


CHAPTER I  
WILLIAM JENKINS, GEN. I

William Jenkins, of Northern Neck, Virginia was the founder of the Jenkins family as we know it. He early settled in Richmond County between the Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers. Said William Jenkins b ca 1675 d 1720; m Elizabeth, dau. of Harman Skelderman and Martha \_\_\_\_\_? ca 1698 (Old Rappa. County, Deed Skelderman to Norton, Reel 5, pp. 148, 149)


 Indenture dated 3 November 1719, shows Deed of Gift from William Jenkins, and wife Elizabeth; to Walter Davis, and Martha his wife, their daughter etc. 50 acres of land. Richmond County Deed Book 7, p. 454 (Ref: Deed to Mansfield Jenkins, Chapter 2.)

"In obedience to an order of this County Court bearing date, the 3 day of August, 1720 etc., to appraise the Estate of William Jenkins. INVENTORY returned and recorded by Thomas James, Henry Wilson, James Wilson. 7 December, 1720. Richmond County Will Book 4, p. 159"

(Note by Nettie Jenkins Bowen) Proof of lineage is shown in the division of her father's estate, known as the Will of William Jenkins; and in the Will of said Elizabeth Jenkins, naming our ancestor, Mansfield.

WILL OF WILLIAM JENKINS  
Record for year 1714

Ref: Richmond County, Virginia, Order Book # 1, p. 121A  
"Survey's Plat". The table includes:

 "F" is Thomas Pett's corner, a white oak.

"G" is a small red oak near John Morton's, one of Jenkins' corners.

"K" is John Morton's corner

"K" is an ash in a branch of C (Cat) Creek, one of Henry Haws' corners.

"M" is William Jenkins' house.

"N" is Henry Haws' house.

"O" is Lawrence Barker's house.

"P" is John Morton's house.

"Surveyed for William Jenkins, Henry Haws, and Lawrence Barker (sic) 771 acres of land, it being a

patent formerly granted to Harman Skelderman for 800 acres, 153 acres of which Land the said Skelderman sold which John Morton now claims the other part of the patent he the said Skelderman in his last Will and Testament bequeathed among his children which are the wives of the said Jenkins, Haws, and Barker and they the said Jenkins and his wife, Haws and his wife, Barker and his wife being willing to know Each part hath with one consent and assent freely agreed to survey and divide the same which I have Done as the above figure describes XX and the lines of John Morton which said land is situate in the parish of Cittenburn and County of Richmond and on the branches of Rappa. Creek. Surveyed the 12th of October 1714 per Chas Barber, Surveyor Richmond County." (GA)

" At a court held for Richmond County the second day of October 1723, at the motion of Elizabeth Jenkins (Mary Barker Grimestone) and Ann

(Haws) Cummins, this survey and plat of land is ordered to be recorded.

Test: M. Beckwith, Cl. Cur. (Ref: Deed below)

Richmond County Deed Book 12, Page 142....  
Indenture dated 11th day of January, 1759.

"Lesha Jenkins..Nicholas Wrenn in behalf of his wife, Elizabeth Wrenn and Ann Jenkins, all of the Parish of Cameron and County of Loudon, of one part, sell to John Jenkins of the Parish of Lunenburg & County of Richmond, of the other part--for 35 pds. current money of Va.--a certain tract of land lying and being in the County of Richmond, aforesaid, containing 160 acres and now in the tenure & occupation of George Sanders and Mary Yeates, being part of a patent granted to John Frampton for 800 acres of land lying in Rappahannock County on the North side of the River, etc.---bearing date 20 July 1662, which land afterwards escheated from said John Frampton to Harman Skelderman 11 July 1666--who after making sale of some part of it, did by his last Will and Testament--devise the remaining part to his children--viz-

-- -- Ann married to Henry Haws--Elizabeth married to William Jenkins and Mary married to Lawrence Barker first by whom she had issue, Lawrence and Elias and afterwards married to Thomas Grimstone, by whom she also had issue, viz-Mary and Sarah-and the said Lawrence Barker, eldest son of the said Lawrence Barker and Mary his wife being heir at law to his mother's part of the said land which was allotted to the said Mary, mother to the said Lawrence Barker upon a division of the land above specified conveyed his right and title of his mother's part of the said land by deed bearing date 3rd November 1735 unto John Jenkins of the Parish Tuero & County of Prince William, father to the parties first of these presents --being Co-heiresses of the said John Jenkins", etc.

Wits:




Thos. Gutrey  
Wm. Thrift  
Wm. Wrenn

Recorded: 4 Feb., 1760


### WILL OF ELIZABETH JENKINS

" In the Name of God Amen, I Elizabeth Jenkins of Lunenburg Parish in Richmond County Virginia being

sick and Weak of body but prais'd be God of perfect sense and memory Doe make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (That is to Say first and Principally I Commend my Soul to Almighty God Hoping for his mercy in Ye Remission of all my Sins tho' ye merits of Jesus Christ my only Mediator and Advocate and my body to be Buried at the Discretion of my Executors herein after Named and as for Such Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I dispose thereof as followeth (Viz) My Will is that all my just Debts & funerall Charges be pay'd and Discharged --  I Give and Bequeath unto my three Sons John Mansfield and James Jenkins all my Land Containing one Hundred & Fifty Acres Estimation to be the same More or Less to be divided among them as followeth (Viz) To my Son John that part of my land adjoining to the lands of Henry Haws, Thomas Grimstone, Walter Davis, and James Morton and separated from my other Land by a line of marked trees Extending from Haws' line Between my now Dwelling house and kitchen to the

main run Including my orchard the Remainder of my  
Land to be Divided Between my Sons Mansfield and  
James by a line which I have marked for that purpose  
Mansfield's part InCluding the Tobacco House and  
James's part InCluding my now Dwelling house,  
which Said Land So divided I give to them my Sd:  
Three Sons and their Heirs for Ever---

I Give and bequeath unto my son Harman Jenkins  
one Thousand Pounds of Tobacco now Due to me from  
John Newman, to be pay'd to him at his coming by my  
Exet's herein after named:

 I Give and Bequeath the Tobacco and other Debts  
due to me and my horse Colt to my Daughter Elizabeth,  
She first paying my Just Debts---

I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Story  
the pistole in my Chest

I Give and Bequeath all my wearing apparell to  
my Daughter Mary Carpenter--

I Give and Bequeath to my Grandson Edward Davis  
one heifer aged three years--

I give and Bequeath all the Residue and remainder of my  
Estate of what kind or Quality soever to be Equally Divided  
among all my children---

I do hereby constitute and appoint my three sons,  
John, Mansfield & James Jenkins Executors of this my  
last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have here-  
unto Set my hand and seal this 28th Day of June Ann:

Dom: 1736--"

Wits:  
William Jordan  
John Right  
William Mc Donald



Elizabeth Jenkins  
(Seale)

www.virginiapioneers.com court held for Richmond County the Third  
Day of March 1739---This Will was proved in Open  
Court by the oath of William Jordan one of the witnesses  
thereto and admitted to record:

Test: M. Beckwith Cl Cur. "

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM JENKINS, AND ELIZABETH  
SKELDERMAN

*2A John Jenkins	2E Martha Elizabeth Jenkins
2B Mansfield Jenkins	2F Sarah Jenkins
2C James Jenkins	2G Mary Jenkins
2D Harman Jenkins	

Ref: Will of William Jenkins: Deed Book 12, p. 142

\* Arabic numeral designates generation  
Capital Letter designates his order of birth

## CHAPTER II

### MANSFIELD JENKINS, GENERATION 2-B

Mansfield Jenkins of Richmond County, Virginia  
second son of William, b ca 1708, d 1755; married  
Patience\_? Ca 1732



Indenture dated 30 Nov. 1727 shows John Jenkins  
elder brother of Mansfield, apprenticed to James  
Thomas whose daughter, Sarah, he married. (Refs:  
Westmoreland County Order Book, p. 192, and Will  
of James Thomas, same County)

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William Flood (Physician) and Mansfield  
Jenkins exchange land. Flood gives 35 acres -  
Jenkins 35 acres. Patience Jenkins, his wife, re-  
linquishes dower rights, March 1753. Richmond  
County Deed Book 11, p. 282.

23 Feb. 1740 - Mansfield Jenkins buys 50 acres  
of land from Edward Davis, which said 50 acres was  
given by William and Elizabeth Jenkins to Walter and

Martha Davis their daughter, and he the said Edward  
Davis as sole heir... said land descended to him, etc.  
Richmond County Deed Book 9, p. 645.



### WILL OF MANSFIELD JENKINS

"In the name of God Amen I Mansfield Jenkins of  
the County of Richmond and parish of Lunenburg being  
very sick and weak of body but of perfect sense and  
memory thanks be to God, Doe make this my last Will  
and Testament . First I Give my soul to Almighty  
God that gave it me in hopes of a joyfull resurrection  
and with what worldly goods it hath pleased God to  
bless me, I Give and Bequeath as followeth vis:

Item, I Give and bequeath unto my loving wife  
Patience Jenkins all that Tract of Land Whereon I now  
live to her for and during her Natural Life and after  
her death The part I hold out Skelderman's patent I  
Give and bequeath to my son John Jenkins and that  
part I had of William Flood I Give and bequeath unto  
my son Mansfield Jenkins and their heirs-

Item, I Give unto my loving wife Patience Jenkins  
the use of four Negroes Named Winny, Jenny, Nan &  
James for & During her Natural life, and after her  
death I give and bequeath Winny & Jenny unto my son  
Mansfield Jenkins and his heirs, And Nan & James, I  
give & bequeath unto my son James Jenkins & his heirs.

Item, I Give and bequeath unto my son John  
Jenkins one Negroe man Named Ned to him and his heirs

Item, I Give and bequeath unto my son William  
Jenkins one Negro Girl named Sarah to him & his heirs-

Item, I Give and bequeath unto my son Thomas  
Jenkins one negro boy named George to him & his heirs-

Item, I Give & bequeath unto my son Jeremiah  
Jenkins one negro boy named Daniel to him & his  
heirs-

Item, I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter,  
Elizabeth Jenkins one negro Girl named Hannah to  
her & her heirs-

Item, I Give & bequeath unto my son Jesse  
Jenkins one Negro girl named Nell to him and his heirs.

Item, I Give & bequeath unto the Child my wife now  
goes with Twenty pounds to be laid out by my Executors for  
a young negro within three years after my death for my said  
child -

Item, I Give and bequeath unto my loving wife  
Patience Jenkins one black mare and Colt.

Item, I Give and bequeath unto my son William  
Jenkins one young bay horse & my saddle & bridle.

Item, I Give & bequeath unto my son Mansfield  
Jenkins my set of Shoemaker's tools-

Item, I Give & bequeath unto my loving Wife  
Patience Jenkins one Large Oval table.

Item, All the remainder of my Estate in what kind  
soever, I Give to be Equally Divided between my Loving  
wife, and all my children, And I doe hereby Disannul and  
make void all other will or wills by me made, And I do  
appoint My loving wife Patience Jenkins, Alvin Mountjoy  
and my two sons John and Mansfield Jenkins my Executors  
to this my last will and Testament. In witness my hand &  
Seale this 1st day of November 1754 -

Mansfield Jenkins (SEAL)



Wits:

James Jenkins

Mark Merrit

Elizabeth Jenkins

At a court Held for Richmond County the 7th day  
of April 1755 This will was presented in Court by  
Patience Jenkins one of the Executors therein Named  
who made Oath thereto according to Law and being  
proved by the Oaths of James Jenkins & Elizabeth  
Jenkins two of the witnesses thereto and admitted to  
record, And on the motion of the s'd Execr giving  
Security a Certificate is granted her for obtaining  
a probate thereof in due form -"

Test T: Tarpley D CL

CHILDREN OF MANSFIELD JENKINS AND PATIENCE

3A John

3B Mansfield

3C James, our line

3D William

3E Thomas

3F Jeremiah

3G Elizabeth

3H Jesse

3I Molly

SLAVES:

Winnny

Jinny

Nan

James

Ned

Sarah

George

Daniel

Hannah

Nell

Commonwealth of Virginia,  
County of Richmon, to-wit:

I Hundley Balderson, Clerk of the Circuit Court  
in and for the Commonwealth and County aforesaid, do  
hereby certify that the foregoing Jenkins Will is a TRUE  
COPY from the records of this office, recorded in Will  
Book No. 6 at page 63.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court this  
21st day of Jan. 1958.

Signed: Hundley Balderson,  
Clerk

Deeds 1763 to Charity Mitchell and William Connelly,  
Richmond County Vol. 12, pp. 476 & 477

Patience Jenkins, John Jenkins, and wife  
Mary, sold 349 acres, "Bounded upon the main Branch  
of Rappahannock Creek, the lands of William Pierce,  
Thomas Lyne, John Turbyville, John Gordon, Zachariah  
White... Said parcel of land was by the last Will and  
Testament of Mansfield Jenkins, given unto the said  
Patience his wife, During her natural life, and after her  
decease unto his sons the said John Jenkins - - - -

and Mansfield Jenkins, and the said Mansfield the son  
Dying without issue, the right of his part descended  
unto the said John Jenkins." etc.

(Note: by Nettie Jenkins Bowen)

The value of the foregoing records is self-evident, in  
that they explain the relationship of all the parties  
concerned, and show the heirs of the land from Harman  
Skelderman in 1666 to 1763. The Jenkins Family  
occupied these lands for nearly 100 years.

Patience Jenkins' Will, Bute County Records, Part 2  
1778

"In the name of God Amen I Patience Jenkins of  
Bute County & Parish of St. Johns Being Sick & weak  
in Body but of Perfect mind & memory thanks be given  
to Almighty God & calling to Mind the uncertainty of  
the Transitory life & Being willing to settle my worldly  
affairs in order to make this my last will & testament  
I commend my soul to God who gave it hoping thro the  
Death & merits of his son Jesus Christ my Savior to  
be made Partaker of the never fading Joys of Immortal-  
ity at the Day of Resurrection & for temporal Estate  
it hath Pleased God to Bestow upon me I give & Bequeath  
the same in manner & form following (Viz,)

First I give & Bequeath unto my son Thomas Jenkins  
the land & Plantation whereon I now live & tis my  
will & Desire that the crop now on the Plantation  
after my Decease be sold & after my Just Debts  
are paid out of the money Rising from the sale of  
the crop & then the Remain(der) of the money with  
all my other Estate be Equally Divided amongst  
all my Eight Children & lastly I do authorize &  
appoint my son Thomas Jenkins to be Executor of  
my last will & testament hereby Revoking & mak-  
ing void all former will or wills heretofore made  
& Confirming this and none other to be my last  
will & testament in witness whereof I have here-  
unto set my hand and seal this seventeenth Day  
of October in the year of our Lord one thousand  
seven hundred & seventy Eight."

Wits:

Patience Jenkins  
(Seal)

William House  
William Christmas



"State of North Carolina, Warren County, August Court 1780. This last Will and Testament of Patience Jenkins decd was presented in Court by Thomas Jenkins the Executor therein named, and proved by the oath of William Christmas one of the witnesses hereto, and ordered to be recorded, and Letters Testamentary is granted to the said Executor who was qualified accordingly.



Test: Thomas Macken CC"

DEED OF GIFT

N. C. State Department of Archives and History, Warren County Wills, Inventories and Estates Book 2, P 236, Bute County, May 9, 1778.

"To All whom it may concern... Know ye that whereas Molly Jenkins was born after the decease of her father Mansfield Jenkins by which she hath not enjoyed an equal proportion of her said father's estate... We the Subscribing joint heirs of the said Mansfield Jenkins hath given and granted to the said Molly Jenkins & to her heirs and assigns forever, a negro boy named Will, part of the Estate of the said

deceased, to the only proper use & behoof of the said Molly Jenkins her heirs and assigns. And we the said Patience Jenkins and Thomas Jenkins, subscribers to this Deed of Gift, doth hereby warrant and forever defend the said negro Will unto the said Molly Jenkins against the claims of all persons whatsoever."

Signed: Patience Jenkins  
Thomas Jenkins  
James Jenkins  
William Jenkins  
Jesse Jenkins  
Jeremiah Jenkins




Proved May Court 1778  
John House

### CHAPTER III

#### JAMES (JIMMY) JENKINS, GENERATION 3-C

James (Jimmy) Jenkins, of Granville County, North Carolina, son of Mansfield (who was son of William) b ca 1736, d 1790; m Martha (Patty) Crask/e ca 1760, dau. of William Crask of Richmond County, Virginia.

 James and Martha settled near Oxford. Their homestead may be seen on the historic map of Colonial Granville County and its People, by Worth S. Ray; the location being marked by the name "James Jenkins", near the County line. (Ref: this book).

Among the neighbors were Judge Claiborn H. Cook, Henry Yarboro, Nathaniel Cannady, Jonothan Davis, John Daniel, William Green, William Christmas, William House, Edmund Taylor; the Allens and Moores included. Descendants of these families intermarried with the Jenkins' family.

Previous residence is shown in Halifax County

by deeds from Robert Chappell to William Newsome (Ref: Vol. 13, p. 528; Vol. 15, p. 536) See also Granville County deeds from John Pettycobb, and Robert Wilson (Refs: Vol. O, p. 304; Vol. O, p. 423)

#### WILL OF JAMES (JIMMY) JENKINS

"In the name of God Amen, I James Jenkins of Granville County in the State of North Carolina being in a lowe State of Health tho of a sound and disposing mind and memory do make & ordain this to be my last will & Testament in manner & form following (to wit)

Item, Lend unto my beloved wife Patty Crask Jenkins the Land and plantation whereon I now live also Three Negroes named Nan, Umphrey & Winney also of my stock of Horses, Cattle Sheep & Hogs & Household & Kitchen furniture during life or widowhood and after Death or Marriage the Land & Negroes & their increase to be equally divided between my Three beloved sons, Elias, Joshua, & Joseph Jenkins

to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give unto my beloved son John Jenkins  
the land and plantation that I bought of Jno. Pettycob  
to him and his heirs forever

Item I give unto my beloved daughter Elizabeth  
Jenkins one Negro named Hagar and her Increase to  
her and her Heirs forever

GA<sup>r</sup> Item I give unto my beloved son James Jenkins  
one Negro named Jenny & her Increase to him & his  
Heirs forever

Item I give unto my beloved son Wilson Jenkins  
one Negro named Harry to him and his heirs forever

Item I give unto my beloved son Samuel Jenkins  
one Negro named Silvey & her increase to him & his  
heirs forever. Also all of the rest of my estate after  
the Death or Marriage of my Wife be equally divided  
between all my children to them & their heirs forever.

Also I make my beloved wife Executrix & my  
beloved son Elias Jenkins & my beloved friend John  
Peace executors of this my last Will & Testament

hereby revoking all other Wills and Testaments  
heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have here-  
unto set my hand and Seal this 21st Day of May,  
AD 1789."

James Jenkins

Wits:

Claiborn Cook  
William Williams  
Abe Mayfield

GA<sup>r</sup> INVENTORY

425 acres of land

8 negroes, 3 head horses, 19 head cattle

3 head sheep, 40 head hogs

5 beds & fumiture, 1 doz. chairs

2 chests & one boy, 2 tables

3 dishes, 8 pewter plates, 6 cups

5 saucers, 8 knives, 10 forks, 9 spoons

6 teaspoons, one wooden spice master,

one wooden salt seller, one pepper box

3 trays, 2 pots, one dutch oven, 1 tea kettle

One quart Jack, 2 churns, 2 butter pots

One candle Stick, 2 flat irons

5 books, 2 small chairs, 2 washing tables, 4 basons

3 piggons

One loome, 2 cotton wheels

4 pairs cards, 3 powder tubs,

1 hhd., 2 barrels, 5 hoes, 4 grubbing hoes

2 axes, 3 baskets

3 plow hoes, 1 pr. shears

4 hampers, 2 jugs, 2 bottles, 14 geese



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Patty Crask Jenkins, Ex.

CHILDREN OF JAMES (JIMMY) JENKINS AND MARTHA  
(PATTY) CRASK

4A John Sanford Jenkins

4B Elias Jenkins

4C Joshua Jenkins

4D Joseph Jenkins

4E Elizabeth Jenkins

4F James Jenkins

4G Wilson Jenkins

4H Samuel Jenkins

4I Mansfield Jenkins

SLAVES

Nan  
Humphrey  
Winney  
Hagar

Jenney  
Harry  
Silvey  
Adam

(4E) Martha (Patty) Crask b ca 1740, d after 1790,  
was the dau. of William Crask, granddaughter of  
Col. John Crask, and great-granddaughter of Col.  
Edmund Crask. For correct spelling of this name,  
see "Colonial Granville County and its People",  
by Worth S. Ray, p. 261.

(3A) William Crask, of Richmond County, Virginia,  
b ca 1698, d 1744; m Rebecca\_\_? ca 1725. Said  
William Crask was the son of John Crask, and  
Elizabeth Moss.

WILL OF WILLIAM CRASK  
1744, Vol. 3, page 462 -



"John, plantation whereon I now live, and  
100 acres adjoining; if no heirs to son James.

William, old plantation

I bequeath to my six children, Elizabeth,  
John, William, Rebecca, Martha, and James, all  
my personal estate divided equally...rent etc. to