

296/556. ROBERT JONES

Born

Died

Married 297/557.

Born

Died

Known child:

148/278. Robert Jones Jr

b. probably c1696 Wales

d. after 1795

m. 149/279. Mary Van Meter c1730

It has been reported, without documentation, that Robert Jones came to America from Montgomeryshire, Wales, in 1698, when his son Robert, Jr. was about two years old.¹

On 06 May 1877, Jesse Ruble Jones, an attorney who resided in Covington, Louisiana, wrote a letter from New Orleans to his nephew Dr. Robert Elam Jones of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, in which he states that he saw his great-grandparents Robert Jones and Mary Van Meter (Metre) in 1796 when he was about 8 years old and they supposedly were 100 years old. Both were in good health, with unimpaired faculties, and lived for several years afterward. His great-grandfather entertained him and he other children with stories about his boyhood. Jesse Jones stated that his great-grandfather Robert Jones came from Wales when a boy and settled in Montgomery County, Virginia, about 1700.² Montgomery County, in southwestern Virginia, was not formed until 1777, from Fincastle County, which also gave rise, at the same time, to Washington and Kentucky counties. Whites did not occupy that area in 1700. Robert and Mary Van Meter Jones came to southwestern Virginia from Frederick County in that colony, and some members of their family subsequently resided in Montgomery County, which may account for the later misunderstanding. Some family historians have said that Robert Jones first settled near Winchester, Virginia, about 1698. These claims must have been based erroneously on subsequent residency in that area and could not be the original settlement of the family in America. White settlement of the Shenandoah Valley in northern Virginia, where Winchester is located in Frederick County, did not begin until about 1732. John Van Meter, father-in-law of Robert Jones, Jr., was among the first frontiersmen to enter the area.³ Some of the families who settled in the Shenandoah Valley previously lived in the part of Prince George's County, Maryland, that became Frederick County, Maryland, in 1748. Montgomery County, Maryland, was established from Frederick County in 1776. Many of these families also previously lived in Chester and Philadelphia counties, Pennsylvania. The province of Pennsylvania was divided into three counties in 1682, Bucks, Chester and Philadelphia. Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, was created from Philadelphia County in 1784. The reference to Montgomery County, Virginia, could be a mistaken reference to Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, where Robert Jones was an early settler on Perkiomen Creek when it still was in Philadelphia County. Jost Hite, a pioneer settler of the Shenandoah Valley and a relative, by marriage, of John Van Meter, previously lived on Perkiomen Creek which

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suggests that Robert Jones who lived on Perkiomen was either he who married Mary Van Meter or his father. No dates of residence were given.⁴

Robert Jones of Perkiomen apparently moved to Chester County, Pennsylvania, where he was taxed in Marlborough Township for 2 shillings and 6 pence, in 1715. On 27 May 1729 the township was divided and one of the new boundaries, running north from Marlborough Street, was along "... land late of Robert Jones ..." This also must pertain to Robert Jones who married Mary Van Meter, or his father, because Caleb Pusey and John Strode, members of whose families married sisters of Mary Van Meter Jones, were neighbors of Robert Jones in Marlborough Township.⁵

Use of the term "late" could indicate that Robert Jones died before 27 May 1729, which could apply to Robert, Sr., or that he had moved to Maryland, where Robert, Jr. and Mary Van Meter, who were married about 1730, resided. The original source was not identified, but Robert Jones who married Mary Van Meter was described as having lived on Perkiomen Creek in Pennsylvania in the early 1720's.⁶ He was appointed, with John Van Meter, a constable of Monocacy Hundred in Maryland. The date of this appointment was not given, but Van Meter is known to have been in Monocacy by 1726. As a man in his thirties, Robert Jones, Jr., could have been considered qualified for office, but it is likely that the appointee was an older man of the same generation as John Van Meter. Perhaps the constable was Robert Jones, Sr.

On 27 February 1733, Robert Jones and Henry Ballinger appraised the estate of Joseph Hedges, who lived on the Monocacy River above Tuscarora Creek in Prince George's County, Maryland.⁷ Robert Jones was listed among persons who had not burned their tobacco according to Maryland law in 1734, and signed several road petitions while residing in the Monocacy area. In 1740 he signed a petition for a road from Tuscarora Creek to the mouth of Catoctin Creek and on to Antietam Creek, with a bridge over the Catoctin. Robert Jones, Robert Baker and Jacob Neff witnessed the will of William Hedges, who died in January 1743. Robert Jones and John Middah inventoried his estate on 06 March 1743.⁸ Robert Jones, husband of Mary Van Meter, daughter of John Van Meter, moved to Virginia with the Van Meter and Hite families.⁹

Robert Jones, Evan Jones, Isaac Van Meter (Vanmetera), Solomon Hedges, Charles Hedges, Joshua Hedges, John Davis, William Sheppard, Jr. and Darby Ryan were taxpayers in Monocacy (Monocosie) Hundred, Prince George's County, Maryland, in 1733.¹⁰ Darby Ryan later lived in Franklin County, Virginia.¹¹ Monocacy Hundred was that part of Prince George's County that became Frederick County, Maryland, in 1748. The Monocacy Valley was settled as early as 1725 by Quakers from eastern Pennsylvania and the Monocacy Meeting was associated with the Hopewell Meeting in Frederick County, Virginia.¹² The Monocacy River flows into the Potomac River at the Montgomery County line, just below where the Shenandoah River enters the Potomac from Virginia.

Mary Van Meter, who married Robert, Jones, Jr., was a daughter of John Van Meter

and his first wife Sarah Bodine. She was baptized in the Reformed Dutch Church at Somerville (Raritan), New Jersey, on 26 April 1709.¹³

Robert Jones, Jr. apparently was in Orange County, Virginia, by 1736, when his wife testified about an altercation that she witnessed at her father's house.¹⁴ However, he may have retained a residence in Monocacy also, or the Maryland references to Robert Jones after 1736 could apply to Robert, Sr. John Van Meter owned land in both places.

Jacob Van Meter, brother of Mary Van Meter Jones, was an uncle of Susanna and Sarah Jones, daughters of Michael Jones who died in Mason County, Kentucky, after 17 July 1794. Jacob was married to Letitia Stroud, a daughter of James Stroud (Strode). Since Michael Jones is not known to have married a Van Meter, he must have been married to a sister of Letitia Stroud, to be a brother-in-law of Jacob Van Meter. Jacob Van Meter was appointed as guardian of Susanna Jones, aged 10, and Sarah Jones, aged 8, orphans of Michael Jones, deceased, in Jefferson County, Kentucky, Court on 08 April 1784.¹⁵

Ordered that Susanna Jones, aged 10 years, and Sarah Jones, aged 8 years, orphans of Michael Jones, deceased, be bound unto Jacob Vanmatre according to Law. [Marginal notation:] rec'd.

The description of Michael Jones as deceased is puzzling since he was identified as living in 1790 when Sarah Jones got married:¹⁶

George Wiseheart married Sarah Jones. Surety, William Bush. Consent signed by Jacob Vanmeter, uncle of Sarah, who says her father lives in the "settlement" and that she lives with him. Witness, William Bush. November 29, 1790.

The marriage of George Wiseheart and Sarah Jones was performed by Josiah Dodge in December 1790. The date was illegible:¹⁷

Nolin December -- 1790
I Do Here By Sertify that the Marag Betwen George Wiseheart and Sarah Jones Was Performed acording to Law By Me Josiah Dodge

The will of Michael Jones of Mason County, Kentucky, was dated 17 July 1794 and named as heirs his wife Sabina, eldest son William Jones,; eldest daughters Susanna Devers and Sarah, two youngest sons Michael and Thomas, and youngest daughter Mary:¹⁸

... I, Michael Jones, of Mason County in the State of Kentucky ... I give and bequeath to my loving wife Sabinah Jones all my personal estate to be at her disposal and also to possess and enjoy all my plantation I now live on to farm and to plant as she sees fit her lifetime. Item I give and devise to my eldest son

William Jones one hundred and fifty acres lying on the Meamee tract in Mason County him paying my daughter Susanna Devers twenty pounds in trade at the expiration of eleven years after this date and if he the said William Jones should die without heirs I give the forementioned land to my two eldest daughters Susanna and Sarah to be divided share and share like. Item I give and devise to my two youngest sons Michael and Thomas all the rest and residue of my land to them after their mother's death and to their heirs paying my two youngest daughters Sarah and Mary twenty pounds each at the expiration of eleven years after this date to be paid in trade and if Michael and Thomas should die without heirs I give and devise their part to Mary Jones my youngest daughter and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my dear wife Sabinah Jones to be sole executor of this my last will and testament. Revoking and disannuling all former wills by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my conclusion hand and affixed my seal this seventeenth day of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety four.

Michael Jones (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared
by Michael Jones the above named
Testator as and for his last will and
Testament in the presence of us who at his request
and in his presence have subscribed our names
as Witnesses thereto
Isaac Day
Herod Newland
James Ambrose

The premature declaration of the death of Michael Jones in 1784, when Jacob Van Meter assumed responsibility for his daughters, must have been the result of a misunderstanding caused by a lack of communication from Michael during an extended absence from home. For example, it has been written that after Daniel Boone was away from North Carolina for a couple of years, exploring the West, and his family had no news of him, they considered him dead. Needing the support of a man, his wife Rebecca lived with Daniel's brother, by whom she reputedly had a child, before Daniel finally returned. Maybe Michael Jones was also an explorer and adventurer. George and Sarah Jones Wiseheart are known to have had three children:¹⁹

John Wiseheart, who married Eliza Miller, daughter of Henry and Hannah Miller, in Hardin County, Kentucky, on 10 June 1813, with James Van Winkle as surety,

Letitia (Lettice) Wiseheart, who married her first cousin, William Miles Dever (Deaver, Devers), son of Thomas Dever and Susannah Jones, in Hardin County on 08 March 1819, with Thomas Dever as surety,

Eleanor Wiseheart, who married Samuel Allen in Perry County, Indiana.

George and Sarah Jones Wiseheart moved from Nelson County, Kentucky, to Hardin County, Kentucky. George, who was born in 1767, probably in York County, Pennsylvania, died about 1811-1812 at Shawneetown, Illinois, while his family was residing in Hardin County. His widow Sarah Jones Wiseheart married (2) Solomon Trigger on 25 February 1817 and moved to Perry County, Indiana, where she apparently died. George Wiseheart, who had five brothers and sisters, probably was married first to Miss McKay.

Susannah Jones, sister of Sarah Jones Wiseheart, married Thomas Dever on 14 February 1792 and had, among other children, a son William Miles Dever who was born in 1794 and married his first cousin Letitia Wiseheart. Thomas Dever, who died on 07 February 1825, was a son of Henry Dever and Elizabeth Miles of Bedford County, Pennsylvania. Henry Dever was born in Bedford County in 1745 and died on 21 September 1806. He married Elizabeth Miles, who died before 1806. The children of Thomas Dever and Susanna Jones were:²⁰

Ellender Dever, who was born in 1792 and married Thomas Edlin (?) on 31 May 1809,
Elizabeth Dever, who was born in 1793 and married James Van Winkle on 20 June 1813,
William Miles Dever, who was born in 1794 and married Letitia (Lettice) Wiseheart on 08 March 1819,
Sally Dever, who was born in 1797 and married James Spencer on 08 June 1818,
Lettice Dever, who was born in 1800 and married Isaac Spencer on 19 July 1821,
Nancy Dever, who was born on 12 October 1802, married Robert Noble on 07 November 1825 and died on 17 March 1890,
Rachel Dever, who was born in 1805 and married Peter Davidson on 06 January 1826,
Mary Dever, who was born in 1806 and married Isaac Spencer on 26 November 1826,
Susan Dever, who was born in 1810 and married (1) James Ramsey on 21 June 1831 and (2) Isaac Spencer on 08 July 1865,
Thomas Dever, who was born in 1811 and married Lucinda Noble on 14 April 1832.

Susanna and Sarah Jones, who were, respectively, 10 and 8 in 1784, and so born about 1774 and 1776, must have been children of Michael Jones by his first wife Elizabeth Stroud Freeman, who died before 1780 when he remarried. Since none of his other children, William, Michael, Thomas and Mary, were wards of Jacob Van Meter in 1784, they probably were children of Michael's second wife Sabina Symmes Thomas, and born after 1780. Michael Jones, Jr., at least, was identified as such. He was described as a half-brother of Jesse B. Thomas, a politician from St. Clair County,

Illinois. Jesse obviously was a son of Sabina Symmes Thomas by her first husband. Michael Jones, Jr. was in Gallatin County, Illinois, before 1814 and was living there in 1840. He was a land speculator, lawyer, Member of the Illinois Constitutional Convention in 1818 and served in the senate and assembly. His son, John T. Jones, who was one of the wealthiest men in Gallatin County, named a daughter Sabina, after his mother.²¹

Members of the Wiseheart family also moved to Gallatin County, Illinois, where Michael Jones (Jr.) administered the estate of John Wiseheart in 1836. John Wiseheart had purchased his farm from Michael Jones, but it was not paid for at his death and his heirs requested an extension on the debt from Jones.²²

Michael Jones, Sr. was a son of David Jones and Margaret Morley, who were married on 27 October 1706 in St. James Parish, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.²³ David Jones died on 17 June 1721. Margaret Morley Jones made a will on 06 May 1715. She married (2) Matthew Markland on 20 August 1725.²⁴

David Jones and Margaret Morley had at least two sons:²⁵

Michael Jones who was born in Prince George's County, Maryland, before 25 February 1718, married (1) Elizabeth Stroud Freeman, widow of Samuel Freeman, and (2) Sabina Symmes Thomas, another widow, in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1780, and died in Mason County, Kentucky, after 17 July 1794, when he made his will there,

Thomas Jones, a younger son, who may have been the Captain Thomas Jones who accompanied the group of 100 families, including that of Jacob Van Meter, from southwestern Pennsylvania to Kentucky in the 1780's.

The parents of David Jones, who reputedly emigrated from Wales to America about 1700-1708, are not known, but, since his sons Michael and Thomas were associated with the Van Meter family, perhaps David was related to, even a brother of, Robert Jones, Sr. They came to America at about the same time and did not settle very far apart in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Margaret Morley was a daughter of Griffin and Elizabeth Morley of Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

The tenuous connection between Robert Jones, Sr. and David Jones also appears in two interviews of the Reverend John D. Shane with two Kentucky pioneers.²⁶

Interview with Colonel Thomas Jones of Fleming County, Kentucky ... visited Louisville in the spring of 1780 with Captain Fleming; Jacob Van Meter in charge of twenty-seven family boats; returned by the Wilderness Road in the company of Governor Shelby, Colonel Todd and Colonel Lyne; came to Strode's Station in

November, 1783; Patrick Donaldson, his father-in-law, killed in 1781; marriage of Polly Donaldson to John Craig; Samuel Strode and Patrick Alison in Captain Fleming's surveying party in 1784 ...

Interview with Robert Jones, Kentucky. Landed at Maysville, Ky., Mar 31, 1786; ... Jacob Van Bibber killed; Evan Shelby a trader at Limestone; ... brothers Joseph and John Jones killed; Ignatius Jones captured; ... mentioned brother Jonas Jones; ... Israel Donaldson in Kenton's scout against Indians in 1781; spent the winter of 1773 in the Wheeling country; had lived in Virginia prior to going to Pennsylvania; ...

Their associations with the Shelby and Donaldson families suggests that Thomas and Robert Jones were connected. The Donaldsons may have been connected with the Donelsons with whom the Van Meters and Jones were associated in Tennessee and southwestern Virginia. Robert Jones, Jr., Michael Jones and the Van Meter family were involved with the Strode/Stroud family in Virginia and Pennsylvania. James Rentfro of the Shenandoah Valley and southwestern Virginia married Hester Van Bibber.

DAVID JONES

Born

Died 17 Jun 1721

Married Margaret Morley 27 Oct 1706 Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Born 09 Jul 1689

Died

Known children:

Michael Jones

b. Prince George's County, Maryland

d. after 17 Jul 1794 Mason County, Kentucky

m. (1) Elizabeth Stroud Freeman

(2) Sabina Symmes Thomas 1780 Hagerstown, Frederick Co. MD

Thomas Jones

b.

d.

m. (----- Donaldson?)

MICHAEL JONES

Born Prince George's County, Maryland

Died after 17 Jul 1794 Mason County, Kentucky

Married (1) Elizabeth Stroud Freeman

Born

Died before 1780

Children (1):

Susannah Jones

b. c1774

d.

m. Thomas Dever 14 Feb 1792

Sarah Jones

b. c1776

d. Perry County, Indiana

m. (1) George Wiseheart Dec 1790 Nelson County, Kentucky

(2) Solomon Trigger 25 Feb 1817 Hardin County, Kentucky

Married (2) Sabina Symmes Thomas 1780 Hagerstown, Frederick Co, MD

Born

Died

Children (2) (order of birth unknown):

William Jones

b.

d.

m.

Michael Jones Jr

b.

d.

m.

Thomas Jones

b.

d.

m.

Mary Jones

b.

d.

m.

GRIFFITH (GRIFFIN) MORLEY

Born

Died before 29 Nov 1699 Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Married Elizabeth -----

Born

Died

Children:

Margaret Morley

b. 09 Jul 1689

d.

m. (1) David Jones 22 Oct 1706 Anne Arundel County, Maryland

(2) Matthew Markland 20 Aug 1725

Griffith Morley Jr

b. 01 Feb 1691

d.

m.

Thomas Morley

b. 09 Dec 1694

d.

m.

Katherine Mary Morley

b. 14 Mar 1697

d.

m.

The parents of Griffith (Griffin) Morley of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, have not been determined. The maiden name of his wife Elizabeth is unknown. The children of Griffith (Griffin) and Elizabeth Morley, and their birthdates, are identified in a genealogy of the Dever family.²⁷

Griffith Morley died before 29 November 1699 when his widow Elizabeth finalized the purchase of some land in Prince George's County from Robert Lyle. On that day, Robert Lyle of Calvert County, planter, deeded to Elizabeth Morley, executrix of the last will and testament of Griffin Morley of Anne Arundel County, deceased, for 45 pounds sterling, 200 acres on the eastern branch of the Potomac River which were part of a tract containing 492 acres called Waughtown (Waughton). The 492 acres known as Waughtown were granted to William Lyle, late of Calvert County, Maryland, deceased, in 1687 (refer to survey of 04 August 1686). At that time the land was in Charles County, Maryland, next to a parcel of land called Cuckhold Delight and to land belonging to Benjamin Haddock. William Lyle died intestate and the tract passed to his eldest son Robert Lyle of Calvert County who contracted to sell 200 acres of the land to Griffin Morley on 18 May 1698. Morley then bequeathed the land in his will dated 09

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August 1699. Robert Lyle signed the deed before witnesses John Battie and Andrew Hambleton. Lyle and his wife Elizabeth acknowledged it on 29 November 1699 and it was recorded on 19 February 1700.²⁸

Griffith Morley of Anne Arundel County made his will on 09 August 1699 and it was proved on 08 January 1699/1700. To eldest son Griffith Morley (Jr.) and his heirs, he bequeathed 150 acres on the eastern branch of the Potomac River in Prince George's County that were part of 200 acres bought from Robert Lyle of Calvert County. He left the rest of the tract to his second son Thomas Morley and his heirs. In event of the death of his sons the lands were to pass to his daughters Margaret and Katharine Mary. He devised his personal property to the four children. He proclaimed that his daughters were to be considered of age at 16 years. Oliver Cambridge, JohnWalter and George Cole witnessed the will.²⁹

Griffith and Griffin seem to be interchangeable in old records, both deriving from the Welsh name Gruffydd.

Griffith Morley's widow Elizabeth apparently married John Huggins on 27 April 1700 in St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel County.³⁰

Also on 29 November 1699, John Huggins of Anne Arundel County, planter, bought from Robert Lyle of Calvert County, planter, for 35 pounds sterling, 292 acres, part of the tract named Waughtown on the east branch of the Potomac River, adjoining the land called Cuckholds Delight and the land of Benjamin Haddock. The deed was signed Robert Lyle and Elizabeth Lyle before witnesses John Battie and Andrew Hambleton. The deed was acknowledged by Robert Lyle and his wife Elizabeth (no date) and recorded on 21 February 1700.³¹

There was a Robert Jones who died in Lunenburg County, Virginia, about 1749.³²

In the Name of God Amen the Twenty Ninth day of September in the Year of our Lord 1748 I Robert Jones of Lunenburgh County being Sick and weak of Body but of perfect Sense and Memory thanks be given to God for the same and calling to Mind the Mortality of my Body do make this my last Will and Testament and first of all I commend my Soul to God that gave it and my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such Christian manner as my Exors hereafter named Shall think convenient not dobtng but I shall receive the same again at the General Resurrection by the Almighty Power of God And as for such Worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with after my just debts are paid I dispose of in manner and form following (interlined) I give & bequeath unto my son Brereton Jones one Gold Sealed Ring of ----- having given him his portion already Item I give and Bequeath unto my two Sons Robert and William Jones all that Tract of Land whereon I now live to them and their Heirs for ever to be Equally Divided each to have an Equal part of the Low Ground and my Son Robert to have the lower end of the Land but if I shoud fail of getting land on the

little Horsepen then my Son Thomas to have one third of the Land I live on at the Place where he has now a Corn field and that my three Sons Robert William and Thomas Jones do Purchase for my two Sons Samuel and Charles Jones Three hundred Acres of Good Plantable Land and that the Charge of the Purchase be defrayed by the Money arising from the Sale of my Lands I have in the Northern Neck which my desire is should be Sold by my Exors hereafter named but if it should fall out that there should be Nine hundred Acres or more taken in at the little Horsepen upon the Survey of my Order of Council my Will then is that the same be Equally divided between my three Sons Thomas Samuel and Charles Jones to them and their Heirs for ever and that there be no Land Purchased for my two Sons Samuel and Charles Jones And my Will is that my two Sons Robert and William do Assist in making as good Improvements on my Son Thomas's Lot on the little Horsepen as he now has on the Land where I live And if it should happen that there Should be but Four hundred Acres of Land taken at the little Horsepen I give it to my Son Thomas and his Heirs for ever And then my two Sons Samuel and Charles Jones are to have each Three hundred Acres of Land Purchased for them as mentioned above Item I Give and Bequeath unto my five Daughters Betty Girth Mary Foot and Margret Nanny and Leeanna Jones One hundred pounds each But my Daughter Betty has recd already the value of Eleaven pounds and my Daughter Mary has recd of her part to the value of Nine pounds the Remainder is to be paid them and the whole to my other three Daughters by my Exors hereafter Named either in Cash or in Good spirits extracted from Grain or fruit at four shillings the Gallon as may best suit my Exors to pay them Item my Will and Desire is that my Negroes and other Personal Estate be kept together until all my Debts and Legacies be paid and then my Will is that my Negroes and all my other Personal Estate be Equally Divided between my five Sons Robert William Thomas Samuel and Charles Jones and my Will is that my Estate be not Appraised but that there be a true and perfect Inventory taken and kept by my three Sons Robert William and Thomas Jones whom I do Appoint with their Brother Brereton Jones Executors of this my last Will and Testament making Void all other Wills by me heretofore made leaving this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Affixed my Seal the day and Year first written

Signed Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

Rt Jones LS

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Jo Perrin Debarh X Perrin William Perrin

mark

At a Court contd and Held for Lunenburgh County the 4th Day of October 1749

This last Will and Testament of Robert Jones deceased was Exhibited in Court by Robert Jones William Jones and Thomas Jones three of the Executors therein named who made Oath thereto According to Law and the same was Proved by the Oaths of Deborah Perrin and William Perrin two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of the said Executors who having first together with Charles Talbot and David Jones their Sureties entered into Bond and acknowledged the

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same Certificate was granted them for obtaining a Probate of the said Will in due form
Test Clemt Read CLC

Truly Recorded Test Clemt Read CLC

The Northern Neck of Virginia included the area of Spotsylvania County that became, successively, Orange and Frederick counties, where Robert Jones, Jr. and the Van Meter and other associated families resided. Since this Robert Jones had land in the Northern Neck, perhaps he was related to Robert Jones, Jr. It is unlikely that he was Robert Jones, Sr. With three unmarried daughters in 1748, this Robert probably was about the same age as Robert Jones, Jr.

There was a Thomas Jones who died in Lunenburg County about 1748, leaving heirs Amey, Elizabeth, Martha, Mary, Thomas, Rachel, Godfrey, David and Dorothy Jones.³³

Lunenburg records include marriages that appear to apply to the heirs of both Robert and Thomas Jones.³⁴

Rachel Jones married William Holt	25 Apr 1750
Godfrey Jones married Margaret Jones	15 Aug 1750 (bond)
Dorothy Jones married David Gwin	Jun 1757
Thomas Jones married Leanna Jones	31 Jul 1760
William Jones married Anne Tankersley	10 Mar 1761
Anne Jones married Phillip Goode	14 Feb 1766

Among the Lunenburg County deeds involving Jones were:³⁵

Godfrey and Margaret Jones to William Read 02 Mar 1762 (DB7-177)
Godfrey and Margaret Jones to John Haney 02 Mar 1762 (DB7-181)
Godfrey, Leanna, Margaret and Thomas Jones to Benjamin Ward 08 Sep 1763 (DB9-238)
Godfrey and Thomas Jones to William Holt 14 Jun 1764 (DB8-216)
Thomas Jones to Phillip Goode 11 Oct 1764 (DB8-380)

ADDENDA
[Source missing]

Thomas Jones, Sr.
 b. probably c1700
 d. after 1735
 m. unknown

1 known child:

Thomas Jones, Jr.
 b. probably c1718
 d. c1788
 m. Mary unknown before 1744
 b.
 d.

4 known children:

James Jones
 b. ?? Apr 1759 Orange County, VA
 d. 28 Jan 1842
 m. Catherine Robinson 15 Sep 1785 Orange Co.
 b. 1767
 d. 1857 Orange Co.

14 known children:

John Jones
 Thomas Jones b. 4 Jul 1786 Orange Co. d.
 Elizabeth 'Betsey' Jones b. 23 Jul 1788 Orange Co. d.
 m. unknown Faulkner, Forkner, Faulconer 16 Oct 1811
 James Jones b. 10 Jan 1791 Orange Co. d.

*****These are MY 3rd great grandparents*****

Fielding J. Jones b. 30 Jan 1792 Orange Co. d.
 m. Mary 'Polly' Johnson 10 Feb 1817

Lucy Jones b. 14 Feb 1797 Orange Co. d.
 m. Charles Mason 22 Dec 1820
 Israel Jones b. 4 Dec 1798 Orange Co. d.
 Catharine 'Caty' Jones b. 18 Jan 1801 Orange Co. d.
 m. Saunders Mason 10 Dec 1821
 Pricilla 'Zillah' Jones b. 25 Jan 1803 Orange Co. d.
 m. Richard Johnston 20 Jan 1829
 Richard Jones b. 16 Feb 1805 Orange Co. d.
 Alse Jones b. 9 Jan 1807 Orange Co. d. 26 Jun 1808
 Churchill Jones b. 13 Apr 1809 Orange Co. d. 18 Jul 1883
 m. Eveline A. unknown
 Milley 'Milly' Jones b. 17 Jun 1812 Orange Co.
 m. Charles T. Mason 11 Aug 1832

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David Jones b. 7 Oct 1816 Orange Co.

Zachariah Jones
b.
d.
m. ?Rebecca Deane
 b.
 d.
children unknown

John Jones
b.
d.
m. Margaret Abell 7 Sep 1785 Orange Co.
 b.
 d.

5 known children:
 Asia Jones b. d.
 Micajah Jones b. d.
 Thomas Jones b. d.
 Frances Jones b. d.
 Sally Jones b. d.

Margaret Jones
b.
d.
m. unknown
children unknown

NOTES:

Thomas Jones, Sr.
8 Sep 1730, His Excellency William Gooch, Govenor of Virginia, granted 350 acres of land in Spotsylvania County to Thomas Jones of King and Queen County (land patent book 14 page 42) and on sep 1735, Thomas Jones, Sr. and Thomas Jones, Jr., received jointly a patent for 800 acres in Orange County (land patent book 16 page 247). The King and Queen County records to Thomas Jones, Sr., though it is believed he died c. 1740, has about this time Thomas Jones, Jr., ceases to be styled "Junior" on the Orange County records and became "Thomas Jones, Gentleman of the County of Orange".

Thomas Jones, Jr.
Known as being of King and Queen AND Orange Counties.

On 8 April 1738, Goodrich Lightfoot of Saint Marks Parrish, Orange County, deeded to

Thomas Jones, Jr. of King and Queen County, a tract of land in Orange County (DB2 page 317) and the said Thomas Jones, Jr. removed from his native county of King and Queen County in 1738.

Proof of this is to be had from a deed dated 6 Nov 1738 by which Thomas Jones, Jr. of Orange County sold six negroes to Thomas Wright of Richmond Country (recorded Orange County DB3 page 46).

On the 23 May 1744, Thomas Jones and Mary, his wife, of Saint Marks Parrish, Orange County, sold the land they had aquired in 1738 (Orange County DB9 page 96-97).

On the "23 Sep 1742, Thomas Jones, having taken the oath appointed by act of parliment to be taken instead of by oaths of allegience... was sworn to the malitiary commission of Lieutenant, accordingly". Thus we see Thomas Jones, Jr. became Lieutenant in the county militia of Orange county in 1742 (Orange County DB3 proceedings 23 Sep 1742).

The will of Thomas Jones was dated 13 Dec 1787 and received the 28 Apr 1788 at Orange County (WB3 page 182) by his wife, Mary (surname unknown).

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