

74. JOHN JONES

Born c1733 Virginia
Died c1793 Kentucky
Married 75. Mary (Rentfro?)
Born probably c1743
Died after 1793

Children:

Elizabeth Jones
b. 03 Mar 1765 Virginia
d. 14 Jul 1833 Hendricks County, Indiana
m. John Miles after 1780 Virginia

John Jones Jr
b. c1770 Virginia
d.
m.

Tabitha Jones
b. c1773 Virginia
d.
m. Elijah "Eli" Davis 21 Sep 1790 Woodford County, Kentucky

Mary Ann Jones
b. 1775 Virginia
d. 11 Jan 1802 Lincoln County, Kentucky
m. Isaac Miles 24 Jan 1787 Franklin County, Virginia

37. Rachel Jones

b. 16 Mar 1776 Virginia
d. before 10 Aug 1850
m. 36. Royal Wade 01 Mar 1791 Franklin County, Virginia

Sarah Jones

b. 1777 Virginia
d. 1856 Gentry County, Missouri
m. Abraham Cook 07 Sep 1797 Franklin County, Kentucky

Prudence Jones

b. c1780
d. after 1850
m. Abraham Bohannon 1797 Woodford County, Kentucky

Circumstantial evidence of time, place and inter-family relationships, indicate that John Jones who moved to Kentucky from Franklin County, Virginia, was the eldest son of Robert Jones, Jr. and Mary Van Meter who moved from Frederick County in northern Virginia to the area of southern Virginia that became Franklin County.¹ John Jones' wife Mary may have been the daughter of Joseph Rentfro, whose Bedford County, Virginia, will, dated 14 November 1772 and proved on 25 March 1776,

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mentioned a daughter Mary Jones as an heir. Joseph Rentfro bought land from Robert Jones in Halifax County and was a neighbor of Robert and John Jones in the part of Bedford County that became Franklin County.²

Robert Jones and Mary Van Meter moved from Frederick County to Lunenburg County, Virginia, by 1748.³ Their eldest son John apparently was born about 1733 because he did not appear on the 1748 tithe list with his father, but he was assessed with him in 1749:

A List of Tithables from the Mouth of Falling River Upwards for the Year 1748			
Taken by John Phelps			
Robt. Jones and Thos. Jones	2	William Rentfro	1
James Rentfro	1	Joseph Rentfro	1
Joseph Hollingsworth and John Hannah	2		

For 1749			
List Taken by Nicholas Haile			
Robert Jones [and] John Jones	3	Thomas Jones	1
William Rentfro	1	James Rentfro	1
Joseph Rentfro	2	Robert Penrey (?)	1
Jacob Vanmeter	1	William Cook	1

Tithes were assessed to able-bodied men aged 16 and above, excepting ministers, so John apparently became 16 between assessments and was born about 1733. Robert and Thomas Jones, who were registered together in 1748 and separately in 1749, must have been brothers, since Robert Jones' son Thomas was born in 1748. The adult must have been the Thomas Jones who later lived near Robert Jones in Franklin County.

Robert and Mary Van Meter Jones lived in the part of Lunenburg County that became Halifax County in 1752. On 09 November 1752 Robert and Mary Jones of Halifax County sold the tract of land in Frederick County that she inherited from her father:⁴

This Indenture made the 9th Day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifty two Between Robert Jones & Mary his wife of Hallyfax County in Virginia of the one part and Edward Lucas of Frederick County in Virginia aforesd of the other part Witnesseth that ... Robert Jones & Mary his wife for ... seventy pounds Curt Money ... paid by ... Edward Lucas ... Have ... sold ... unto ... Edward Lucas ... all that tract ... of Land containing three hundred & fifty acres Scituate in the County of Frederick ... on the waters of Cohongo River being the Plantation whereon the sd Robert Jones formerly lived and bounded according to several Meets & bounds mentioned in a Devise of the last will & Testament of John Vanmetere whereby the sd Land is bequeathed unto the above named Mary Jones being then wife of Robert Jones & to the Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten ... To have and to hold the sd Tract & parcell of Land & premises with the appurtenances unto ... the sd Edward Lucas ... In Witness whereof ... Robert Jones & Mary his wife have ... set their Hands & seals the day month & year above written

Sealed & Delivered
In presence of the Court

Robert Jones (Seal)
her
Mary M Jones (Seal)
Mark

Received of Edward Lucas the within mentioned Sum of Seventy ... pounds Curt money of Virginia being the Consideration Money expressed in the within Deed ... the 9th Day of November Anno Domini 1752

Witness present

Robert Jones

Memorandum that on this 9th Day of November 1752 full quiet & peaceable possession of Livery & Seizin was given by ... Robert Jones to ... Edward Lucas ...

At a Court continued and held for Frederick County on Thursday the 9th Day of November 1752

Robert Jones & Mary his wife in open Court acknowledged this their Deed of Feoffment with a Receipt of Livery & Seizin endowed to Edward Lucas and Mary the wife of ... Robert Jones being first privately examined & in Court relinquished her Right of Dower ...

Know all men by these presents that I Robert Jones of the County of Hallifax in the Colony of Virginia am held & firmly bound unto Edward Lucas of the County of Frederick in the Colony aforesd in the sum of two hundred pounds Current Money of Virginia to be paid to ... Edward Lucas his Exrs Admrs & Assigns to the which payment ... I bind myself my Heirs Exrs. and Admrs firmly by these presents As witness my Hand & seal the 9th Day of November Anno Domini 1752

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Robert Jones & Mary his wife and John Jones their son & heir at Law have by Deeds of Conveyances of equal Date with these presents for ... seventy pounds Current money of Virginia ... sold ... to ... Edward Lucas ... a certain Tract ... of Land containing three hundred & fifty acres ... in the County aforesd Now if the above bound Robert Jones his Heirs and assigns shall in all things perform fulfill and Keep every Clause Article and Covenant in the sd Deeds Expressed and further if the said Edward Lucas his Heirs & assigns shall from time to time & at all times forever hereafter peaceably & quietly hold occupy & enjoy the said Land in the above recited Conveyance mentioned against the Claim or Claims of them the sd Robert Jones & Mary his wife & John Jones their son & Heir at Law or any person or persons claiming or to claim by from or under them that then the above obligation to be void Else remain in full force & Virtue

Sealed & Delivered

Robert Jones (Seal)

In presence of The Court

At a Court continued & held for Frederick County on Thursday the 9th Day of Novr 1752

Robert Jones in open Court acknowledged his Bond for performing covenants to Edward Lucas which on the motion of the sd Edward was admitted to Record

Teste J Wood Cl

The inclusion of John Jones in this transaction as heir-at-law indicates that he was the eldest son of Robert Jones and Mary Van Meter who had a vested right in his parent's property under the law of primogeniture.

Robert and Mary Van Meter Jones were residents of Bedford County, Virginia, on 19 June 1760 when they sold 315 acres of land on the Pigg River in Halifax County to Joseph Rentfro:⁵

This Indenture made this 19th Day of June one thousand seven hundred and sixty

Between Robert Jones of Bedford County of the one part and Joseph Rentfro of the same

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County of the other part Witnesseth that ... Robert Jones for ... one hundred and fifty pounds ... Hath ... sold ... unto ... Joseph Rentfro ... all that Tract ... of Land Containing 315 Acres in the County of Halifax on both forks of pig River ... In witness whereof the said Robert Jones hath hereunto set his hand and seal

Robert Jones (Seal)

At a Court held for Halifax County the XIXth Day of June 1760 The above Indenture was by the above named Robert Jones acknowledged to his Act and Deed and Mary Wife of the said Robert Jones being privately Examin'd (as the Law directs) Relinquished her rights of Dower in the Land & premises Conveyed by the said Indentr. which was ordered to be Recorded

A map of early settlers in the Franklin County area shows John Jones (1777) and Captain Thomas Jones (1777) located west of the town of Ferrum on the road to Endicott, south of Turner Creek and east of Nicholas Creek. Robert Jones (1747) is shown to the north of John and Captain Thomas, near where Turners Creek enters the Pigg River from the south, and Robert Jones (1752) is southwest of them between Nicholas Creek and Beards Creek. Robert Jones (1747) also had land on the north side of the Pigg River across from Thomas Jones and William Cook. William Cook (1755) also had land to the north on Fox Run of Blackwater River. Joseph Rentfro (1747) had land on Lazy Run of Blackwater River.⁶

The map entry for John Jones pertains to John and Mary (Rentfro?) Jones because on 01 February 1789 John and Mary Jones of Franklin County sold 391 acres in Franklin County to Royal Wade of the same place for 13 pounds. The tract was described as being situated on the branches of Turners and Nicholas creek, corner to Thomas Jones. The deed was witnessed by Thomas Jones, Jr., David Barton and Thomas Ruble. John and Mary Jones proved their deed in Franklin Court on 02 August 1789.⁷

Franklin County, Virginia, was formed from parts of Henry and Bedford counties in 1785 and added to from Patrick County later. Henry County was established from Pittsylvania County in 1776. Pittsylvania County came from Halifax County in 1767. Halifax was organized from Lunenburg County in 1752. Bedford County was erected in 1753 from parts of Lunenburg and Albemarle counties.⁸

John Jones had 110 acres of land in Halifax County surveyed to him on 28 November 1766. Situated on both sides of the south fork of the Pigg River, the parcel of land was an irregularly shaped tract along the stream.⁹

Jno Jones 110 Ac

Nov 28th 1766 Survd. for John Jones 110 Ac of Land on both Sides of the so. fork of Pigg River Bounded as follows Vizt Beginning at a poplar on the Cr. the. new Lines N20° W23 po. to a Chesnut tree S86° W40 to a W. O. N49 1/2° W66 po. Crossing a Branch to a Chesnut tree S35° W82 po. to a W. O. S67° W175 po. to a Span. O. S15° W35 po. Crossing the Cr. to a Chesnut Oak S71° W42 po. to a W. O. S38° W42 po. to a Span. O. S79° E61 po. to a Sassafras N38° E88 po. to a hickory N67° E28 po. to a poplar on the Cr. the. down the same as it Meanders to an Iron Wood tree The. off N78° E32 po. to a Mahogoney tree S31° E18 po. a R. O. S5° E32 po. to a Chesnut tree N53° E60 po. to a Chest. O. N25° E24 po. to a Span. O. on the Cr. and the. down the Same as Meanders

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to the Beginning

By P. Payne ASr.

This tract covered about a mile of river where it flows easterly. John and Mary Jones sold this land to Randolph Hall for 75 pounds on 28 February 1789. This deed described the 110-acre tract as lying in Franklin County, formerly Pittsylvania County, on both sides of the south fork of Pigg River with similar irregular boundaries. The deed was signed by John Jones, who acknowledged it in Court on 02 March 1789. Mary Jones, who did not sign the deed, relinquished her dower right on the same day:¹⁰

This Indenture Made This Twenty Eighth day of February one Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty Nine Between John Jones of the County of Franklin of the one part and Randolph Hall of the other part Witnesseth That ... John Jones for ... Seventy five pounds ... paid by ... Randolph Hall ... hath ... Sould ... unto ... Randolph Hall ... One Certain Tract or Parsal of Land Containing one hundred and Ten acres Lying and Being in the County of Franklin formerly Pittsylvania on both sides of the south fork of Pigg River and Bounded as followeth To Wit Begining at a popular on the Creek New Lines North Twenty Degrees West Twenty three poles to a Chesnut Tree North Eighty Six Degrees West forty poles to a white Oak North forty nine and a half Degrees west Sixty Six poles Crossing a Branch to a Chesnut Tree South Thirty five Degrees West Eighty two poles to a white oak South Sixty Seven Degrees West one hundred and Seventy five Poles to a Spanish Oak South Sixteen Degrees West Thirty five poles Crossing the Creek to a Chesnut Oak South Seventy degrees West forty Two poles to a white oak South Thirty Eight Degrees West Forty two poles to a Spanish oak South Seventy nine Degrees East Sixty one poles to a Sassafras North Thirty Eight Degrees East Eighty Eight poles to a Hickory North Sixty seven East Twenty Eight poles to popular on the Creek Then down the same as it Meanders to an Iron wood Tree thence North Seventy Eight Degrees East Thirty Two poles to Mahoggany Tree South Thirty one degrees East Eighteen poles to a red oak South five degrees East Thirty Two poles to a Chesnut Tree North Sixty three Degrees East Sixty poles to a Chesnut oak North Twenty five Degrees East Twenty four poles to a Spanish oak on the Creek and then Down the same as it Meanders to the Begining Together with its appertainences to have and to hold the above Granted Land and premises unto the said Randolph Hall & to his heirs & assigns for Ever Likewise the said John Jones do hereby Warrant & defend the above Granted Land from himself and his heirs and all other persons for Ever In Witness whereof the said John Jones have hereunto set his hand and affixed his Seal the Day and Year above

written

Seald & Delivered in Present of us

William Mavity

John Jones (LS)

David Barton

Thos Jones Jun

Memorandum that on the day and Year above written, Livery of Seisin of the within Granted Land and Premises was By the within named John Jones Quietly and peasably Made Done and delivered To the within named Randolph Hall,

According to the Tennor form and affect the within writing Deed

In presents of us

William Mavity

John Jones (LS)

David Barton

Thos Jones Jun

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At a Court held for Franklin County on the Second day of March 1789 This Indenture Together with the Memorandum of Livery and Seizin thereon Endorsed were proved by the oaths of three of the witnesses thereto Subscribed to be the acts and deed of the within named John Jones and Mary the wife being Privately Examined as the Law Directs Relinquished her Right of Dower in & to the within Mentioned Land & Premises all of which were ordered to be Recorded

Teste Ste Smith CIC

The probability that John Jones was married to Mary Rentfro, daughter of Joseph, is borne out by the fact that John Jones and Joseph Rentfro were listed consecutively on polls taken at an election of burgesses in Halifax County on 17 July 1765:¹¹

A List of the Poll taken at an Election of a Burgess in Halifax County 17 July 1765

(page 392)		(page 398)		
Mr Edward Booker		Thos Tunstall		
Robt Jones Jr		7 Robt Jones Jr		4
Thomas Jones		8 Thomas Jones		5
David Jones	17	Daniel Jones	16	
James Rentfrow	24	Richd Jones	75	
Wm Cook	40	Richd Jones	90	
Robt Jones	44	(page 399)		
		Thomas Jones		9
John Donilson		James Rentfrow		26
Robert Jones	8	Wm Cook	39	
(page 393)		Robt Jones		43
83 Jos Rentfrow		44		John Jones
John Jones	185	John Jones	74	
Jos Rentfrow	186	John Jones	152	
		Jos Rentfrow	153	

These lists also prove that there were two John Jones in Halifax County in 1765, who were old enough to vote. The Jones resided in the part of Halifax County that became Pittsylvania County in 1767, because they do not appear on the 1768 list of Halifax voters.

John Jones was taxed in Pittsylvania County in 1769, listed near his father and brothers:¹²

A List of Land and Tithes Taken by Hugh Innes for Pittsylvania County Anno Dom 1767

- Joseph Rentfro
- Robert Jones, Thomas Jones & Henry Jones
- John Jones
- Robert Jones, Jr.
- Philip Smith
- William Cook
- John Fushon
- James Rentfro, jr.
- James Rentfro Sen, Joseph Rentfro & Peter Rentfro

One or more John Jones were involved in Pittsylvania County land transactions in the years 1754, 1764, 1766 and 1767:¹³

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Nicholas Creek is south of the hill and flows south to Philpott Reservoir, a lake formed by the damming of Smith River. The early settlers map appears to place the land owned by John Jones and Thomas Jones south of Turners Creek, between modern Route 748 and Route 602, north of Highway 40 and northwest of Ferrum.¹⁷ The early settlers map shows a cluster of residents in the area north of Turners Creek and south of the Pigg River, many of whom were associated with John and Mary Jones by marriage, directly and indirectly. The Jones in that section more than likely were close relatives of John Jones, as opposed to other Jones in Franklin County who, although probably related, may constitute one or more separate branches of the family. In the area around the Pigg River Baptist Church, on the road running west from Rocky Mount to Floyd County, were William Cook, Peter Saunders, Samuel Hairston, Robert Jones (1747), William Mavity, Owen Ruble, Roger Turner, John Hale, James Turner, John Utlely Wade and Thomas Jones.

There were numerous Jones whose relationships are unclear, many with the same given names, in Bedford and Henry counties at the time that Franklin County was established:¹⁸

Henry County			Bedford County		
Name/Poll Tax/Slaves			Name/Poll Tax/Slaves		
Jones, John	1	0	Jones, John	1	0
Jones, John	-	-	Jones, John	1	-
Jones, Ambrose	1	5	Jones, George	1	1
Jones, David	1	-	Jones, Julias	1	-
Jones, George		1	Jones, Thomas		1
Jones, Henry	1	6	Jones, William	1	2
Jones, Joseph		1			
Jones, Levy	1	-			
Jones, Rachel		-			
Jones, Richard		1			
Jones, Robert		1			
Jones, Robert		1			
Jones, Thomas		1			
Jones, Thomas		1			1
Jones, William		1			1

William Cook, Jr. of Franklin County, son of William Cook and Ann Griffith, was married to Margaret Jones who apparently was a sister of John Jones. The Cook family and John and Mary (Rentfro?) Jones and their daughters went to Kentucky, about the same time, where they lived near to each other and attended Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church. When the Cooks left Virginia they were residing in Henry County. Although John Jones did not sign it, a group of the Virginia neighbors of William and Margaret Jones Cook wrote a letter of recommendation and character reference for William that was addressed to those with whom he might settle in Kentucky:¹⁹

Sep 26 1783

Henry County Virginia: This is to certify that William Cook has been resident in this place for near Thirty years; and has always behaved himself unblameable; and demeaned himself as a good Citizen, Patriot; and friend; to his Country & has faithfully Acted in the Civel department - and now being disposed to move to the Western Waters, we recommend him to the Inhabitants of that Country hoping he will meet with as warm a reception as the Merits of his Caractor Intitles him to

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Joseph Anthony	Jesse Heard
A Hughes J. P	John Hall
Peter Saunders Col.	William Hall
John Dillard J. P.	Swinfield Hill J. P.
Saml Hairston	James Calloway Cty. Lt.
Moses Greer (Jr.?)	Campbell County
Thos Cooper	Thos. Hale Captn.
Jno. Rentfro J. P.	Acquilla Greer
Robt. Jones Senr.	Jesse Rentfro
Robt. Jones, Jr.	Abraham Penn Colo.
Thos. Jones, Junr.	
Henry Jones	

John and Mary (Rentfro?) Jones moved to Kentucky before 28 May 1790 when he appears on the Woodford County, Kentucky, tax list.²⁰

28 May 1790 John Jones 1 white male over 21; 2 horses
12 Jun 1791 John Jones, Sr. 1 white male over 21
John Jones, Jr. 1 white male over 21
1792 John Jones 1 white male over 21; 1 horse
13 Sep 1792 John Jones 1 white male over 21; 3 horses, 11 cattle
12 Oct 1792 John Jones 1 white male over 21; 1 horse; 6 cattle
14 Aug 1793 (Mary?) Jones (no males listed); 2 horses; 6 cattle
09 Aug 1793 John Jones, Jr. 1 white male over 21; 1 horse
23 Aug 1794 John Jones 1 white male over 21; 1 horse; 7 cattle

These records suggest that John and Mary (Rentfro?) Jones had a son, John, Jr., who became 21 between 28 May 1790 and 12 June 1791; being therefore born about 1770. The tax lists also suggest that John Jones, Sr. died between 12 October 1792 and 14 August 1793. There was only one John Jones on the Woodford County tax list in August 1800, but the name was numerous in central Kentucky.²¹

John Jones and Thomas Jones were members of the Forks of Elkhorn Baptist Church:²²

John Jones Excomd.
Thomas Jones Decd.

Since it appears that John Jones, Sr. died before 1794, John Jones, Jr. must have been the one who troubled the church:

2nd Saturday in July 94 in Church met & Dismist Bror. Jones after Admonition for his Crimes.
Recd. by Expce. Mary Tinsley, by repentence Margt. Mastin &
Nice Cook.

2nd Saturday in March 95 The Church met & Excluded John Jones from Society
for unsavory Conversations to and about his wife and Contradicting his own talk.

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Thomas Jones of Woodford County was taxed in 1800 for land in Shelby County, Kentucky. John and Mary Jones were the parents of Tabitha Davis and John Jones, who apparently lived in Woodford County, was father of Prudence Bohannon. Sarah Jones married Abraham Cook in Franklin County, Kentucky in 1795.²³

Abraham Cook who married Sarah Jones, daughter of John and Mary, was a son of William and Margaret Jones Cook.²⁴

Royal Wade (1766-1855) who married Rachel Jones, daughter of John and Mary, was a son of John Utley Wade and his wife Alice Woodrum. Royal Wade and Rachel Jones also moved to Kentucky. Royal's brother, John Wade (1770-1849), married Hannah Jones, daughter of Henry Jones. John Wade died in Floyd County, Virginia.²⁵

Abraham Bohannon who married Prudence Jones, daughter of John and Mary, has not been identified absolutely but circumstantial evidence indicates that he was a son of Joshua Bohannon and Rhoda Cook. Rhoda Cook Bohannon was a daughter of William Cook and Margaret Jones. Joshua Bohannon was a son of William Bohannon, Sr. of adjoining Henry County. Joshua's brother John Bohannon married Helen Cook, another daughter of William Cook and Margaret Jones. The Bohannons also went to Kentucky and belonged to Forks of Elkhorn Church. After the death of Joshua Bohannon, Rhoda Cook Bohannon married (2) John Jamison (Jameson) on 16 October 1781 in Lincoln County, Virginia, which became Kentucky.²⁶ Jamisons Knob and Cooks Knob are side-by-side on the south bank of the Pigg River in Franklin County. Thomas, John and William Jamison are shown as early settlers with land in the southeastern part of Franklin County near the Henry County line.²⁷ In 1806 John Jamison, then residing in Tennessee, issued a power of attorney to Abraham Bohannon of Shelby County, Kentucky, which substantiates the probable relationship of Abraham Bohannon and Rhoda Cook Bohannon Jamison.²⁸

John Miles who married Elizabeth Jones and Isaac Miles who married (1) Mary Ann Jones and (2) Lucinda Tiller in Franklin County, Kentucky, in 1827 were sons of Samuel Miles and Sarah James who resided in Pennsylvania and Maryland before coming to Franklin County, Virginia. Another son Samuel Miles married (1) Eunice Cook, daughter of William Cook and Margaret Jones, in Franklin County, Kentucky, on 27 February 1797; (2) Ann Lewis on 08 April 1802; and (3) Mary Wilcoxson Vardeman on 03 April 1822. A fourth son Enos Miles married (1) Anna Bohannon on 25 July 1789 in Franklin County, Virginia and (2) Sarah Troupe Rentfro on 12 March 1812 in Montgomery County, Ohio.²⁹ The Vardeman family also settled early in the area that became Franklin County, Virginia.

Baptist minister Robert Jones III, son of Robert Jones, Jr. and Mary Van Meter, conducted the weddings of Mary Ann Jones and Isaac Miles, whose marriage bond was secured by John Chambers, and of John Hale and Susannah Wade, daughter of John Utley Wade and Alice Woodrum, who were married on 17 March 1789.³⁰ Thomas Jones, Jr. was one of the executors of the will of John Utley Wade in Franklin County, Virginia, in 1798.³¹

The Bohannon and Cook families lived in Pittsylvania County in 1774, apparently in the portion that became Henry County because in 1778 they were residents of Henry County. The Cooks resided in the part that became Franklin County in 1785. The Wade family came to Franklin County from Goochland County, Virginia, about 1786.³²

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There was a John Jones in Albemarle County, Virginia, part of which became Bedford County. On 15 December 1760 John Jones of Albemarle County bought for 177 pounds, 17 shillings, 7 pence and a half penny, current money of Virginia, from Thomas Jones and Thomas Jones, Jr., both also of Albemarle County, 683 acres, more or less, situated in Bedford County on Falling River. The tract was identified as having been formerly occupied by James Johnson and adjoining land of John Read as per patent dated 16 August 1756. The deed was signed by Thomas Jones and Thomas "T" Jones, Jr. in the presence of John Booker Hoy, Asaph Walker and William Jones. It was noted that on 15 December 1760 the land and premises were taken by Thomas Jones and Thomas Jones, Jr. in "peacable and quiet possession" and then delivered to John Jones. The deed was recorded in Bedford County on 23 March 1761.³³

There are two streams in Bedford County presently known as Falling Creek. One is in the southwestern corner of the county, rising near the Roanoke County line and joining the Roanoke (Staunton) River which separates Bedford and Franklin counties. The other is southeast of the town of Bedford in the vicinity of the village of Otter Hill.

John Jones, whose wife was named Bathsheba or Barsheba, was born in Albemarle County, Virginia on 08 May 1750. He served three months in the militia in 1777-1778 before enlisting and serving as a private in Captain Leander Jones' Company of John Cole's Virginia Regiment for three years. Re-enlisting, he served three seven months in Captain Benjamin Harris' Company of Cole's Virginia Regiment and was at Cornwallis' surrender. In 1790 he moved to Franklin County, Virginia, in 1796 to Smith County, Tennessee and in 1832 to Maury County, Tennessee, where he applied for and received a military pension for his service in the Revolutionary War, beginning on 12 November 1832. His wife Barshaba was born on 25 December 1758. They were the parents of Judah, who was born on 05 July 1776, Hezekiah, who was born on 24 November 1778, John M., who was born on 17 October 1780, Pleasant, who was born on 20 September 1782, married Sarah ----- and moved to Illinois, David, who was born on 23 April 1784, Sarah, who was born on 07 March 1786, James, who was born on 05 March 1788, Rhoda, who was born on 08 January 1790, Barshaba, who was born on 30 November 1792, Polley, who was born on 07 December 1793, Lewis, who was born on 25 December 1795, Nancy, who was born on 06 February 1798, and Stephen, who was born on 06 June 1800.³⁴ John and Bathsheba Jones sold 67 acres to John Bybaum for 20 pounds on 01 December 1792. John Jones bought this tract from Peter Blankenship for 15 pounds on 07 February 1787.³⁵

On 20 August 1778 John Jones of Bedford County bought from Peter Holland, Sr. of the same place for 100 pounds, 380 acres, more or less, lying on both sides of Gills Creek. One of the boundary marks of this tract was a place on the north side of Blackwater Road called "Dark Hollars." The tract was also adjacent to Pinters. Witnesses to this deed, which was recorded on 27 April 1779, were Thomas Watts, Benjamin Holland, Alex Ferguson and Richard Watts. (Bedford County, Virginia, Deed Book 7, page 211.) Gills Creek is in present day Franklin County running from the northwest to the southeast between the Bedford County line and the Blackwater River. John and Elizabeth "Betty" Jones sold 100 acres of the Holland land to Caleb Kitchen for 15 pounds on 06 July 1789.³⁶

The Franklin County land of John and Elizabeth "Betty" Jones was on Indian Run, a west branch of Staunton River. One John Jones married Sarah Sumpter, daughter of George, on 05 July 1790 with Solomon Jones as bondsman.³⁷

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John Jones, Sr. of Pittsylvania County purchased 140 acres of land on Widgeon Creek in Camden Parish, Pittsylvania County, from Thomas and Prudence Flowers for 60 pounds on 26 August 1773. The land was described as being on both sides of the south fork of the stream. Camden Parish and Pittsylvania County were co-existent. Widgeon Creek is a branch of the Smith River in what is now Patrick County, Virginia. It lies south of the village of Charity and is crossed by Route 40 at the foot of the Blue Ridge. This John Jones was living in Lincoln County, Kentucky, when he sold the 140 acres on Widgeon Creek on 01 October 1787.³⁸

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