

## THE ROSE FAMILY OF VIRGINIA

### FIRST GENERATION

1. WILLIAM ROSE, born about 1622, a native of either England or Scotland, and was probably in Virginia as early as 1636-37. (Historical Southern Families, Vol XI, pp 65-75, Boddie, hereafter referred to as H.S.F.) According to early Virginia records he evidently made several trips back and forth from his native land. William ROSE died in 1671-72 at about the age of 49 years which indicates he was born about 1622. (Boddie's Va. Historical Genealogies, p 307; Surry Co., Va. Bk. 1 - hereafter referred to as V.H.G.)

C & P, Nugent, p 79: (patent Bk 1, Part II, p 514) Capt. Thos. PAULETTE received 2000 acs in Charles City (sic) Co., Va., dated 15 Jan 1637 for his own personal adventure and the trans. of 38 persons..... including William ROSE.

Id. p 316: (Patent Bk III, p 376) William ROSE was among 80 persons trans. to Virginia by Nicholas Merywether for which Mr. Merywether received 3000 acs. in Westmoreland Co., Va., dated 1 June 1654.

Id., p 352 (Patent Bk 4, p 175): William ROSE was among 10 persons trans. to Virginia by Thomas Rowe for which Mr. Rowe received 500 acs. upon the Potomack (sic) in the freshes, S. upon land of Walter Dun....., dated 15 July 1657, p 118 (175.)

Id. p 287: 1653, Last of March, Wm. Knotty received 200 acs. in Surry Co., Va. on S side of James River about 1 1/2 mi. from same (Patent Bk. III, p 256), Southwesterly by South into the woods, across Reedy Swamp River, on N.W. by W. side of Mr. Benj. Harryson's (sic) devdt. by the round island, and N.W. by W. towards Upper Chin Oakes Creek, for trans. of four persons..... Among them, William Rose and wife. (This proves the wife of William Rose was also an immigrant.)

H.S.F., p 66, Boddie: William Rose was married about 1650 to Anne - (surname unknown) who was also born in distant lands and came with her husband to Virginia.

As well as it can be determined, William Rose made his first and last purchase of land in Virginia in 1652 and sold it in 1654 (Davis Abstracts, p 6.) Later Francis Sowerby acquired this land in two parcels of 105 1/2 acs. each, and many years later William Rose's son, Richard<sup>2</sup> married Elizabeth Sowerby, daughter of Francis Sowerby.

Mr. George H. Rose of Los Angeles whose research was very important in the preparation and publication of H.S.F Vols. XIII and XIV by Boddie, made the following comment: "Since the Roses continued to reside in the same area it is concluded that the description of the 211 acs. on the Fork of Grays Creek indicates fairly accurately where William Rose was settled."

H.S.F. Vol XI, p 72 (Surry Bk I, pp 271-72): In two transactions dated 3 July 1666, Barth. Owen transfers to William Rose and Anne Rose, his wife, a gray mare 4 yrs. old called Liddey for the use and benefit of Jane, William, Anne, and Mary Rose, the son and daughters of Wm. and Anne Rose. Purchase is made by some cattle belonging to the children "given to them by some friends." Signed: Barth. Owen. Wit: Luke (his mark) Mizell and John Morecocke.

In the next record William and Anne Rose "sold and exchanged in behalfe of Jane, William, Anne and Mary Rose (their children)," etc.

"This is not a gift of stock from parents to children - the children had received the stock as a gift and the parents are now making an exchange for their benefit. (George Rose) says: This strongly indicates that either William or Anne Rose, or both, had relatives in the area. Livestock was hard to come by, for animals had to be brought over by boat and losses were heavy. Therefore either Owen or the clerk uses the words 'friends', a gift of animals was an almost sure sign of propinquity."

H.S.P. Vol XI, pp 73-75: 1671, William Rose pledged certain goods to John Salway ..... for security of a debt of tobacco owed to John Salway on 12 Oct 1671. Wit: John Carr, Robert Palmer (Surry Bk 1, p 402, Davis Abstracts, p 104.)

The above is the last record known of William Rose. It is inferred from the style used in the Davis abstracts that the record was dated 12 Oct 1671 and recorded 3 Jan 1671-72. (Difference in change of calendar cause of above seemingly incorrect dates.)

William Rose died between 3 Jan 1671-72 and when Anne Rose, widow of William Rose, made Deed of Gift to her children, among them, "my son, Richard Rose, one cow and one 2 yr old heifer." Richard was not named in the 1666 exchange of stock recorded by his parents because he was not yet born (H.S.P., Vol XIV, p 201, Boddie.) The children named in Anne's Deed of Gift were: sons; William and Richard Rose; and daughters: Anne and Mary Rose. Signed: Anne (A, her mark) Rose. Test: George Watkins (Surry Co., Va. Guardians' accounts 1672-1750, p 4.) This record establishes that William Rose was deceased and that he and Anne had a son, Richard Rose not named in the 1666 document. The record date does not appear, but its order in the book indicates it was recorded in 1672.

Id. Vols XI, XII, XIII: ISSUE OF WILLIAM AND ANNE ROSE:  
(Order of births unknown, dates of birth assumed)

- i, Jane<sup>2</sup> Rose prob. b ca 1651/2, named in 1666 document, married (1) Richard Avery, (2) Edward Booky.
- ii, William Rose prob. b ca 1654/5, named in 1666 document, married Lucy (Corker) Jordan (wid. of Thos. Jordan) daughter of Capt. Wm. Corker. Wm. ROSE, by his own deposition was 34 yrs. old on 4 March 1689 (Surry O.B. 1671-1691 and Fothergill notes, p 4.)
- iii, Anne Rose prob. b ca 1657, named in 1666 document.
- iv, Mary Rose prob. b ca 1660, named in 1666 document.
- v, Richard Rose " b ca 1669, named in his mother's Deed of Gift, married Elizabeth Sowerby, daughter of Francis and Katherine Sowerby. (See later.)

SECOND GENERATION

H.S.P. Vol XIV, pp 200-208, Boddie: RICHARD<sup>2</sup> ROSE (William<sup>1</sup>) son of William Rose, the immigrant, and his wife, Anne Rose was born about 1669 in Virginia. He was born no later than this year, as he was of age in 1690 when he made his first and only purchase of land of 100 acs., adjoining the Sowerby land, and is called a "planter." He was the youngest child of William Rose, and only about 2 yrs. old when his father died. He had at least two guardians at different times. His older brother, William Rose and his brother-in-law, Richard Avery.

Id. pp 201-202: July 1683: "Ordered that William Rose appear at

Court (July?) and give an account of the estate of Richard Rose. (Surry O.B. 1671-1691, p 407.)

7 ber (Sent) 4, 1683: Richard Rose requested that Richard Avery be appointed his guardian, and the account of the estate be admitted to record." (Pothergill Notes, p 7.) (Surry O.B. 1671-91) This document indicates Richard was 14 years old, and could choose his own guardian. It also indicates he was born about 1669.

H.S.P. Vol XIII, pp 143-144 (Boddie): Richard Avery, first husband of Jane Rose (bro. in law of Richard Rose) died between making his will dated 12 Sept 1684 and when it was probated in 1685-86. (Surry Deeds and Wills, etc., 1684-85, Bk 3, pp 45-46.)

Id. p 144: "1686, July Court, Richard Rose appeared in Court and chose William Rose to be his guardian who accepted and was ordered to give security. Jane Avery (sister to William and Richard Rose) having listed Richard Rose in the levy list, he then chose William Rose as his guardian." [Jane (Rose) Avery married second Edward Booky.] "Upon the motion of Edward Booky who had married Jane (Rose) Avery, it was ordered that William Rose pay to Richard Rose his levy. Thomas Sowerby appeared in Court and presented himself as security for William Rose's payment to the estate of Richard Rose and was accepted. Clerk ordered to take bond." (Surry O.B. 1671-91, p 522.) (See Sowerby Family later. p 13-14.)

H.S.P. Vol XIV, pp 200-201: Richard Rose married about 1690, Elizabeth Sowerby, daughter of Francis Sowerby and his wife, Katherine Sowerby. Richard Rose died in 1736 at the age of 67 years. He left a will in which he named his sons: Thomas and Richard Rose, his wife, Elizabeth, a married daughter named Jane Rose who had married a Rose, and "my granddaughter, Hannah Rose." (H.S.P. Vol XIV, p 201.) There is no record of the death of his wife, Elizabeth (Sowerby) Rose.

Id., p 207: Will of Richard Rose, dated 20 Oct 1736, Surry Co., Va. in which he made following bequests: "to my son, Richard Rose one cow and calf... to daughter, Jane Rose....., to granddaughter, Hannah Rose ....., to my daughter Jane Rose the residue of my estate," with the provision that Jane maintain his wife, Elizabeth Rose. Jane is also shown to be the mother of Hannah and named to be the Executrix of her father's estate. Signed: Richard (his mark) Rose. Wit: John Nicholson, Jno. (his mark) Ogburn. Proved 15 Dec 1736 by the two witnesses. Jane had evidently married a Mr. Rose who was deceased by 1736. (Surry Deeds, Wills, etc, Vol 8, 1730-36, p 653.)

S.H.P., Vol XIV, p 207: 16 May 1739, Account of the estate of Richard Rose deceased, presented by John Nicholson and Thomas Bayley, shows amounts paid to Col. John Allen, Wm. Simmons, Jr., Mr. Wm. Gray, Edward Bayly, Robert Weger, John Bell for Richard Rose, Jr. Mr. Wm. Gray, Edward Bayly, a legacy paid Hannah Rose, his granddaughter, Thomas Bailey, Billinson Snipes, attorney's fee to Thomas Eldridge and "commission for my trouble about the estate." Credits totaled 28.11.12. Debits totaled 28.11.12. The account was signed by William Browne, Jr. and John Stokes who examined it. (Surry Deeds, Wills, etc. 1739-54, pp 64-65.)

Id, p 108: "It would appear possible that both his wife, Elizabeth and his daughter, Jane, were deceased, for no mention is made of the executrix and no amounts paid for the widow or executrix who were heirs. Notice the omission of son, Thomas also who was to receive 28 shillings, though perhaps he had already received it. No explanation given as to why Richard Rose, Jr. was given his share through John Bell. (Photo copies of early Rose Documents; Rose Notes by Augusta B. Pothergill deposited in Virginia State Library; Research Notes of the late Wickliffe Rose; Colonial Surry by Boddie.)



ISSUE OF RICHARD AND ELIZABETH (SOWERBY) ROSE  
(Complete list not known - Order of Births uncertain)

- i, Thomas<sup>3</sup> Rose b ante 1692, probably about 1691.
- ii, Richard<sup>3</sup> Rose b ante 1700, probably about 1693-95 (See later)
- iii, Anne married John Watkins.
- iv, Jane married \_\_\_\_\_ Rose.

THIRD GENERATION

RICHARD<sup>3</sup> ROSE (Richard<sup>2</sup>, William) son of Richard and Elizabeth (Sowerby) Rose was born about 1693-95 in Virginia and died in 1754 in Sussex Co., Va. He married Anne Horton, daughter of Thomas Horton. The will of Thomas Horton is recorded on Film 8119, part 4, Bk 3, p 839, Surry Co., Va. (Utah Genealogical Society, Salt Lake City, Utah.): .... "To my daughter, Elizabeth Barrow, 5 shillings, To my daughter, Mary Proctor, 5 shillings. To my daughter, Ann ROSE, my plantation and all my lands thereunto belonging and all my goods and chattels. She to be my sole Executrix. 8 Nov 1727. Signed: Thomas (his mark TH) Horton. Wit: John Phillips, James Binum, Agnes Binum. Proved 21 Aug 1728."

Richard Rose died between making his will in Dec 1751 and 13 May 1754 when his widow, Ann Rose, Executrix, presented it to the Court, Sussex Co., Va.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF RICHARD ROSE  
(Will Book A, p. 8 Sussex Co., Va.)

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, I, Richard ROSE, of the parish of Albemarle in the County of Surry being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be unto God, that for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and in following: I recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body I commit to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executrix, hereafter named and as to my worldly Estate I Give and Dispose thereof as follows:

ITEM: I will that all the truly Debts that I now owe, be paid.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son, William ROSE, the plantation I now live on and all the land of the westward side of the Main branch, containing 200 acres of land, more or less, and all Housing, Orchards and appertinances(?) thereunto belonging to the said Rose and to his Heirs forever.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son, William ROSE, my gun and (illegible).

ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my son in law, Thomas EZELL (spelled EZELL) one Heifer of 2 years old to him and his Heirs forever.

ITEM: I lend my well beloved wife, Ann ROSE, the use of all my personal Estate during her widowhood, but, if my said wife should marry again, then, I give and bequeath to my wife Anne ROSE'S children:

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son, William ROSE, one Copper Kettle after the death of my wife.

ITEM: I give and bequeath to my five daughters, Elizabeth ROSE, Mary ROSE, Sarah ROSE and (-illegible-----) all the remainder of my personal Estate movables and immovables to be equally divided among them after the decease of my wife, Ann Rose, what