

Family Record of William Jolliffe and Lydia Hollingsworth, his wife. Married 1750.

John Jolliffe, born June 18, 1751,

Phœby Jolliffe, born December 15, 1752; died when  
eighteen months old;

Gabriel Jolliffe, born May 19, 1755; died December 22,  
1762;

Phœby Jolliffe (second), born February 12, 1758.

William Jolliffe, son of William and Phœby Jolliffe, came with his father and brothers James and Edmund to the valley of Virginia about the year 1743. (Just where his father's home was is uncertain, he being a lawyer practising in the courts east and west of the Blue Ridge. It may have been on a five-hundred-acre tract of land<sup>1</sup> situated near Opecquon Creek, north of the present town of Winchester and adjoining the lands of Alexander Ross,<sup>2</sup> which land was in his possession as late as 1760.) He was born about the year 1720 or 1721, and joined the Friends' Society at an early age. The

<sup>1</sup> In Land Office, Richmond, Virginia: "To Mr. William Jolliffe Junr. of Frederick Co. 'a certain Tract of waste and ungranted Land in the said County, whereon he now lives and bounded as by a survey thereof made (on behalf of Lydia Ross, now wife to the said William Jolliffe Junr.) by Mr. William Baylis, as followeth. Beginning at a white oak corner to John Littler, George Ross and John Ross deceased' 210 acres Oct. 4th 1753." "Grant to William Jolliffe Jr. of Frederick Co. 152 acres adjoining Alexander Ross's Patent land, and William Jolliffe Senr. on the Drains of Opeckon. March 11, 1761."

<sup>2</sup> "Alexander Ross resided in Scotland, where his son John was born in 1637, and his grandson John Ross (the son of John) in 1658. The latter moved with his wife and five children to the city of Derby, Ireland, in 1689. He was in the battle of the Boyne." His son Alexander Ross (who probably was born in Scotland) migrated from Ireland and settled in the bounds of Chester Monthly Meeting early in the eighteenth century. In 1706 he married Catherine Chambers, of Chichester, Chester County, Pennsylvania. In 1713 he moved to Haverford, and in 1715 moved back to Chester, and from there went to New Garden Meeting and settled in that portion afterwards cut off to form East Nottingham Meeting in 1730. About the year 1731 he with other Friends obtained from Governor Gooch, of Virginia, a patent for seventy thousand acres of land in the valley of Virginia, which he located north, east, and west of the present town of Winchester. The minutes of East Nottingham Meeting tell of Alexander Ross having a vendue July 16, 1732, which was no doubt for the sale

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first record<sup>1</sup> we have of him is found upon a single leaf of the old Hopewell Meeting record, all that was saved from the fire which destroyed the meeting-house and the records from the establishment of the Meeting until the year 1759. This minute of the Monthly Meeting bears date second month 4th, 1748 (the original to be found loose between the leaves of the earliest Hopewell records, now in the vault of the Hicksite meeting-house, Baltimore, Maryland.) It was seen and copied by me, and reads as follows: "Alexander Ross and his son George are appointed to inquire into William Jolliffe's conversation and what else may be needful and prepare a certificate to Middletown Monthly Meeting in Bucks county." "Evan Thomas and William Jolliffe Jr. having transgressed the rules of our Discipline have given in the following paper which the meeting having well considered of and hoping to be the truth from

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of his effects preparatory to his moving to Virginia. In these records I find Alexander Ross asks for a meeting for worship at Opecquon, March 18, 1734, and such a meeting was granted after due deliberation, November, 1734-35. "Friends were requested to be unanimous in the choice of the place where such meetings were to be held and build their house." The first record we have of Hopewell Meeting is dated July, 1736, Simeon Taylor, clerk. Prior to this meetings were held at Friends' private residences, and marriages were performed at East Nottingham, one hundred and fifty miles away. Alexander Ross fixed his residence near what is now called Ross's Spring, one of the boldest clear cold limestone springs found in Virginia. (The Ross home was afterwards owned by Fayette Washington, a favored nephew of General George Washington.) The meeting-house, built of logs on a hill near this spring from which water was obtained, stood on land granted for that purpose. This house served

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water was obtained, stood on land granted for that purpose. This house served the early Friends as a place for worship until 1757, when it was destroyed by fire. The present stone meeting-house was then ordered to be built, and was soon finished. In the year 1788 this house was greatly enlarged to accommodate the Quarterly Meeting, then established. Alexander Ross used great diligence in settling his grant of land, large numbers of Friends from Pennsylvania and Maryland coming to him, and many Scotch-Irish Presbyterians also from York and Lancaster Counties, Pennsylvania. These Friends mostly purchased their titles also from the Indians when they claimed the land. Alexander Ross died in 1748, and was buried at Hopewell; his wife died in 1749. They left children, John, married Lydia Hollingsworth; George, whose wife was Frances —; David, who never married, died September 3, 1748; Mary, married John Littler (will dated August 13, 1748); Catherine, who never married; Lydia, married John Day, April 21, 1733; and Albenah, who married Evan Thomas.

<sup>1</sup> “Aug. 4, 1747, Alexander Ross, William Jolliffe Senr., John Littler and James Wood gave a bond to Morgan Morgan as administrator of Joseph Bryans Estate.” “About this time an enterprising man by the name of Alexander Ross obtained a warrant for 100,000 acres of land north and east of Winchester. His surveys extended along the Opecquon Creek and Applepie Ridge. This tract was settled by Friends, and in 1735 they had regular Monthly Meetings.”

their hearts have taken as satisfaction. ‘We Evan Thomas Jr. and William Jolliffe Jr. both belonging to the Society of the Christian



people called Quakers but through carelessness and unwatchfulness have suffered ourselves to be so far overcome with passion and anger which tended to fighting and quarreling with each other, for which action we acknowledge ourselves highly to blame, it being a breach of the known rules of our Discipline and being heartily sorry for it we do hereby publicly condemn the same, hoping with Divine assistance to be more careful and circumspect in our lives and conversation for the time to come.

“EVAN THOMAS JR.

WILLIAM JOLLIFFE JR.”

This Evan Thomas, Jr.,<sup>1</sup> was a son of Evan and Catherine Thomas, who came from East Nottingham, Pennsylvania, and settled on lands adjoining the elder William Jolliffe and Alexander Ross. He afterwards married (before the year 1741) Albenah Ross, second daughter of Alexander Ross and sister of John Ross,<sup>2</sup> who married Lydia Hol-

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<sup>1</sup> Evan Thomas, Jr., married Albenah Ross, youngest daughter of Alexander and Catherine Ross. (His father, Evan Thomas, Sr., moved with his wife Katherine to East Nottingham June 15, 1730; was a son of Samuel Thomas, of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, born 1655, died 1743, married May 15, 1688, Mary, daughter of Francis Hutchins, of Calvert County, Maryland. His father was Philip Thomas, whose wife was Sarah Harrison; came to America from Bristol, England, and settled in Maryland in 1651; he died 1675 and his wife died 1687. His father was Evan Thomas, of Swansea, born 1580 and died 1650.) Evan Thomas, Sr., came to Virginia from East Nottingham, Pennsylvania, with

Alexander Ross. He had moved from Goshen, Chester County, Pennsylvania, some years earlier.

<sup>2</sup> John Ross, son of Alexander Ross and Lydia Hollingsworth, both of Opecquon, in Virginia, passed meeting the first time August 18, 1735, at East Nottingham, Cecil County, Maryland. (Nine miles from Elkton the old brick meeting-house, the land, seven acres, given by Penn.) Passed second time September 15, 1735, Josiah Ballinger and Isaac Parkins to see the marriage properly performed.

\* "John Ross, son of Alexander Ross to Lydia Hollingsworth, daughter of Stephen Hollingsworth, both of Orange County, Virginia, at a public meeting at Hopewell in Orange Co., Va., October 11, 1735. Witnessed by—

ABRAHAM HOLLINGSWORTH  
GEO. HOLLINGSWORTH  
JOHN NEILL  
and 36 others

{ ALEXANDER ROSS  
{ KATHERINE ROSS  
*Ann Hollingsworth*  
LYDIA HOLLINGSWORTH  
MARGARET HOLLINGSWORTH  
MARY LITTLER  
ALBENAH ROSS  
HANNAH HOLLINGSWORTH."

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lingworth, October 11, 1735. This John Ross died 1748. His estate was inventoried by William Barrett, William Jolliffe, Jr., and William Dillon, and sworn before John Neill, Gent. (a brother of

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William Dillon, and sworn before John Neill, Gent. (a brother of Lewis Neill the elder), January 18, 1748-49, Lydia Ross administratrix. Early in September, 1750, William Jolliffe, Jr., married his widow, Lydia Ross (*née* Hollingsworth). She was a daughter of Stephen Hollingsworth and Ann, his wife, a great-grand-daughter of Valentine Hollingsworth, who came to America with William Penn. She was a second cousin of the Lydia Hollingsworth who was then married to Lewis Neill. Lydia (Ross) Jolliffe left children by her first husband,—viz., John Ross, David Ross, born September 18, 1742, Stephen Ross, and Alexander Ross. By her second husband she left children as follows: John Jolliffe, born June 18, 1751; Phœby Jolliffe, born December 15, 1752, who died when eighteen months old; Gabriel Jolliffe (probably named after Gabriel Jones), born May 19, 1755; and Phœby Jolliffe (second of this name), born February 12, 1758. The wife, Lydia Jolliffe, died December 30, 1759, and their son, Gabriel Jolliffe, December 22, 1762. "At a court held in Frederick County, Oct. 3, 1752, William Jolliffe, Jr. and Lydia his wife, guardian to Alexander Ross, orphan of John Ross, deceased, having produced an account of the estate of the said orphan in

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"David Ross (born 9th mo. 18, 1742) son of John Ross (who was son of Alexander Ross) and Lydia Hollingsworth his wife (daughter of Stephen Hollingsworth) to Catherine Thomas a daughter of Enos Thomas Dec. 20th 1770. Witnesses—

"PHŒBY THOMAS

JOHN THOMAS

ALICE THOMAS

{ EVAN THOMAS

{ ALBENAH THOMAS

GEORGE ROSS

ALEXANDER ROSS

STEPHEN ROSS

and others

HENRY REES

EDMUND JOLLIFFE

JOHN JOLLIFFE

ELIZABETH JOLLIFFE."

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"Stephen Ross, son of John and Lydia Ross, moved to East Nottingham from Hopewell in 1758, and was apprenticed to his uncle John Day to learn the tanning business."

their hands and solemnly affirmed to the same, they being of the people called Quakers, the same was admitted to record." It seems that both William Jolliffe and his wife were strict members of the Friends' Society, well educated and prosperous, the wife inheriting from her father and first husband large land estates near Hopewell Meeting-House. William Jolliffe was a well-to-do merchant and miller, and possessed several large farms in his own right, acquired by grant from the Crown and Lord Fairfax and by purchase. His home at this time was known as the Red House, standing on a tract of land containing two hundred and thirteen acres, left by him at the time of his decease to his son John. The house stood a few rods south of the great Pennsylvania Highway, or old Indian or Pack-Horse Trail (now the Winchester and Martinsburg Turnpike<sup>1</sup>), six and one-half miles north of Winchester and just east of the Ross Spring Branch (now the Washington Spring Branch). Just