh. Teste: James and John McCleerey, <a href="#">James Ewing</a> . Proved, 17th March, 1778, by James McCreerey and <a href="#">Ewing</a> .
Ch3-146	1775	WB5, p.481.--4th June, 1775. Robert Campbell's will, farmer--To wife, Sarah, executrix, 390 acres home plantation; Hugh Fulton, son-in-law, executor; to daughter, Mary Richey, daughter Martha Kennedy; to daughter, Sarah Fulton; to Rebecca Crawford, daughter of James Crawford and Isabella Crawford, daughter of testator; to Isabella Crawford, daughter to George and Isabella above; to James Crawford's second wife, 5 shillings to be paid each by Isabella and Rebecca when they come of age; to daughter, Mary Richey, Wm. Kennady, and Hugh Fulton. (Date at end is 4th July, 1775.) Teste: Pat. Buchanan, <a href="#">James Ewing</a> , James Burnsides, Mathew Wilson. Proved, 18th March, 1777, by Buchanan and Wilson. Executors qualified.
Ch3-150	1778	WB5, p.16.--21st April, 1778. Recorded. David Cunningham's appraisement by <a href="#">James Ewing</a> , Samuel McCutchan, Wm. Hughes.
Ch3-158	1780	WB5, p.154. 23d September, 1780. Jacob Seccafoose's estate appraised by Mathew Willson, <a href="#">James Ewing</a> , Samuel McCutchen.
	1781	Abercrombie, Janice L.; Slatten, Richard. <i>Virginia Publick Claims - Augusta County</i> p.12 Augusts County Lists I, Feb-June 1781, (including adjacent names in list) <a href="#">James Ewing</a> 2 beeves £1180
	1782 1788	Sparacio, Ruth. <i>Augusta County, Virginia land tax books, 1782-1788, 1788-1790</i> Only land of Ewing seems to be <a href="#">Capt James and James Jr</a> (listed in both books)
	1783	Abercrombie, Janice L.; Slatten, Richard. <i>Virginia Public Claims - Augusta County</i> p.14 List I, p.9, 1783 <a href="#">James Ewing</a>
	1783	Shuck, Larry. Greenbrier County, WV Records, Vol 5, Deeds, 1770-1833 p.8 1783-4 <a href="#">James Ewing</a> , Assigner, 260 ac assigned to Robert Mitchell GrCo DB1 p.16, May 1786 Above deed followed by Note stating " <i>whereas the said 1000 acres of land is liable to the Dower of <a href="#">Martha the wife of the said Ewing</a>, in case she survive him, the said Martha would relinquish and give all rights and Title to the same {Byrnside}.</i> "
	1783	Stinson, Helen. <i>Land Entry Book – Greenbrier Co, WV, 1984</i> p.98 1783 <a href="#">Capt James Ewing</a> enters by virtue of a preemption warrant for 1,000 No 2228 on Williams River, a branch of Gauley River, to join his settlement and to extend both up and down the River
	1784	Abercrombie, James. <i>Virginia Revolutionary Publick Claims</i> , p.91 <a href="#">Ewing, James</a> 1784 Augusta Co Provisions Procured – 2 beeves 1180#
Ch1-381	1784	OCTOBER, 1784. Philip Benezet vs. <a href="#">James Ewing</a> .--Bond dated 10th February, 1761. I, <a href="#">James Ewing of Stanton Town, in Augusta County, in the Province of Virginia</a> , Chapman.
Ch3-574	1785	DB24, p. 113.--31st March, 1785. Patrick Cunningham and Jane, of Wilks County, Georgia, to John and David Cunningham. power attorney to convey tract which belonged to Alexander Cunningham in his lifetime to <a href="#">James Ewing</a> . Teste: Alexander McNutt, Wm. Hamilton, Med. Wood. Acknowledged before Wilks County Court 21st March, 1785, signed George Dalton, Chief Justice of Georgia. Attest: Benj. Catching. C. W. C.
Ch2-391	1786	20th June, 1786--Elizabeth Brown, administrator of Thomas Brown; Jas. Hogshead, <a href="#">Jno. Ewin, Jr.</a> , administrators of Robt. Hogshead; Alexander Scott, administrator of Thomas Scott; William Bowyer, administrator of Terissa Bowyer.
Ch3-579	1786	DB25, p.414.--20th September, 1786. William Scott, of Lincoln County, to <a href="#">James Ewing</a> . Delivered to <a href="#">Joseph Ewing</a> , son of the grantee, 4th January, 1800.
Ch3-590	1786	DB26, p.454.--12th June, 1786. Doctor John Jackson, of Washington County, Maryland, to Cap. John and David Cunningham, power of attorney to settle all claims and demands in Augusta County. Teste: <a href="#">James Ewing</a> , Lettice Cunningham.
Ch2-19	1786	Elizabeth Graham vs. <a href="#">James Ewing</a> and John Scott--Debt. Augusta, 21st October, 1790. Bond dated 7th October, 1786.
	1786	4.1.1.1.1.1.1 Greenbrier County Deed Books 1/16 1786 <a href="#">James Ewing</a> of Au Co to Byrnside 1000 ac on Wolf Creek
Ch1-246	1786	JUNE 20, 1786. (73) Admn. of estate of Robert Hogshead granted to James Hogshead and <a href="#">John Ewing</a> . Ann, the widow, appeared and refused to administer.
	1786	Shuck, Larry. Greenbrier County, WV Records, Vol 5, Deeds, 1770 p.11 1786 <a href="#">James Ewing</a> of Augusta Co land for £50 from James Byrnside of Greenbrier Co land granted to Alexander McClenahan in 1763 and is land in dispute between Ewing and Mann and is on Wolf Creek branch of Greenbrier River, beginning at the foot of Swoops Knob
Ch2-347	1787	1787, January 10th--By Rev. Archibald Scott: May 22d, <a href="#">John Ewing</a> and Sarah Davies;
	1787	DAR, Col. Thomas Hughart Chapter, First Marriage Record of Augusta County, Va., 1785-1813 1787 <a href="#">John Ewing to Sarah Davis</a> , Rev Archibald Scott
Ch1-249	1787	MAY 17, 1787. (283) John McCutchen recommended Captain, vice David Trotter, who is removed--and <a href="#">John Ewing, Ensign</a> .
	1787	Schreiner-Yantis, Netti, The 1787 Census of Virginia Augusta Co - <a href="#">Capt James Ewen and James Ewen (Jr?)</a> were in census 10 days earlier on Tax List A

Chlk Ref	Year	Records Presumed to be Associated with Capt James Ewing of Staunton
	1793	Shuck, Larry. Greenbrier County, WV Records, Vol 5, Deeds, 1770 p.29 1793 <a href="#">James Ewing</a> , ref James Ewing land dispute on branches of Wolf Creek/Greenbrier River
	1794	Shuck, Larry. Greenbrier County, WV Records, Vol 5, Deeds, 1770 p.28 1794 James Byrnside of Montgomery Co 1,000 ac to James Byrnside Jr of Greenbrier Co land formerly owned by Alexander McClenahan assigned to <a href="#">James Ewing</a> on Wolf Creek in dispute between Ewing and Mann
Ch2-318	1795	1795--June 24, Ezekiel Hopping and John Diddey, surety. Ezekiel Hopping and Fanny Cunningham, daughter of John Cunningham (consent). Teste: David Cunningham, Jr., <a href="#">James Ewing</a> .
Ch1-280	1795	JUNE 16, 1795. (315) John Shark recommended Ensign in 2d Battalion, vice <a href="#">John Ewing</a> , dead.
Ch3-210	1795	Aug Co WBVIII, p. 244 3d February, 1795. <a href="#">James Ewing's</a> will-- <a href="#">To wife, Martha</a> , and children; after the two boys have received their part; to <a href="#">son, James</a> , lands conveyed by William Scott adjoining Philip Osinger and James Hathorn, also 200 acres joining James Hathorn and Mathew Wilson in Beverley Manor; to <a href="#">son, Joseph</a> , tract purchased of William Deen; to <a href="#">daughter, Martha</a> ; to <a href="#">daughter, Nancy Ewing</a> . Executors, <a href="#">wife Martha</a> , John Wilson, Mathew Willson, Jr. Teste: Robert Hanna, John McCutchen, Wm. Willson. Proved, 18th October, 1796, by the witnesses. Mathew Willson refuses in writing, others personally refused. Administration granted <a href="#">Martha Ewing</a> , John Wellson, <a href="#">James Ewing</a> .
	1796	Aug Co WB 8, p.260 18 Oct 1796 – app personal estate of <a href="#">James Ewing</a> decd - \$1,844 Appr: John Cuningham, Dev Cuningham, William McCutchen
	1796 1797	Augusta Co -Will Book 8 <a href="#">Ewing, James {Capt}</a> 1796 – Will, p.244 <a href="#">Ewing, James {Capt}</a> 1797 – Appraisal, p.260
Ch3-211	1796	DB1, p.260.-- <a href="#">James Ewing's</a> appraisement taken 17th November, 1796, by John Cunningham, David Cunningham, Wm. McCutchan.
Ch2-27	1800	APRIL, 1800 James Burnside vs. John Wilson, <a href="#">Martha Ewing</a> , <a href="#">James Ewing</a> --James Burnside, of Montgomery County.
	1800	Augusta Co Deed Book 1A p.297 – 2 April 1800 - <a href="#">James Ewing</a> died Intestate and <a href="#">Joseph, his brother</a> , conveys his Middlebrook Lot #9 to Jacob King for £15.
	1800	Augusta Co Deed Book 1A p.299 2 April 1800 – Whereas <a href="#">James Ewing</a> Decd, late of Augusta County possessed a lot in Town of Middle Brook; No 9 in the plot... and whereas James Ewing died Intestate and Joseph Ewing, his brother, became the Regular Heir at Law to the Goods and Chartels of James Ewing. Joseph Ewing sells this lot to Jacob King for £15.
	1807	Second Marriage Record of Augusta County, Va. 1813-1850. 1807 <a href="#">Sarah Ewing to John Towell</a> Rev John Brown
	1812	BURIALS of WAR of 1812 VETERANS in VIRGINIA - Compiled by the War of 1812 Society in Virginia, <a href="#">EWING, Joseph</a> Private Glebe Burying Ground Rte 876/Augusta
	1828	Aug Co DB 50, p513 Joseph Ewing of Augusta Co to John Randolph for \$650 (Difficult to read)
	1828	Aug Co Deed Book 50 p.513 Assessment: <a href="#">Joseph Ewing</a> and John Randolph
	1835	Aug Co WB 21, p.6 1835 bond of John Sproul and Washington Swoope as admin for estate of <a href="#">Joseph Ewing</a>
	1837	Aug Co WB 21, p.378 Appraisal of the joint estate of <a href="#">Joseph Ewing</a> decd and <a href="#">Marlyn Ewing</a> including slaves by Wm Wilson, Wm Beard, Washington Swoope, John Shers
	1855	Aug Co DB 76, p.351 10 Sept 1855 – <a href="#">Martha Ewing</a> Estate to Randolph Turk and AB Light – 186 ac 1 mi N of Middlebrook
	1855	Aug Co DB 76, p387 10 Dec 1855 - <a href="#">Martha Ewen</a> estate to William S Sproul and Archibald A Sproul, 94 ac about 1 mi SW of Middlebrook (located at Locust Grove?) beginning on west side of Middlebrook & Brownsburg Tpk
	1855	Aug Co WB 34 p.518 <a href="#">Martha Ewin</a> Will – written 1849 – proved 27 Aug 1855 (have copy)
	1855	Aug Co WB 34, p.634 Real and Personal Estate of <a href="#">Martha Ewin</a>
	1855	Aug Co WB 35, p.104 Sale of Personal Estate of <a href="#">Martha Ewin</a>
	1855	Aug Co Will Book 34 p.518 – <a href="#">Martha Ewing</a> Will (see full will document)

### Will of Martha Ewing, signed Nov 23 1849, proved 27 Aug 1855

Augusta Co Court House – Will Book 34, p.518

Martha Ewing died in 1855 at the age of 91, the last survivor of the family of Capt. James and Martha. Her will shows she was fairly wealthy, but reveals little in Ewing family relationships. Her strongest connections seem to be with the Middlebrook Sproul family, who are the children and grandchildren of Susanna Ewing of the Monroe James Ewing family. While no actual family relationship has ever been found between the Staunton and Monroe Ewing families, Martha lived in close proximity to the Sproul

family and Martha's own family relatives appear to have all died twenty years before her death. The 36 items of her will are listed below, grouped by family relationships that have been identified.

<b>Martha Ewin – 1855 Will – Identifying some beneficiaries</b>	<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Will Item</b>
<b>Ewin and Willson Families</b>	Martha's father was Capt James Ewing. Martha's mother (also Martha) parents were Colonel John and Martha Wilson, of Staunton.	
the heirs of Rob Ewin the sum of Two Hundred Dollars		19
One Thousand Dollars to Matthew Willson		6
Two bonds of One Hundred Dollars each one on John P. Willson dated 19 <sup>th</sup> of Feb 1844 and one on Jas S Willson		10
One Hundred Dollars to James S Willson		12
John P. Willson One Hundred Dollars.		13
Thomas Willson One Hundred Dollars.		14
the widow of Dr. Wm Willson of the State of Ohio the sum of One Hundred Dollars		15
Martha Willson the sum of Twenty Dollars, which I direct shall be retained by my executor for her benefit.		24
<b>Sproul Family</b>		
Two Thousand Dollars to the heirs of John Sproul decd	Son of Settler William Sproul	4
Fifteen Hundred Dollars to William Beard	Son of Sidney Sproul (dau of Settler William) and Joseph Beard and mar to a Jane Ewing	5
William Beard the sum of Four Hundred Dollars, in addition to the bequest of Fifteen Hundred Dollars before made making in all the sum of Two Thousand Dollars	Son of Sidney Sproul (dau of Settler William) and Joseph Beard and mar to a Jane Ewing	25
the residue of my estate, share and share alike to Matilda K Sproul and her children and to Wm Beard and his heirs forever.	Wife of John Sproul, above	36
One Hundred Dollars to Martha Hutchenson widow of Robert Hutchenson decd	Dau of Settler William Sproul	8
Fanny Thompson wife of Thomas Thompson the sum of One Hundred Dollars	Dau of Settler William Sproul, buried in the Glebe	9
Martha A Sproul the sum of One Hundred Dollars	Dau of John Sproul, above	26
William White the sum of One Hundred Dollars.	Husband of Fanny, Dau of Settler William Sproul	31
Mary Sheltman the sum of One Hundred Dollars	Dau of Martha Sproul Hutchenson, Dau of Settler William Sproul	32
Martha Moffet the sum of Fifty Dollars	Dau of Martha Sproul Hutchenson, Dau of Settler William Sproul	33
Polly Bell the sum of Fifty Dollars.	Dau of Emeline Sproul, dau of John Sproul, above. Mary Bell living with Martha with in 1850.	23
Mary Jane McCutchon the sum of Ten Dollars to be applied to her schooling.	Perhaps dau of Margaret, dau of Settler William Sproul	35
William Franklin Steele the sum of Twenty Dollars.	<i>Perhaps bro of Lizza Steele Hutchenson</i>	18
<b>Other Persons</b>		
Rev James McKennon the sum of Four Hundred Dollars		7
Rev James McKennon the sum of Two Hundred Dollars		11
Wm Cale the sum of Twenty Dollars to be applied to the schooling of his daughter called for me (Martha Ann).		16
John Cale (son of Peter) the sum of Twenty Dollars		30
Jane Argenbright, wife of Augustine, the sum of Twenty Dollars		21
in trust to John Argenbright for the benefit of his mother to be paid as her necessities may require Thirty Dollars.		29
Henry Mish Twenty Dollars to be applied to the schooling of his daughter called for me.	Martha lived near the Mish place.	17
Nancy Dunlap the sum of Twenty Dollars		20
George Crawford the sum of One Hundred Dollars		27
John Crawford (father of George) One Hundred Dollars		28
Elizabeth Harris the sum of Thirty Dollars		34

<b>Other Items</b>		
a decent head and foot stone placed at the grave of each of the family with a suitable inscription on each.		2
Fifty Dollars as a permanent fund the interest of which is to be applied to keeping in repair of the grave yard at the Glebe.		22
It is my will and desire all my estate real and personal of every description, shall be sold by my executor as soon after my decease		3
all my just debts funeral charges etc, to be paid		1
<b>Executor/Bondsmen</b>		
Executor -	Washington Swoope	
Bondsmen -	James Bumgardner William S. Sproul Samuel Bell	Father of Eugene E, wife of A A Sproul, son of John Sproul, above Son of John Sproul, above Husband of Emeline Sproul, dau of John Sproul, above