

First mention of the name Jefferson  
in Colonial Virginia

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of Jefferson appears in any record of  
the affairs of Virginia which happens  
at as early a period as twelve years  
after the settlement of the Colony.

It was known that a House of  
Burgesses had met in the early days  
of the Colony, but at what precise  
time it met, and how long it sat, &  
what was done by it, there was no  
record of, that any one knew anything  
about, until lately, when Mr Conway  
Robertson found in London a manu-  
script of about 30 pages containing a  
detailed account of all these particulars.

It met the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 1619 and sat  
four days, in which time it transacted  
all the little business of the Colony.

There was also in this manuscript  
a list of the names of the burgesses, & one  
of them was a Mr Jefferson of Flower de  
Hundred. At that time the Colony

was divided not into counties but into  
Plantations as they were called, which  
stretched westward without limit and.  
"Flower de Hundred" was one of these.

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