



Haverford Township Historical Society



WILLIAM JENKINS (1648-1712)

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[The following is excerpted from History of Delaware County, Pennsylvania by George Smith M.D., published by Henry B. Ashmead in Philadelphia in 1862.]

WILLIAM JENKINS came from the town of Tenby, in the county of Pembroke, Wales, about the year 1686, and settled in Haverford township. He was an active and influential member of the Society of Friends, and had suffered persecution in his native country. His name disappears from the minutes of Haverford Meeting after 1697. In 1691 he was one of the Justices of the Court for Chester County, and was a member of the [Pennsylvania] Assembly about the same time. He was an original purchaser of 1000 acres of land [from William Penn] before leaving his native country.

[The following is excerpted from "Jenkins Family" at Rootsweb website <http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~marshall/esmd210.htm>, accessed August 17, 2016.]

WILLIAM JENKINS was born 1648 at Pembrokeshire, Wales; married Elizabeth Griffith, daughter of Lewis Griffith, 1673 at Tenby, Pembrokeshire, Wales; died 4mo 7 1712 at Pennsylvania. He and Elizabeth Griffith resided at Tenby, Pembrokeshire, Wales. He and Elizabeth Griffith immigrated prior to 1 2mo 1685 to Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Provincial Assembly between 1690 and 1695 at Pennsylvania. He left a will 29 12mo 1711 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, proved 16 Aug 1712.

ELIZABETH GRIFFITH was born in 1652 at Pembrokeshire, Wales. She died on 18 Jan 1725/26 at Pennsylvania.

Known children of William Jenkins and Elizabeth Griffith, all born at Wales, were as follows:

1. Margaret Jenkins, born 3mo 23 1674; married Thomas Paschall.
2. Sarah Jenkins; b. 10mo 7 1675; d. at Pennsylvania.
3. Elizabeth Jenkins; born 5mo 2 1678; died 9mo 14 1711 at Pennsylvania.
4. Stephen Jenkins; born 9mo 24 1680; married Abigail Pemberton, daughter of Phineas Pemberton and Phebe Harrison, 2mo 14 1704 at Abington Meeting, Abington, Pennsylvania; died 1761 at Pennsylvania. He left a will in 1761 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

[The following is excerpted the Rootsweb website <http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/PA-OLD-CHESTER/2003-01/1043031486>, accessed August 17, 2016.]

WILLIAM JENKIN, from Tenby Pembrokeshire, Wales, settled in Haverford, 1686. He was an original purchaser of 1000 acres. In 1691, a Justice of the Courts of Chester County. He was also a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly, 1689. He lived for a time in Abington township, where he bought land.

The name, William Jenkins, is on Dr. George Smith's "Map of Early Settlements." William Jenkins is located in Haverford township, on the Darby Creek, near the border of Marple. On Susquehanna List, 1696.

In 1698, William Jenkins conveyed 30 acres in Haverford to William Rows (Rowe). In 1700, the said William Rows' executors, Rowland Ellis and Thomas Paschall, conveyed the same 30 acres, with 30 more, to Daniel Humphrey.

William Jenkins also purchased 20 acres in the Liberty Lands, and 250 acres in Duffryn Mawr (the Great Valley).

Vol. XIX, p. 441. "Agreed formerly with Tho. Paschal, Jun'r, for £7. 10s, for the Overp. of William Jenkins's Father-in-law's land being 43 acres; his right is 250, allow'ce 25 acres for his Deficiency in Haverfo'd." (1704)
10, 25, 1705. Lewis Rees, of Newtown, Chester Co, son of David, deceased, and Grace Row, daughter of William of Haverford, deceased, at the house of David Rees. Witness: John, Thomas and Ellis Rees; Stephen Jenkins; Evan Lewis.

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