REYNOLDS HISTORICAL GENEALOGY COLLECTION
FAMILY HISTORY

of

BETTER and JOHN JONES

Thru their Ohio descendants

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(The following deed appears to be that of our PETER JONES, JR., and his wife, MARY, to Alexander King, of lands received thru the WILL of PETER JONES, SR., which is of record in the County Clerk's office of Romney, Hampshire County, West Virginia, in DEED BOOK No. 16, at Page 335.)

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JONES, Peter & Mary
Hampshire County, W. Va.
DEED to Alexander King
Dated Sept. 1, 1807
Of lands conveyed by Will of Peter Jones, Sr.
Deed approved Sept. 14, 1807
wife of Peter Jones, Jr. named in DEED: MARY.

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The following legend was told to me by Miss Helen Jones, (Now Mrs Wilbur Pontius, Circleville, Ohio R#.1) in 1933. Helen Jones is the granddaughter of Silas Jones, great grand daughter of Henry Jones, and great-great-grand-daughter of Peter Jones, Jr.

"One day Peter Jones, Jr. took his son Henry to see the public whipping of a slave. As the slave-owner viciously lashed his slave, terrible gashes were cut in the slave's body by the whip from which the blood gushed in streams.

This brutality was too much for Peter Jones, Jr., so he said to his son Henry, with an oath:

"Come, Henry, you and I are going where things like this do not happen."

so they went home, loaded their belongings in an ox-cart and moved to Ohio.

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All of the Peter Jones, Jr., and descendants of the John Jones line who went to Ohio, settled in the Virginia Military District of that state, and most of the members of the John Jones line, I understand, received their land for military services. But as I did not find that Peter Jones, Jr. ever owned land in Ohio, I thought to record the above story as a possible reason why he went, as well as because many of his relatives were going. Henry Jones, his son, received land in Vinton Co., O. for services in war of 1812.
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The following is a short record of the family of PETER JONES, JR. and his wife, MARY (Whiteman) as it appears in the Bible of his son, Henry Jones:

PETER JONES, JR. b. April 20, 1762 in Maryland
m. August 7, 1785
d. April 3, 1828

MARY WHITEMAN, b. Sept. 13, 1765, d. Mar. 31, 1814
Mary Whiteman was born in Hampshire Co. Va., and was the daughter of Henry and Mary Whiteman.

Children:

HENRY b. March 15, 1795, d. Oct. 19, 1866
Eliza (married Gasleny Philips in Jackson Co., Ohio)
Ruth (married Eli Westfall in Jackson Co., Ohio)
Bethamy
Susan
The following record of our Jones ancestors was copied from the Henry Jones Bible:

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PETER JONES, son of Peter and Catharine Jones, and father of Henry Jones, was born in Maryland, April 20, 1762. Married to Mary Whiteman August 7, 1785. Died April 3, 1828, aged 65 years, 11 months, 13 days.

PETER JONES, grandfather of Henry Jones, was a wagoner at Braddock's Defeat in 1755.

MARY JONES, wife of Peter Jones and daughter of Henry and Mary Whiteman, was born in Hampshire Co. Virginia, Sept. 13, 1765. Died March 31, 1814, aged 48 years, 6 months, 18 days.

HENRY JONES, eldest and only son of five children born to Peter and Mary Jones was born in Hampshire Co., Virginia, Sunday, March 15, 1795. Married to Nancy Moss October 3, 1816. Died October 19, 1866, aged 71 years, 7 months, 4 days.

NANCY JONES, wife of Henry Jones, and daughter of Samuel and Bethamy (Leasure) Moss, was born in Bedford Co., Penn. Oct. 26, 1800. Died Feb. 20, 1879, aged 78 years, 3 months, 24 days.

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THE OHIO BRANCH of the PETER JONES FAMILY, thru
HENRY JONES, son of Peter Jones, Jr., is given
below. This record was compiled from the many
Bibles of the sons and daughters of Henry Jones,
and from the Henry Jones Bible:

m. October 3, 1816
d. October 19, 1866

Daughter of Samuel and Bethamy (Leasure) Moss.

Children:

1. JARED, b. Dec. 1817, d. Jan 26, 1903
m. Nov. 23, 1837, to Katherine Sollars, daughter of Michael and Hozanna Sollars.

Children:
- David b. Oct. 4, 1838, d. Oct. 15, 1907
- John b. Sept. 10, 1840
- Hozanna b. May 25, 1844
- William b. Feb. 12, 1847
- Sylvester b. June 6, 1849
- Henry M. Miles b. June 12, 1851
- Sarah b. Feb. 8, 1854
- James A. b. Feb. 1856
- Christopher b. May 12, 1859 d. in Childhood
- Lydia b. June 17, 1861
- Laura b. June 7, 1863

(In Sept., 1853, Jared Jones moved his family to Stark Co., Illinois. However, William, his son, now lives at Burlington Junction, Mo. and Sylvester, another son, died recently in Kansas. Also a son of Sylvester, Dr. H. F. Jones is a dentist at Shidler, Okla. W. Franklin Jones, famous educator, psychologist and writer, and one time Dean of the University of Southern California, son of David, grandson of Jared,)
Jared Jones continued:

now retired, spends part of his time in his home in Redondo Beach, California, and part of his time in his Toulon, Illinois home. Mrs Edith (Cole) Brian, whose husband, Floyd B. Brian, is an attorney in Toulon, Illinois, is one of the most active workers on the Jones family history. She is a descendant (grand-daughter of Nancy) of the Jared Jones line.

2 SAMUEL b. Sept. 19, 1819, d. June 27, 1857 m. (his first cousin) Bethamy Moss, daughter of Jesse and Sarah (Strawser) Moss, on Nov. 10, 1839.

Children:
Sallie (or Sarah) b. Dec. 23, 1844 d. May 16, 1924
Susan b. Nov. 1848, d. when about 22
Christopher C. b. Oct. 18, 1851 d. June 22, 1914
Isabel b. Jan 20, 1854, d. Sept. 6, 1898

The above record was furnished me by Mrs Amelia Shonkwiler, Kingston, Ohio, Miss Hattie B. Lacey, Holton, Kansas, Mrs May Bradley, Mayetta, Kansas, Mrs Annie Creighton, Williamsport, Ohio, during winter of 1940. After the death of Bethamy (Moss) Jones and her husband, Samuel Jones, their children were raised by their grandfather, Henry Jones, as shown by Administration proceedings #3855, Ross County, Ohio, of the estate of Henry Jones, Dec., in which the following children of Samuel Jones and Bethamy his wife, are shown as minors in the care of the Henry Jones family: CHRISTOPHER, SALLIE, JESSE F. and ISABEL.

The Bible record of this family in the Henry Jones Bible, says that the following
Samuel Jones continued.

children of Samuel and Bethamy Jones moved to Kansas when they were grown: BETHAMY (WHITE), SUSANNA or Susan, and CHRISTOPHER.

Old Civil War letters, copies of which are in the possession of the writer, show that JESSE F. JONES enlisted in the Civil War in July 1861, and was at Camp Chase on July 24th in Co. A, 27th Regiment (Nelson Lutz, Captain).

3 MARY b. June 24, 1821, d. July 26, 1896
m. Jan. 6, 1839, to THOMAS LEASURE

Children:
Nancy J. b. Nov. 1, 1843, d. Oct. 5, 1863
Eliza A. b. Nov. 30, 1845, d. Aug. 30, 1923
John W. b. May 12, 1848, d. Aug. 9, 1916
James N. b. Dec. 18, 1854, d. Nov. 22, 1931
Martin L. b. Dec. 17, 1859
Nelson T. b. Mar. 20, 1864

The above record was furnished to me, principally, by

Mary E. Streicher, Elyria, Ohio
(who is a daughter of Jesse J. Leasure,
Jesse J. having compiled the Jones family record during the three years preceding his death. In this record it appears that
Peter Jones, Sr. came to America from Wales and settled in Maryland in 1750.)

The family record of Harley Yaple, Kingston, Ohio,
(son of Eliza A. (Leasure) Yaple, who was a
daughter of Mary Jones & Thomas Leasure) also
says that Peter Jones, Sr. came to America from Wales and settled in Maryland in 1750.
Mary & Thomas Leasure continued:

Harley Maple is a merchant in a general store in Kingston, Ohio.

4 PETER b. Jan. 17, 1823, d. Aug. 29, 1898
m. June 5, 1842 to Katherine Moss, his first cousin, who was the daughter of Jesse Moss and Sarah (Strawser) Moss.

Children:
- Samuel b. Feb. 8, 1844, d. Aug. 10, 1909
- Sarah b. Feb. 12, 1845, d. June 5, 1860
- Bethamy b. Sept. 25, 1846, d. Nov. 9, 1846
- Mary b. Sept. 25, 1846, d. Apr. 19, 1850
- Katherine b. Oct. 12, 1847, d. Apr. 18, 1850
- Nancy b. Sept. 4, 1850, d. Nov. 30, 1852
- Daniel b. Jan. 10, 1852, d. Sept. 27, 1852
- Jared b. Feb. 11, 1848, d. Nov. 30, 1852

Since there is not a descendant of the Peter Jones (of Henry) line, above, now living, most of them having perished in childhood with Scarlet Fever, the above record was furnished me by a member of the Moss family:
Mrs Eva Wagoner, 100 S. State St., Columbus, Ohio, who said in one of her letters:
"Aunt Katy died in 1909, having buried all her eight children before she departed. Most of her children died in infancy.
"Aunt Katy's second child, a daughter Sarah, was a very bright girl, and only 15 years of age when she had a certificate to teach, and I believe was teaching at her death".

5 Bethamy b. Jan. 1, 1825, d. in Dawson, Ill in 1900.
m. Presley Wheeland (or Whelan) July 25, 1847. The Henry Jones Bible says there were five children in this family, among them: Harvey, Mary, Jane, Giletta.
6  ELIZA  b. Jan. 18, 1827, d. at Westerville, Ohio  
Jan. 3, 1900.  m.  Peter Ranck Dec. 3, 1843  
Children:  
Mary Ann  b. Mar. 26, 1845  
d. Dec. 24, 1846  
Phillip  b. Oct. 9, 1846  m.  Barbara Freeman  
Martin H.  b. Sept. 22, 1848  
m.  1st.  Rosetta M. Wright  
who was the mother of his children.  He was married  
a second time  
Uriah Milton  b. Jan. 19, 1851  
d. Dec. 6, 1909  
Francis M.  b. May 8, 1853  
m.  Rosetta Vanaucken  
William  b. Aug. 13, 1855  (d. single)  
Cassie Leah  b. Nov. 2, 1860  
m.  Harris  
The above record was furnished to me  
principally by  
Martin Henry Ranck, 1581 Arlington Ave.,  
Columbus, Ohio  

7  MARGARET  b. Sept. 29, 1828, m. Feb. 3, 1846 to  
Eleazor O'Neal (or O'Neil).  This  
family moved to Leroy, McLean Co.,  
Illinois.  The Henry Jones Bible says  
they have 8 children.  The only names  
of those children I have gotten to date  
is thru a letter written by Martha E.  
O'Neal (one of them) on June 25, 1862,  
to her grandmother, Nancy (Moss)Jones,  
in which she mentions a little brother  
a few months old, named:  William Simeon.  
in this letter, she says:  
"Tell grandfather that mother told me  
about him going to war with his father."  
which I suppose means the War of 1812,  
and which is the only information that  
we have so far that both Henry Jones  
and his father, Peter Jones, Jr., were  
in the War of 1812.
8 SUSANNAH b. June 30, 1830, d. April 2, 1917
m. May 12, 1850 to JAMES H. GARRETT

Children:
Silas Franklin b. Feb. 23, 1851
Reuben Wilson b. Aug. 30, 1852
Mary Helen b. Nov. 6, 1853
Sarah Elizabeth b. June 15, 1855
Louisa Jane b. Mar. 23, 1857
James Henry b. June 5, 1858
William Newton b. Feb. 25, 1860
Anna Jane b. Mar. 6, 1862
Leah Catharine b. Jan. 8, 1864
Nathan Allen b. Mar. 26, 1866
Minnie Bell b. April 19, 1869
Davis Nelson b. Aug. 27, 1872

The above record was sent to me by
Davis Nelson Garrett, Ritchie, Ill.

who was then (1936) the only living member of the family.

9 ANNA b. May 11, 1832, d. in 1888
m. Sept. 6, 1852 to JAMES R. T. KUHN,
a widower who had two children: Mary
and Ferguson, by his first wife Hannah
Mauger. The children of James R. T. and
Anna Kuhn were:
Libbie b. June 14, 1853, at Meade, Ohio
d. Sept. 2, 1924
Flora Belle b. Feb. 17, 1855
d. Dec. 15, 1858 of croup
TENCHIA DORA b. April 4, 1857 (the
writer's mother) still alive
Mattie May b. Nov. 17, 1859
d. Oct. 7, 1914 of Cancer
Julia Carrie
Annie Laura
Kelly K. b. Sept. 6, 1866 (living 1940)
Georgia Emma b. Mar. 5, 1867 (living 1940)
Douglas (Bud)
Dennie W. b. Nov. 24, 1873 (living 1940)
Roy (youngest-still born)
10 SARAH b. Mar. 24, 1834, m. Henry Mauger May 18, 1854 moved to Illinois. Said to be the mother of 6 children, among them, Mollie, Bira, Della, Albin have been unable to contact this line thru Mrs Andrew Robison (Mollie, who lives at Wilmington, Ill). Could not locate any of the rest.

11 BATHSHBA b. April 10, 1836, m. Sylvester Clendennin on Jan. 19, 1854. This family moved to Dawson, Ill. Sylvester Clendennin was a school teacher. They are said to have had 9 children, among them: Taylor, George, Charles, John, William, Minnie

12 WILLIAM VANDORD b. May 9, 1838, d. at Westerville, Ohio, of T.B. May 28, 1876. He enlisted in Co. B. 26, Ohio in Civil War, and I have copies of many of his old War letters. He was wounded at Chickamauga and Stone River. According to his old war letters, late in his war service, he was made First Lieutenant, and then Captain of his regiment. Martin H. Hanck, a nephew of William Vannford Jones, says that William was in Andersonville Prison in Georgia, for six months. He married Mahala Lease Dec. 24, 1865, and was the father of three children: Otho of Chicago, Pierre and Samuel. It is reported that William Vannford Jones was at one time a school teacher.

Mary Alpha b. Dec. 23, 1872
Flora Ellen b. March 30, 1875
Henry Edison, b. Jan. 22, 1878
Della Tamson, b. Dec. 21, 1881
Estella Joan, b. Dec. 21, 1881) twins

I notice that in the Silas Dixon Jones Bible that the name "Kern" is spelled, "Kearne". The father of Silas' wife is given in this Bible as Thomas Kearne.

Miss Helen Jones (now Mrs Wilbur W. Pontius, Circleville, Ohio, R#1), granddaughter of Silas Jones, great-granddaughter of Henry Jones, and great-great-granddaughter of Peter Jones, Jr., is, or was, one of the genealogists of the Jones lines. I received much valuable aid from Miss Jones.

It is reported that Silas Jones knew the Jones history for four generations back, but he died in 1923, ten years before I got interested in the Jones genealogy, and he left only a brief record of his own line of the Jones family, with but little back of it.

Austin Prettyman, b. Feb. 15, 1843, d. Feb. 22, 1927. He enlisted in Co. A. 73rd Ohio in 1861 and served throughout the war. I have several copies of Civil War letters by him while he was in service, the most interesting of which is one telling of the death of a friend, Allen Yaple, and his burial just outside the battleground of Gettysburg.

Austin Jones married Angeline Dunlap Nov. 14, 1865, and was the father of the following children:
Edith Rose b. Jan. 12, 1867 d. Nov. 23, 1895
Alpharetta b. July 24, 1869
Luther F. b. Dec. 16, 1870
Henry Newton, b. Sept. 15, 1871 d. Oct. 6, 1901
Dayton L. b. Feb. 3, 1873
Austin Jones continued:

Parson C., b. Oct. 24, 1874
Elizabeth Maude, b. April 16, 1877
Fulton A., b. April 2, 1879 d. March 18, 1931
Nora Alice, b. Feb. 25, 1881
Della May b. May 9, 1883 d. May 16, 1883
Anna Blaine b. Sept. 3, 1884
Lula Grace, b. June 16, 1886
Chloa Angeline b. Mar. 15, 1888
Mattie Belle b. Mar. 24, 1890

The above, and much other history of later generations of the Austin Jones family, was furnished to me by his daughters and sons, my principle help coming thru Ethel Minser of Hallsville, Ohio, and her mother Elizabeth Maude.

15 ROBERT SPENCER, b. Nov. 9, 1844, d. Oct. 7, 1936
m. Sept. 8, 1865, to Caroline Eckel.
Children:
Libbie Catherine b. June 16, 1866
Leonidas Eugene b. Nov. 2, 1868
Eva Caroline b. Apr. 22, 1871
Fessenden Wayne b. April 18, 1874
WILLIAM DARIUS b. Oct. 31, 1876, d.
Edwin Sumner b. Aug. 12, 1879
Arthur Allen b. Jan. 23, 1882
Ollie Alice b. Jan. 23, 1882
The youngest child died when it was 3 days old--it was unnamed.

The above family record and later lines of the same family, as well as the history in the Henry Jones Bible was copied for me by Miss Beatrice Jones, granddaughter of Robert Spencer, and daughter of William Darius.
I have copies of many poems written by William Darius Jones. William Darius was, at most times in his life, a school teacher, although his family lived on the farm of Robert Spencer Jones. William Darius Jones was for some years Dry Agent for Governor Cox of Ohio.
ROBERT SPENCER JONES owned the old Bible belonging to Henry Jones.
Two of the old Bibles of sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters of Henry Jones, say that:

Peter Jones, Sr. came to Maryland from Wales in 1750

Two Bibles say that the father of Peter, Sr. was Abraham.

Two Bibles say that Peter Jones, Sr. was with Washington throughout the Revolution, and that he was at Valley Forge.

One Bible says that Peter Jones, Jr. came to America from "Scotland" and settled in Essex County, Virginia, and also that Henry Jones was born in Essex County, Va. This same Bible, I am told, says that the father of Peter Jones, Sr. was Abraham.

A Miss Elizabeth Jones, of the John Jones line, finds in the records of Hampshire Co., West Virginia, that on August 18, 1801, the children of John Jones (her earliest known ancestor) conveyed land received by the will of John Jones, which included lots in the town of Frankfort "being also part of the real estate of Sarah Jones, deceased". In other words, John Jones, their father, received property from Sarah Jones (who might have been his mother) —and if she was John Jones mother, she evidently was also the mother of Peter Jones, Sr. (the descendants of these two lines in Ohio calling themselves cousins).

Martin M. Ranck, 1581 Arlington Ave., East, Columbus, Ohio, claims that he heard Henry Jones, his grandfather, say that Peter Jones, Jr. was a Methodist minister in Virginia.

But Robert Spencer Jones, son of Henry, told me in 1935, that his grandfather, Peter Jones, Jr., was not a minister, but a private school teacher in Virginia. However, as I have heard several times that one of the
Peter Jones was a minister, I am inclined to think that Peter Jones, Jr., could have been both at different times in his life.

Martin H. Ranck told me also that Peter Jones, Jr. was known as a very fine swimmer; and that one day when he was in Virginia (possibly visiting relatives, as the date was after his removal to Ohio) he saw a woman drowning in a stream, and that he jumped in to save her; but she pulled him under the water and they were both drowned.

It is pretty generally recorded in all the bibles of the Henry Jones children and grandchildren, that Peter Jones, Jr., and his family moved to Ohio in 1808. And this date conflicts very much, because Peter Jones of the John Jones line went to Ohio the same year, and I find that many of our line are trying to confuse our Peter Jones, Jr., with Peter Jones of the John Jones line.

I am giving a short sketch of the John Jones line on the next several pages, which history was given to me by Miss Jessie Woods, Kingston, Ohio, who is a descendant of the Peter Jones line of John.
FAMILY OF JOHN JONES

John Jones

&

Catharine ___________

Children:

PETER JONES #
David " #
Solomon "
Aaron "
Abraham " #
Daniel "
John "
Joshua " #

Grandchildren:

Peter's sons:
Abel, Samuel & Kesiah

Septumous, Catharine, Kesiah & Nancy Lawson

Catharine (Williams)
Margaret & Mattie (Rogers)

(The names of wife, children and grandchildren of JOHN JONES of Hampshire Co., (west) Virginia, were taken from the WILL of John Jones, which is recorded in the office of the County Clerk at Romney, in will Book No. 1-22 at page 59. This Will was dated May 14, 1792, and approved Oct. 15, 1794.)

All those whose names are checked with an #, moved to Ohio, 1802-1815
JOHN JONES FAMILY
Record of Miss Ilda Holderman

Four brothers: Abraham, Peter, David and Joshua
Jones settled in Ross and Pickaway Counties (in Ohio)

1 JOSHUA, father of John Jones, another son the
father of Irwin Jones in Hallsville,
and a 3rd son.

2 ABRAHAM Jones had four children:
Anna, Elizabeth, Austin and
Abraham (Squire) of Kingston
This Abraham Jones married
Pharabe Rockhold and had a
daughter Anna Jones, wife of
Bishop Thoburn of India.

3 PETER, father of Samuel, who had John, Hannah &
Miranda who married a Sherman

Abel b. 1782 d Jan 18 1833 who had
Cass, Sam, Anna, Peter, John, Kiziah,
Susan, Elizabeth, Rosa
(Anna, Peter, Kiziah, Rosa going to
Illinois to settle & died there)

Kiziah, who had Newton Lyons and
Margaret Lyons Buckwalter of
Hallsville, grandmother of Morris
Buckwalter now living in Hallsville
in her home

4 DAVID who had Moses and Aaron

Moses had George, David, Jabis,
Cornelius, Kiziah

Aaron had Sallie, Rebecca (Elimer) Anna
(Lyon) John, Abel, Aaron, Mary (Holderman)
David, Kate (Snyder)

Aaron's son Abel married a Dresback,
and had Lyman, Sara, Rebecca, (all
single), Eliza Jane (Devenport)
Leah (Brown) Ella (Bennet) Alda (Boggs)
Laura (Gregg)
Ilda Holderman record continued:

Aaron's son David married and had
Althea (Turley) Carrie (Berry)
Susie (Reynolds) Ella (Ortman)

Aaron's daughter Kate married Snyder
and had Lee, Byron, David, Sallie,
Clay, Aaron, Mary "Pet"

Further information is given about the sons of John
Jones who went to Ohio from Hampshire Co., (W), Va.
in the histories of Ross County, Ohio, as follows:

Three Jones brothers from Virginia settled near
Hallsville.

Abraham came in 1802—died 1844
David came in 1804 (he had 4 sons and 4 daughters)
Peter came in 1808
John, a nephew of David, came in 1815.