

Rittenhouse,' *Knights' Houses*. For many years the old spelling was retained, as their autographs in my collection show, but, as with other names, so this name was changed and became thoroughly anglicized into Rittenhouse.

"It was in 1688 that Wilhelm (German), Willem (Dutch), William (English) Rittenhouse, with his wife<sup>1</sup> and two sons, Klaus (Nicholas) and Gerhard (Garret), and a daughter, Elizabeth, arrived in Germantown from New York. How long they had been in New York is unknown, but my own belief is that they came directly to Pennsylvania, and very probably were so induced by Francis Daniel Pastorius, who knew the importance of having a paper mill in this colony. William Rittenhouse was a native of the Principality of Broich, in Holland,<sup>2</sup> where his ancestors for many generations had been paper makers, and was born in 1644.<sup>3</sup>

"In Germantown proper there was not water enough for their purpose, but they soon found a small stream, now called Paper Mill Run, in Roxborough, and there in a meadow they located their mill.<sup>4</sup> This run empties into the Wissahickon about a mile above its junction with the Schuylkill. The mill was built in 1690.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> I do not know where Mr. Jones can find any authority for mentioning his wife; in all official documents, deeds, or other papers I could not find any mention of his wife.

<sup>2</sup> In Westphalia, near Mülheim, on the river Ruhr.

<sup>3</sup> They in later years lived at Arnheim, in Holland, where, as Adrian said, his forefathers had long been established, and that his father, Nicholas, was a paper manufacturer in that city, as others of the family had been, and that his father's brother, William, who later had moved to Amsterdam, went with his family to North America, where he afterward established the paper mills near Germantown.

<sup>4</sup> Presumably Willem and his oldest son, Nicholas, together.

<sup>5</sup> An agreement was made between Samuel Carpenter and William Rittenhouse and others in 1690, but no deed was made until February 9, 1705 (see pages 53, 54, 55), and three days afterward, being February 12, 1705, William made deed to his son Claus (or Nicholas) for three full, equal, and undivided one-fourth parts of the said twenty acres. In 1708 William Rittenhouse died intestate, and the remaining one-fourth part