

DESCENDANTS

OF

ARCHIBALD McALLISTER,

OF

WEST PENNSBORO TOWNSHIP,

Cumberland County, Pa.

1730--1898.

BY

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Scheffer's Printing & Bookbinding House,
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Elizabeth Jolliffe, fifth child of William & Elizabeth Jolliffe, was born at the Newville House, June 16, 1768. She was left by her father's will property in her own right, which was to come to her when she married or became of age. When a young lady she married John McAllister a son of James McAllister of Berkley Co., Va., one of the gentleman trustees for laying out the town of Martinsburg and one of the first justices for Berkley County under the Commonwealth. For this marriage she lost her membership among Friends.

John McAllister was a highly educated, well to do, miller. He built one of the largest and best appointed brick flouring mills in Frederick Co., which was known as Greenwood Mills. He used to send his flour to Alexandria, Va., for shipment to Liverpool. The firm Jolliffe & Brown was his agent.

He was a very agreeable man and his wife a charming hostess. They entertained their friends in the lavish and hospitable manner so common among the old time Virginians and around their board were often gathered such historic characters as Light-Horse Harry Lee, General John Smith, General Singleton, Major General Horatio Gates, General Dark and other prominent leaders of the Revolutionary period. He sold his possessions in Virginia soon after the war of 1812 (about 1814 or 1815) and with his wife moved to Tennessee and settled at a place he designated as McAllister's Cross Roads, Montgomery County.

He was very eccentric, always kept his coffin ready to receive his body should he die suddenly. At the death of his wife, Elizabeth, he buried her body on the top of a high mountain overlooking the Tennessee River. This point afterwards known as Lookout Point. It overlooks the town of Chattanooga and was made historic by the battle of the clouds fought there during the late war.

Elizabeth Jolliffe was a tall, dignified lady, fond of society, witty, and quick at repartee. She was very fond of poetry and left a well selected library to her niece, Elizabeth McAllister Jolliffe.

She left no children to bear her honored name. She was devoted to her family and friends, and kept up an active correspondence with them as long as she lived.

I have in my possession several interesting letters from her pen. Her death occurred in Tennessee about the year 1818 or 1819. Her husband was a fine business man. Keeping his accounts and writing his letters in a clear, full hand. Just when he died is unknown, as there is no record.

(Copied from the "History of the Jolliffe, Neill and Janney Families of Virginia," by Wm. Jolliffe.)