

THE JOLLY-JOLLIFFE CONNECTION

What you are about to read is what I have concluded after about 6 months of determined research. Although I will continue to research this subject for more confirmed data, I feel that what I have discovered so far will show that the Jolliffe family that came to Lower Norfolk Co., VA in about 1655 is related to the Jolly family that came to Isle of Wight Co., VA in 1637. What this relation is is not clear; however, a probable conclusion can be drawn from it I am going to include any and all documents I have that support my conclusion. I firmly believe that there are two distinguishing conclusions one can draw, when supporting documents are not available, and they are "possible" and probably. It may get confusing but I will make it as plain as I possibly can. The facts I am going to present do not necessarily reflect those shown on the ancestry.com web site

First, I will begin with a map of England to support the beginning comments.



Beginning with William Jolliffe, born 1584 in Staffordshire, England and ending with Thomas Jolliffe at Cofton Hackett Hall, Worchestershire, England. I will present the facts and data I have concerning 4 sons o William Jolliffe and then I will show the movement of a John Jolly and Thomas Jolliffe to the Colony of Virginia.

William Jolliffe was born in 1584 in Staffordshire, England and married a young lady named Annie Webb. According to records I have found they had 7 children; however I can only find 4 Jolliffes, all boys, with a father's name of William who fit the time frame of my research. They are John, Samuel, John (evidently different middle name) and Thomas. All 4 were baptised, or christened, in Warwickshire, England between 1614 and 1621. All of these records were retrieved from the Family Search web site records for the Warwickshire baptisms held in the Warwick County Record Office.

First, there is John, the eldest, born about 1612–13, baptised 5 March 1614, bottom of page

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1614: Elizabeth Langley daughter of Thomas Langley was bapt the 20th day of April.
 Bridget Buxton daughter of Thomas Buxton was bapt the 28th day of May.
 Thomas Langton the son of the Langtons was bapt the 2th of May.
 Walter Langley son of Richard Langley was bapt the 27th day of July.
 Thomas Samuel son of Michael Samuel was bapt the 28th of September.
 Susan Buxton daughter of William Buxton was bapt the 25th of October.
 Elizabeth Buxton daughter of John Buxton was bapt the 27th of November.
 Susanna Enell daughter of Thomas Enell was bapt the 6th of January.
 Richard Lechinge son of John Lechinge was bapt the 12th of January.
 Mary Atkin daughter of Pauline Atkin was bapt the 19th day of January.
 Richard Lechinge son of Thomas Lechinge was bapt the 10th of January.
 John Folliffe son of William Folliffe was bapt the 5th of March.
 Robert Millerton son of William Millerton

Baptism Place	Gender	Age	Marital Status	Father's Name	Mother's Name	Spouse's Name
	Female			Thomas Langley		
	Female			Thomas Buxton		
	Male			Langtons		
	Male			Richard Langley		
	Male			Michael Samuel		
	Female			William Buxton		
	Female			John Buxton		
	Female			Thomas Enell		
	Male			John Lechinge		
	Female			Pauline Atkin		
	Male			Thomas Lechinge		
	Male			William Folliffe		
	Male			William Millerton		

Next Samuel, born about 1615 baptised 28 September 1617. Bottom of page.

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1617 Sara Pothoxam daughter of Nicholab Pothoxam was bapt the 20th of March
 William Foxbox some of John Fox box was bapt the 22th day of May
 Joseph Snoll the some of Thomas Snoll was bapt the first of June
 Anne Longthugh daughter of Thomas Longthugh was bapt the 15th of July
 Mary Sibley daughter of Thomas Sibloy was bapt the 4th of October
 Elizabeth Samoll daughter of Nicholab Samoll was bapt the 14th of October
 Samuel Folliffe some of William Folliffe was bapt the 28th of September
 Anne Lilloy daughter of Samoll Lilloy was bapt the 2th of November

Event Type	Event Date	Event Place	Gender	Age	Marital Status	Father's Name	Mo
stening	18 Feb 1615	Nether Whitacre, Warwickshire, England	Female			Brookes	

Then John born about 1617 baptised 13 February 1619

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William Keelinge the son of Thomas Keelinge was bapt the second day of February
 John Folliffe son of William Folliffe was bapt the 13th of February
 Symon Samoll son of Nicholab Samoll was bapt the 20th of February
 Josias Allin the son of Josias was bapt the 20th of February
 Abraham Allin son of Nathamoll Allin was bapt the 26th of February

1620. Elnor Adrorks daughter of Thomas Adrorks was bapt the 2 of April
 Elizabeth Pryan daughter of Nicholab Pryan bapt the 6th of March
 Bridget Longthow daughter of Thomas

Event Type	Event Date	Event Place	Gender	Age	Marital Status	Father's Name	Mo
		England					
		Nether					

Last, but not least, Thomas born about 1619 (I have seen records showing him born 1617 and 1619) baptised 25 November 1621

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Thomas Jolliffe son of William Jolliffe
was bapt the 25th of Novemb^r
William Pryan son of Nichol^s Pryan
was bapt the 16th of Decemb^r
Sara Loolinge daughter of John Loolinge
Henry Dughton son of Boniamon Dughton
bapt the 27th of January
Sara Allin daughter of Nathaniel Allin
bapt the same day

1622) George the supposed son of Thomas Liff
bapt the 16th of June
Sara Samuel daughter of Nichol^s Jamell

Event Date	Event Place	Gender	Age	Marital Status	Father's Name	Mother's Name	Spot
12 Feb 1623	Nether Whitacre, Warwickshire,	Male			Nicholas Rotheram		

The oldest John stayed in England and was extremely successful in a political career.

I have found no more information on Samuel and he may have died very young.

The next is John Jolliffe born about 1617. Before I go any further, I want to say that there are records for John Jolliffe and Thomas Jolliffe that show their last name as Jolly, Jolley, Jolliff, Jolloff, and Jolliffe. In those days it was spelled as it sounded when asked.

A John Jolly (JOHN1) came to the Colony of Virginia as an indentured servant to Mr. Richard Bennett in 1637, as evidenced in *Cavaliers and Pioneers, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants 1623 –1800*, NELL MARION NUGENT, Richmond, VA, Press of The Dietz Printing Co., 1934

John Jolly Patent Book 1 Part 1 pg. 66

Francis Bisley, John Piper, John Popelwell, Thomas Brough, Richard Russell, Thomas Sparrow, Tho. Ferreby, Robert Maxe, Robert Selby, Robert Wells, Richard Wheeler, & 2 Negroes, Richard Nowell, Walter Blake, Richard Reynolds.

ROBERT BENNETT, 700 acs. Up. Co. of New Norf., 18 Aug. 1637, p. 458. Abouze a mile & a halfe up a Cr. neare the mouth of Nansamund Riv., beg. at a pine marked with the letters of his name—RB—bordering up a parcell of land marked by Robert Newman upon the E. side of sd. Cr., the Cr. running up S. or neare thereabouts from the river. Trans. of 14 pers: James Leonard, Peter Rice, Elizabeth Gilbert, Georg Rowles, Robert Raby, Richard Haies, Phillipp Pharin, (or Phazin), Geo. Rotherum, John Ford, Jon. Lee, Ann Bussey, Richard Smith, Edward May, Elizabeth Russey.

GEORG WHITE, Clerke, 150 acs. Up. Co. of New Norf., 19 Aug. 1637, p. 458. S. upon his own land, N. into the woods, E. upon land of John Wilkins & W. upon land of Francis Hough. Trans. of his wife Blanch White & 2 pers: Peter White, Zachariah Taylor. Note: This patten surrendered & renewed with other bounds with an addition of 150 acs. more. Rich. Kemp, Sec.

SAME. 200 acs. Same Co. & date, p. 459. W. upon a Cr. deviding this from land of James Knott & E. upon the first Cr. Trans. of 4 pers: Georg White, William Moore, John Joice, Thomas Cutchman.

• RICHARD BENNETT, Gent., 2000 acs. Up. Co. of New Norf., 19 Aug. 1637, p. 459. Being a neck of land in Nansamund Riv. about 2 mi. from the point or beg., adj. land of John Parrott, beg. upon sd. Riv. at Parraketo point & upon the Cr. side at a greate Oyster bancke, running from the Riv. to the Cr. N. W. & S. E. & up the same S. W. Trans. of 40 pers: Jon. Francis, Ann Atwood, Alex. Garner, Jon. Hane (or Hanc), Eliza. Husley, Geo. Lock, Rich.

Bird, Jon. Peters, Jon. Dee, Tho. Williams, Gilbert Lee, Tho. Jones, Ambrose Bennett, Rich. Cullumbine, Tho. Luter, Robt. Moore, Henry Rutkin, Rich. Morris, Austin a Negroe, Ralph Hewes, Thomas "killed wth a tree," Rich. Glascock, Rich. Glascocke, Edward Yorke, Willi. Quillmead, Peter Bayly, Robert Rawson, Peter White, Willi. Fowler, Wm. Limpson, William Durand, Robert Campeere, Arthur Wood, Henry Johnson, Grace his wife, James Smith, Mary Harding, Arthur Martin, Georg Bussey, Richard Bennett.

SAME. 350 acs. Same Co. & date, p. 460. Being a neck of land neare a mile within Sandy Cr., being the first Cr. to the Wwd. of Crany point, sd. neck lying S. W. into the woods &c., sd. Cr. going in & out betweene Nansamund & Eliz. Rivers. Trans. of 7 pers: Thomas Jefferies, William Ford, John Jolly, Robert Fardings, James Willett, Tho. Bennett, John Robinson.

ROBERT ROCKWELL, 250 acs. Up. Co. of New Norf., 19 Aug. 1637, p. 460. In Nansamund Riv., butting upon land of Edward Major, bounded by same Cr. binding his land, 50 acs. due for his owne per. adv. & 200 acs. for trans. of his wife Sarah Rockwell, 2 children: Mary Rockwell, Thomas Rockwell & 1 servt: Mary Hayes.

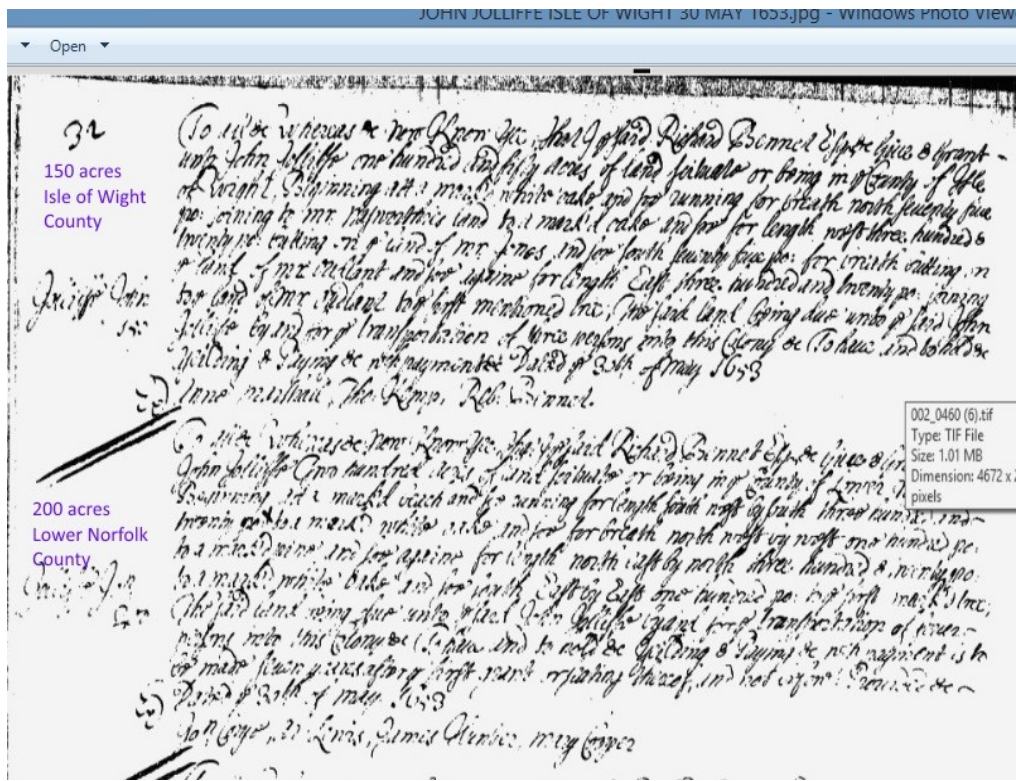
THOMAS SMITH, 350 acs. James City Co., 21 Aug. 1637, p. 460. Adj. unto Weaver his plantation, Sly. towards a br. of Kethes Cr., a mile Ely, into the woods & on N. side of Edward Hall & William Shute (name altered—first written White), bounded on S. with the Beaver damms. 50 acs. for his owne per adv. & 100 acs. by purchase from Silvester Totnam & 200 acs. for trans. of 4 pers.*

SILVESTER TOTNAM unto THOMAS SMITH, 100 acs. (above), together with all right and title &c. For good and lawfull consideration. Dated 1635. [redacted] 99 [redacted] 197 [redacted] man, in the presence of John Dennett. Page 461.

In 1653, John Jolliffe received 3 land patents from Richard Bennett Knt. Governor. One was in Nansemond County dated 4 July 1653 for 250 acres. All patents are from the Library of Virginia digital files.

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The other 2 were dated 30 May 1653. One for 150 acres in Isle of Wight County and one for 200 acres in Lower Norfolk County.



In 1661 John Jolliffe renewed the above patent for 200 acres in Lower Norfolk County.

The Transposition of Five Acres &c To Have and To Hold &c
To be held &c granting and giving &c provided &c Date the
6th of August 1663.

John Jolliffe To all Whome it shall Come to that I the said Francis Maysor
Governor &c give and grant unto John Jolliffe Two hundred
200 Acres of Land Situate &c lying in the County of Lower Norfolk
Beginning at a marked Birch and running for Length South
West by South 320 poles to a marked White Oak and so for Length West
West by West 100 poles to a marked Pine, and so again for Length
Northwest by North 320 poles to a marked White Oak, &c so to the west
by East 100 poles to the first mentioned Tree. The said Land &c
was formerly granted unto John Jolliffe by Patent under the Great
Seal of May 1653. and now renewed in his Majesty's name &c To
Have and To Hold &c To be held &c granting and giving
&c provided &c Date the 13th of January 1661.

This renewal patent is very important and we will come back to it later so keep it in mind.

John Jolliffe died in 1687 in Isle of Wight County. William Jolly requested, and was granted, administration of his estate so he must have been his son.

given under my hand and seal of the Colony this 21th day of octob^r 1637

Stamham

To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come Iffraanis Lord Howard Baron of Effingham his highnes and gouernour generall of Virginia send greetinge in our Lord God and in his Wherias John Jolly late of this Colony send dyng in Effate and leaueing an Effate in diuers goods rights and credits in Care wherof William Jolly did at a Court held for the Effate of Wight County June the ninth 1637 make humble suite that Commission of administration might be granted him on the saids Effate now knowe geer that Iffraanis Lord Howard according to the Statutes of Honour for the better orderinge and better curyng of the saids Effate doe give and grant unto the said William Jolly the administration of all and singular the goods rights and credits of the saids decessed Effate It m^{ay} be given under my hand and seal of the Colony this 21th day of octob^r 1637

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To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come Iffraanis Lord Howard Baron of Effingham his highnes and gouernour generall of Virginia send greetinge in our Lord God and in his

The above information is background for the next section and the John it refers to is John Jolly/Jolliffe who came to the Isle of Wight County, Colony of Virginia in 1637. In the next section I will refer to this John as JOHN1.

Now we are going to shift attention to Lower Norfolk County and Thomas and John Jolliffe. The John Jolliffe/Jolly in this section I will refer to as JOHN2. I will not go into detail about Thomas and his journey to Virginia with John. That will be the subject of another writing.

Thomas Jolliffe was married to Margaret Skinner and they lived at Cofton Hackett Hall, Worcestershire, England. They had 7 children including a son named John who was born in 1642. Margaret died in 1647.

Thomas was a confidant of King Charles I of England. In 1648 King Charles I was charged with treason, arrested, tried and found guilty, and then executed (beheaded). Thomas accompanied him to the execution. After the King was executed, Thomas feared for his life because of his close association with King Charles and fled England in 1648 with his young son John with him for Barbadoes. He stayed in Barbadoes until about 1655 when him and JOHN2 apparently went to the Colony of

Virginia and Lower Norfolk County. The following excerpt from an article in the "Genealogical and Personal History of the Upper Monongahela Valley Vol 1" seems to confirm his presence there.

" The old records have a notice in 1680 at St. Michael' s, Barbadoes, of a Thomas Jolley who owned two hundred acres of land, three hired servants, ten bought servants, and seventy negroes. It is probable this was Thomas Jolley, of Cofton Hall, who was a known adherent of Charles the First, probably after his execution was compelled to leave home with his son John, following Prince Rupert to the West Indies."

I also have a record indicating that Thomas returned to England about 1656 without JOHN2. He married his second wife, Mary, daughter of Sir Gabriel Lowe, and widow of Robert Ducie, of Little Aston in Staffordshire. She bore Thomas on son, William, and died on May 6th, 1663.

The question remained "Where did JOHN2 live?" There were no land grants in Lower Norfolk County or that area from 1655 to 1664 to Thomas Jolliffe or JOHN2. JOHN2 did receive a grant in 1664 for some land but none before. I also want to point out that in Colonial Virginia a male had to be 21 years of age before they could receive a land grant. From the Glossary of Colonial Terms on the web site milaminvirginia.com.....

- **Legal Age** – Under English Common Law, full majority was reached at the age of 21. Anyone under 21 was legally an infant. Only persons who had reached majority could perform certain legal actions: buy or sell land without restriction, patent land, devise land in a will, sign a bond or note, bring suit in one's own name, marry without consent, act as a guardian, serve on a jury and vote or hold public office. For some legal actions, the Law merely required that the person be judged capable of discretion which was generally accepted as 14 years of age. Children aged 14 and over could legitimately perform the following: witness deeds and contracts, testify in court, select a guardian, apprentice themselves without parental consent and bequeath personal property in a will.

Here is the 1664 land grant/patent for John Jolley (JOHN2)....

process 44 dated the eighteenth of October one thousand six hundred and sixty four.

John Jolly To all to Whom This Shall Come Know ye That I the said Sir William Berkeley Knight Governor Do give and grant unto John Jolly Two hundred and sixty seven Acres of Land situate at the head of a branch in the Western branch of Elizabeth River called the head creek Beginning at a marked red oak standing by a marked white oak

running south by West two hundred and forty poles to a marked white oak and thence West in a straight line two hundred and forty poles to a marked pine and so North one hundred and sixteen poles to a marked pine and from thence East North East three hundred poles to the first mentioned station. The said Land being now in the said Jollys possession. Transportation of six Persons &c To Have and To abide the Labor Held &c quieting and paying the provision &c Dated the Eighteenth of October one thousand six hundred and sixty four.

To all to Whom This Shall Come Know ye That I the said Sir William Berkeley Knight Governor Do give and grant unto John Jolly Two hundred and sixty seven Acres of Land situate at the head of a branch in the Western branch of Elizabeth River called the head creek Beginning at a marked red oak standing by a marked white oak

Still, the question lingers, "Where did JOHN2 live between 1655 and 1664?" According to what I have found, I firmly believe he lived on the land JOHN1 was granted in 1653 and had renewed in 1661. One word in two land patents has lead me to this conclusion and the connection that probably proves that JOHN1 and Thomas are brothers with JOHN2 being the nephew of JOHN1.

In 1682 JOHN2 received a land grant for 867 acres of land in Lower Norfolk County.

Jolliffe
867.

To all whome these things shall come, I the said Sr Henry Chicheley
Knt. Deputy Governour. Give and grant unto John Jolliffe Esq
hundred fifty and seven acres being all ye kind of the land which of
the western branch of Elizabeth river in the County of Essex Norfolk
Beginning at a red oak tree base a fidd and running South to his old mill
here two hundred sixty eight poles to the land of Thomas Jolliffe thence on
a line of on the shore North west one hundred forty five poles to a
white oak tree thence on his line South west one hundred and to a
white oak tree thence on his line South west thirty five poles thence
west six hundred & forty poles ending into a plantation then againe from the first
mentioned red oak tree South west along the branch side fifty five poles
then North West to the pole over the face of the branch to a white oak tree
the corner here of his old plantation thence North west in west one hundred and
forty poles to a white oak tree another corner here of his old plantation
then South west in a line to the market here one hundred & fifty poles to the land of
James Murray thence ending on Murray market then North west by west
two hundred & sixty poles to a white oak tree in Murray's time then North west
by market here five hundred & forty poles into the first mentioned plantation
thence the end of the first mentioned plantation two hundred sixty and seven
acres of ye land was formerly granted the said Jolliffe by pattent dated
the 18th of octob^r 1664. and two hundred acres more granted Sr Jolliffe Sen^r
a pattent dated the 13th of January 1661. and five hundred acres being due by and
for ye tranfportation of eight persons into this Collony the said Sr Henry Chicheley
do hereby certifye that the said Sr Henry Chicheley
the 13th of January 1661.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the
said Collony the 22th of
April 1667.
The said Sr Henry Chicheley
Rich^d Heath. Secy. Juliana. Secy. Asses.

Patrick -
1728

To all whome these things shall come, I the said Sr Henry Chicheley Knt
Deputy Governour. Give and grant unto John Jolliffe Esq
hundred fifty and seven acres being all ye kind of the land which of
the western branch of Elizabeth river in the County of Essex Norfolk
Beginning at a red oak tree base a fidd and running South to his old mill
here two hundred sixty eight poles to the land of Thomas Jolliffe thence on
a line of on the shore North west one hundred forty five poles to a
white oak tree thence on his line South west one hundred and to a
white oak tree thence on his line South west thirty five poles thence
west six hundred & forty poles ending into a plantation then againe from the first
mentioned red oak tree South west along the branch side fifty five poles
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said Collony the 22th of
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Rich^d Heath. Secy. Juliana. Secy. Asses.

The section in between the two purple lines reads ".....two hundred sixty and seven acres of ye land was formerly granted the said Jolliffe by pattent dated the 18th of October 1664 and two hundred acres more granted Jno Jolliffe Sen'r a pattent dated ye 13th of January 1661 and five hundred acres being due by and for ye tranfportation of eight perfons into this Collony".....

It took quite a few blow ups and another pair of eyes from my cousin Gale Jolly to confirm that the word Sen'r was indeed there. This was how they abbreviated Senior in those days.

By ~~written~~ dated
the 17th of April 1713
and also being duly
by ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~have~~ ^{have}

Not only was the word "Sen'r" in this patent but also in the 1713 patent to Thomas Jolliffe, son of JOHN2.

John
1662

Edw Spotswood

Annexed To all & Whereas by one Patent under the Great Seale of this our Colony and Dominion of Virginia bearing date the twentieth day of September last past one thousand six hundred eighty two there was granted unto John Jelliff of the County of Stafford one certain tract or parcel of land containing Eight Hundred forty seven Acres being in that part of — in the said County of Stafford formerly part of the said County of Stafford bounded as follows to witte Beginning at a certain stake by Edmund Deane running South by the said Stake North West one Hundred twenty eight poles to the Land of Thomas Collier then on the said Stake South West one Hundred poles to a certain stake then on the said Stake South East thirty six poles thence West six Hundred and sixty poles along in to a Ridge for then again for first — mentioned &c & c the West South West along the Branch side fifty six poles then West North West along the fork of the Branch to a certain stake then the same East of the said Stake North West by West one Hundred poles along the Branch to a certain stake then another Corner tree of the said Patent thence South West by South by Mark Dees one Hundred and fifty poles to the Land of James Murray then bounding on Murray Mark Dees North West by West two Hundred and sixty poles to a certain stake thence East South East by Mark Dees four Hundred and two Hundred sixty seven acres part thereof was formerly granted unto the said John Jelliff by Patent dated the thirtieth day of October one thousand six hundred sixty four unto one thousand six hundred sixty six by one and four Hundred Acres being the third part of the said Patent of Eight Hundred sixty seven Acres was granted unto the above named John Jelliff on condition of planting and plucking as in the said Patent expressed **And** Whereas the said John Jelliff hath failed to make such planting and plucking the same Colony and Dominion and hath obtained a Grant of the same Land **Therefore** — **Know yee** that for Divers good Causes and Considerations but more especially for the Consideration of the said Affairs the Kings of Good and Lawfull Money for our Colonies and to our Revenue Generall of our Colonies in the said Colony and Dominion of Virginia — **We** have given Grants and confirmed and by these presents for our selves & our heirs Heirs Executors and Assignes do give Grant and confirm unto the said Thomas Jelliff and unto his heirs and Assignes for ever **All** the said part and parcel of the said Land and tract of Land with all &c

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In witness whereof our Trusty and wel beloved Alexander Spotswood our Secy Governour &c at Williamsburgh under the Seale of our said Colony the first day of August one thousand seven hundred and thirtion In the second Year of our said Kings

Edw Spotswood

Here's the blow up of the word "Sen'r".



...the first mentioned tract of land two hundred sixty seven acres first thereof was formerly granted the said John Jolliff by patent dated the eighteenth day of October one thousand six hundred sixty four. Two hundred acres were granted John Jolliff Sen'r by Patent dated the thirteenth of January one thousand six hundred sixty one and four hundred acres being the added part of the said patent of eight hundred sixty seven acres was granted unto the above mentioned John Jolliff on condition of seeding and planting on the said Patent was expected.....".

Once again, the part between the purple lines reads ".....the first mentioned tract of land two hundred sixty seven acres first thereof was formerly granted the said John Jolliff by patent dated the eighteenth day of October one thousand six hundred sixty four. Two hundred acres were granted John Jolliff Sen'r by Patent dated the thirteenth of January one thousand six hundred sixty one and four hundred acres being the added part of the said patent of eight hundred sixty seven acres was granted unto the above mentioned John Jolliff on condition of seeding and planting on the said Patent was expected.....". Once again there is that pesky word Sen'r.

Remember the land patent renewal John Jolly/Jolliffe (JOHN1) had renewed in 1661? Then it is mentioned two times as part of these land patents (one to JOHN2 and one to Thomas JOHN2's son)

I firmly believe that there was a little manipulation between JOHN1 and JOHN2 on the government of Virginia whereas the government thought JOHN1 was the father of JOHN2. This was accomplished because Thomas Jolliffe, JOHN2's father, had returned to England. This is evidenced by an entry in the following publication "THE JOLLIFFE FAMILY And THE LAST GREAT DAYS OF COFTON HALL 1633-1812 by

CHARLES BLOUNT" which reads in referring to Thomas Jolliffe....."The next information we have about him is in 1670, and it comes from an account of a dispute between him and the rector of Northfield, the Rev. John Hinckley, which the latter recorded at the end of the second volume of the Northfield Parish Registers. From this account it appears that Jolliffe first raised the matter of the annual payment of 4 Pounds with Hinckley, who was rector of Northfield from 1662 to 1695". Thomas Jolliffe was back in England long before the apparent scam was pulled in 1682 where John Jolly (JOHN1) posed as the father of John Jolliffe (JOHN2).

Another entry that appears in "The Ancestor: A Quarterly review of County and Family History, Heraldry and Antiquities", Number IV, 1903, Archibald constable and Co. Ltd. states as follows in reference to Thomas Jolliffe...."The loyalty of the master of Cofton seems to have been unquestioned, because in the first list of justices of the peace for Worcestershire promulgated 10 July 1660, only six weeks after the 'happy Restoration', the name of Thomas Jolliffe appears whilst in 1672 and 1673 he served successively as high sheriff for Worcestershire and Staffordshire.....".

That one little word Sen'r (abbreviation for Senior) in the land grants is what led me to the conclusion that the two Johns were probably related to each other. Who else would take the chance for another besides a relative. As such, I also believe that John Jolly (also referred to as John Jolliffe in land grants) was the brother of Thomas Jolliffe (John Jolliffe's actual father) which leads us back to the baptismal records.

Another point that needs to be made is that during the Colonial times if a person dies while owning land and there is no will or assignment of the land it goes back or escheats, back to the King for granting to someone else. Also there are no records that the patent John Jolliffe (JOHN1) received in 1653 and renewed in 1661 was assigned to someone else. Therefore it seems very unlikely that a patent would be granted to JOHN2

in 1682 which included the land of a person who was still living and had not assigned the land to anyone else, JOHN1.

The majority of serious genealogists demand hard proof, such as documentation, for anything they add to their records. In this case there would not be any documentation of the apparent scam that was pulled on the Colony of Virginia in 1682. There were no birth records to disprove who was John Jolliffe's father so it wasn't that hard to accomplish.

John Jolliffe (JOHN2) married Mary Rigglesworth and had a big family.

The following photo shows the land grants that were mentioned above.

