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The History of Jeffry Jones

Jeffry Jones was from Southold, L.I., where he was made a freeman, May 1664. He and Edward Jones, who was at Southampton, as early as 1644, it is thought were sons of the Rev. John Jones, who came with the Rev., Mr. Shepard, of Cambridge, and the Rev. John Wilson, of Boston, Mass., from England, arriving Oct. 2, 1635; was a colleague of Rev. Peter Bulkley, of Concord, Mass., from 1636 to 1644, when he came to Fairfield, Ct., and resided there until his death, (1664, being over 70 years of age.) One of the sons, Rev. Eliphalet (born, Jan. 9, 1640), was the first minister of Huntington, L. I. Jeffry Jones had a house-lot on the West side of Mill Creek, between David Ogden on the S., and William Cramer, on the N. He had a warrant for 180 acres, but no return of the survey is on record. His house-lot he sold, Aug. 24, 1686, to Jonas Wood. He was associated, May 20, Aug. 24, 1668, with Ogden, Bond, and Watson, in running the boundary line between this town and Newark. He was, also, one of the Whaling Company, incorporated, Feb. 15, 1668/9. An action of Trespass and Ejectment was brought against him by "the Proprietors," in the name of James Fullerton, in 1693, because of his refusal to take out a Patent from them for his lands, and to pay them "Quit Rents." Judgment having been rendered against him, he appealed to the King in Council, by whom, Feb. 25, 1696, it was set aside. He outlived the most of the founders of the town, his death occurring in Dec. 1717.

Will of Jeffry Jones F#52275p91, 974.936H2h, Film #896629
History of Elizabeth NJ p80.

Item 1

October the 3 Anno 1664

At a townes meeting then helld in Southold it was agreed that these men namely hasamomuck men, and Robert Trusteene, Thomas Hutchinson, Geoffrey Jones and Abraham Whithare shall have theyre due p'portion of medowe lying on the Southward sid of the River called Pehaconnuck and that meadow also that lyeth by the Wading Creeck.

Further at the same meeting the Townesmen did indent and agree with Charles Glover, John Tucker and John Curwinne to lay oute all the meadows at Acabocke on both sides the River called Pehaconnuck and that also at the wading Creeke—to each man a first lott of medow att the further side the River.

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Item 2
Abstract

These presents Witness that Geffrey Jones of Southold, ship carpenter, in consideration of the sum of eleaven pounds and tenn shillings doth grant bargain and sell unto John Core weaver All that his late dwelling situate by a Kreek in the eastward end of Southold and the foure acres of Land in which the same standeth, and a parcel of meadow there adjoining to the upland, and six pole of upland to the southeast thereof formerly given to the Lieutenant Charles Glover by the Towne:--seven acres of Woodland adjoining to the North Sea:--four acres more of Woodland in Toms Creek Neck.

In witness whereof the sd Geffrey Jones hathe set his hand this 5 Sept. 1664.

GEFFREY JONES.
SUSANNA N JONES.

Witnesses—WILLIAM WELLS.
BARNABAS WINES.

Acknowledged & owned by Susanna Jones before me.

BARNABAS HORTON.

Entr here 26 January 1674/75 pr Benjamin Yo. Redr.

Jeffery Jones sold his lot to John Corey in 1664 and moved to Elizabethtown, N.J. He married 24 May 1661 Elizabeth Glover dau. Of Charles Glover. She died the same year in childbirth. Dr. Hatfield says he was the son of Rev. John Jones, had 184 acre's of land set off to him assisted in running boundary lines. He was a chip carpenter.

In 1645, he married Susannah Jones in Essex, N. J., Page 118. They; had 4 children.

One Son, . Edward, born 1670/75, m. Lydia

Three daughters, Mary Jones, born 1673/76, m. Samuel Fitz Randolph

Susannah Jones, born 1678, m. Samuel Lewis

Abigail Jones, abt. 1683, m. Jeremiah Bird

Southold Town Records By J. Wickman Case #974.725/2N2C p. 173 & 365

JEFFERY JONES OF ELIZABETHTOWN

He was one of the Eighty Associates, there, and most important as a progenitor of W. fams. It is well to note that he had a brother, Rev.

ELIPHALET JONES of Huntington. L.I., and his biog. was given quite accurately in HATFIELD. (p. 8J, with other refs.) It is stated here that he was from Southold, L. I., where freeman, 1644, claimed to have been a brother of that EDWARD JONES of Southampton, L. I., 1644, whose biog. is given in HOWELL, (p 3. 5.as "JOHNES and JONES FAMILY", with coat-of-arms). The latter was the father of EDWARD JONES, of Piscataway, N.J.

Concerning the subject of the title. ARCHIVES, (sev. refs.), have many items, but we are interested, in his will. "1717, Dec. 21, as of E., wife unnamed, but sons, EDWARD JONES, "who has sons, Jeffery, Samuel and Edward. Daughters Susanna, Mary and Abigail. Executors, sons-in-law, Samuel Fitz Randolph, and Jeremiah Bird, et al. Proved Dec. 31, 1717." (ARCH., Vol. XXIII, p. 267).

This proves him to have been the father of the second EDWARD JONES OF Woodbridge, (supra), his dau. Mary, m. June 8, 1693, SAMUEL FITZ-RANDOLPH, his dau. Susanna, m. Sept. 29, 1698), Samuel Lewis, at Woodbridge, and his dau. Abigail m. JEREMIAH BIRD, abt. 1700. There were other chil., indic. It is clear that he was an uncle of the first EDWARD JONES of Piscataway, N.J.

1st Settlers of ye Woodbridge plantation of Piscataway, N.J. 1664-1714.
Book #974.941/D2M pt.6, p 1195

1717 Dec. 21. Jones, Jeffery, of Elizabeth Town, Essex Co., yeoman; will of. Wife----- Son Edward, who has sons Jeffrey, Samuel and Edward. Daughters—Susanna, Mary and Abigail. Real and personal estate. Executors—sons-in-law Samuel Fitz Randolph and Jeremiah Bird. Witnesses—Joseph Marsh, John Moris, Shobal Smith. Proved December 31, 1717. Lib. A, p.89.

Calendar of Wills p. 267

Transcript of Will¹
Jeffery Jones, Yeoman
Elizabeth Town, Essex, New Jersey
Dated December 21, 1717, Probated December 31, 1717
East Jersey Wills, Vol. C, pp. 89-90, FHL Film # 522,735

In the name of God Amen, I **Jeffery Jones** of Elizabeth Town in the County of Essex and Province of New Jersey, yeoman, being sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God, calling to mind the immorality of my body, and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors.

And as touching my worldly goods—
 I give and bequeath unto **my well beloved wife** the house whereon I now dwell with the orchard to the same belonging together with such a convenient quantity of firewood, meadow and pastures as she shall have occasion of for her need and to have and to hold the same during the term of her continuing my widow or her life.

Item. I will and bequeath unto **my well beloved son Edward Jones** my house, lot, land and meadow except seven tares lying on Roway River, in the bounds of Elizabeth Town aforesaid, and to have and to hold the said land during the term of his natural life. The remainder I believe and bequeath unto **my two grandsons of the said Edward** (to wit) **Jeffery Jones** and **Samuel Jones** to have and to hold unto them and their heirs and assigns forever, to be equally divided between them.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my grandson **Edward Jones, Jr, son of Edward Jones** aforesaid, seven acres of land and meadow lying upon Roway River aforesaid, beginning at a kno^H by the path and running South, bounded by a small green to have and to hold the same unto himself and his heirs forever.

¹The text of this will has been modified for this transcript using modern spelling, capitalization, punctuation and paragraph style. The old English abbreviations “ye” and “yt” have been spelled out as *the* and *that*. The symbol for the word *and* has been replaced with the spelled-out word.

Item. I give and bequeath unto **my well beloved wife and daughters, Susanna, Mary and Abigail**, all and singular, my goods and chattels, which of right shall belong or appertain unto me at the time of my decease, be the same either in my possession at the time of my decease or be the same in the possession of any other person or persons whatsoever-- to have and to hold unto them and their heirs forever.

Item. I give and further bequeath unto **my aforesaid daughter Mary** a certain tract of land situate, lying and being at Elizabeth Town aforesaid, laid out in my right on the back side of John Baker's lot of land, late. of the old place, deceased, together with ten acres of meadow due of right to me as a commoner with others, the free holders of Elizabeth Town aforesaid to have and to hold the same to her and her heirs and assigns forever, and further my will is that inasmuch as there is no return made of the survey of the tract of land aforesaid, title of the same may be in that behalf deficient that the said Mary shall have it. In her election, either to have the land aforesaid or to take up fifty acres of land anywhere in Elizabeth Town aforesaid not already taken up, due to me, in Right of Commonage as aforesaid to have and to hold the same together with the ten acres of meadow aforesaid unto her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto **my son Edward Jones** five pounds current money of the Province aforesaid to be paid him by my Executors hereafter named.

Item. My will further is that my wife aforesaid shall pay unto **the aforesaid Susanna, Mary and Abigail**, nine pounds current money of the Province aforesaid or get the same to be deducted out of her part of the moveable estate given as aforesaid.

Lastly, I constitute **my two sons-in-law Samuel Fitzrandolph and Jeremiah Bird** Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and disavowing all former wills and testaments by me made, ordaining this to be my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty-first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventeen and in the fourth year of the King Georg's reign.

Memorandum that the word assigns was interlined between the thirtieth and thirty- first line.

Jeffery Jones, his † mark

Signed sealed published and declared in the presence of **Joseph March, John Moris, Shubell Smith.**