Maben Jones Papers

Correspondence re descendants of Charles Lee Jones, with Charles H. Jones and Nellie Frances Ayres
1933-1941
February 15, 1938

Post Master,
Centralia, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

About thirty years ago there was a family by the name of Jones living in your city and no doubt some of them are still there.

You will do me a great favor if you can help me locate some of them;

Charles Lee Jones, Jr., born 1837, married Alvira Quick and they had the following children:
1. Moultrie B. Jones dead.
2. Charles Lee Jones (went to Washington state)
3. Eliza J. Jones
4. Harriet Jones, dead
5. Woodie Jones
6. Edward S. Jones
7. Annie Jones dead.

If by inquiry you can locate any of the descendants of any of these, kindly hand this letter to them with the request that they communicate with me.

Thanking you sincerely, I am

Very truly yours

Haben Jones.

PS Two of the Jones women married men by the name of Huey. They were sisters of Charles Lee Jones.
(Copy of letter from James Wyatt Spencer Wadsworth, Los Angeles, Calif. February 20, 1933, to Maben Jones, Columbia, South Carolina.)

1. Sarow Melvina Jones m. John P. Hopper. After her death John Hopper went South (?) and possibly his daughter "Betty" and son "Willie", went with him.

2. Judith Ayers Jones m. William R. Black. Raised four children:
   (1) Charles Black
   (2) Elizabeth Black
   (3) William Rennick Black (James?)
   (4) Helen Black

3. Wyatt Spencer Jones m. Phoebe Huey
   (1) Thomas Jones, died when grown, with TB
   (2) Lizzie Jones, married a neighbor boy, Jason Watts (a third cousin of ours) She lived only about two years, died with TB
   (3) Anna Jones, married a neighbor boy, William Steele. Moved to Texas and raised some children. I think Anna died a few years ago.

   (1) Joseph Morton Jones. Married, 3rd: "Aunt Mary Faulkner".
   (2) John Whitfield Jones (Address: 2112 Addison St., Berkeley, Calif.).
   (2) Henry Spencer Jones (Had two children, Arabella and Spencer, and live in 'Frisco or Oakland.)

5. Elizabeth Leek Jones m. James T. Huey
   (1) Algernon Huey
   (2) James Ellsworth Huey
   Married, 2nd: Reuben Samuel, Issue:
   (1) Daughter Eva
   (2) Son John Moses

6. Martha Ann Wilmoth Jones m. Joseph W. Huey
   (1) Charles Jones Huey Dead (1851-1895) 1. Melvina Ellen 1853
   (2) Ellen M. Huey Dead
   (3) Joseph Darwin Huey Dead (1860-1932)
   (4) Cleophus M. Huey, b. 1870. (Now Mrs. George Nicholson, RFD 1, Mountain Grove, Missouri.)

7. Margaret Dibrell Jones m. Semborn Wadsworth
   (1) Benjamin Franklin P. Wadsworth, b. Feb 7, 1854
   (2) William Anthony Jones Wadsworth, b. Mar 21, 1856
   (4) John Lee Wadsworth, b. April 6, 1862 d. Jul 28, 1925
   (5) Mary Alice Wadsworth, b. Feb 9, 1867, m. R. P. Logan. (5 children)
   (6) Judith Melvina Wadsworth, b. Dec 16, 1871. m. W. Clark Smith, May 1, 1900. (Address of last two, RFD 4, Tarkio, Missouri.)
8. James William Dibrell Jones m. Mrs. Rebakah Quick (Aunt "Bekah")
   (1) Cora Augusta Jones, b. (Huey, Illinois)
   (2) William Milton Jones, b.
   (3) Louis Dibrell Jones, b.
   Married, 2nd: Amanda Cox
   (1) Daisy Jones, b. - Quick
   (2) Loren Jones

9. Charles Lee Jones, Jr. m. Alvira Quick
   (1) Moultry Buchanan, b. Died when about grown
   (2) Charles Whitfield, b. large issue
   (3) Eliza Lear (Φ) m. al Garnett issue: 8
   (4) Hattie Lee
   (5) Wilmoth Atwood, b.
   (6) Edward, Emos (2)
   (7) Annie Iris
   2 died in infancy

    (1) Edward Spencer Jones, b. Married and raised a nice
        family near Santa Ana. Oldest daughter: Anna Laura.
        a. Anna Laura Jones
        b. Jane Jones
        c. Frances Jones
    Married, 2nd: Emma Quick, sister of Alvira Quick who married
    Charles Lee Jones.
    (1) Annie May Jones, b. married John Cox (Centralia, Ill.)

11. Moses Spencer Jones m. 1st: Cordelia J. Reierson
    (1) Child died in infancy.
    (2) Essie Lavantia Jones, b. July 19, 1877 (Trained nurse)
    (3) George Reierson Jones, b. January 27, 1879.
        Married, 2nd: Lavenia Avrea (Now Mrs. Lavenia Mayfield,
        110 E. 11th Street, Santa Ana, California.)
Mr. Mahan Jones
1207 Rapley Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Feb. 13th addressed to the post master at Centuria, Illinois has after some lapse of time come into my hands.

I am the grandson of Charles Lee Jones, Jr. and the son of Edward M. Jones (mentioned in your letter as Edward D. Jones).

I have not heard from C. L. Jones of Washington for several years. None of the other members of my grandfather's family are living.

Any communication which you may wish to make, will reach me at the above address.

Sincerely yours,
Charles T. Jones
March 2, 1935

Mr. Charles H. Jones,
33 South Sherman Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Cousin:

I was pleased to receive your letter this morning. I shall tell you briefly what I am trying to do, together with the cooperation of several other members of the Jones family.

Some months ago my sister in Virginia sent me a letter that was written by Dr. Moses Spencer Jones of Santa Ana, California, to my father, the late Louis Dibrell Jones of Virginia. This letter was written 35 years ago and it contained the names of all of the eleven children of Charles Lee Jones (1792-1860) who married Elizabeth Leek Spencer in Buckingham County, Virginia, in 1817.

I am endeavoring to locate all the descendants of this Charles Lee Jones, and it is needless to say that I am delighted to hear from one of his descendants who bears his name. Recently I have had letters from John Whitfield Jones at Berkeley, California, from James Wadsworth (son of Margaret Dibrell Jones) in Los Angeles, from Benjamin Jones at Rolla, Arkansas, from his brother in Washington, from Mrs. Nicholson in Missouri, and several others. I have already received some information regarding the family records and have the promise of a great deal more. We hope to compile a complete record of your branch of the Jones family and shall welcome all the data you can send me. I hope it will be convenient for you to send me these records, including as much detail as to DATES, COMPLETE NAMES, OCCUPATIONS, HONORS, etc. We hope to make this more something more than a mere list of names and dates.

At present I have interesting data on the Dibrell and Lee families from which we came. This information has been prepared by a number of the descendants who have now passed away. I shall be glad to send you copies of the records I have in return for your hearty cooperation. I can show you how the Lee name comes in and just what relation you are to General Robert E. Lee.

My grandfather, William Dibrell Jones, was a brother to your great-grandfather Charles Lee Jones. They were sons of Michael Jones, but I have not discovered where he came from. I hope to hear from you again soon.

Cordially yours,

Naben Jones.
93 South Sherman St,
Denver, Colorado
March 15, 1933

Mr. Wesley Jones
1207 Taylor St,
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of March 3, 1933 and in answer I am enclosing as much information as I have been able to obtain. The records to which I have access are more or less incomplete.

I would suggest your writing to Mrs. John Cot, Route 4, Centralia, Illinois, who perhaps can give you more information regarding the Jones family. Mrs. Cot is a daughter of Mr. John Milton Jones (1838-1872).

Mr. Roy Carpenter, Morrison St, Centralia, Illinois can give you more information regarding the children of Eliza Lee Jones, who married Alfred Carpenter.

I am sorry to say that I have no further information regarding the whereabouts of the other descendants of Charles Lee Jones, Sr., nor do I know where it may be obtained.

In your letter you stated that you did not know the birthplace of Michael Jones. I'm going over
my grandfather Jones I found one which may shed some light on the matter I have copied below work for word the particular section of the record regarding this matter. I do not know the given name of the Grandfather Jones first mentioned below, nor when he was born. I have assumed that he might have been the grandfather of William Dibrell Jones and of Charles Lee Jones. So that he might have been the father of Michael Jones, Sr. The however, is only a supposition on my part. I hope that you may be able to discover records which will clarify the matter. Here is the record as I have it:

"Grandfather Jones, Michael Jones, Cloud, Geo. Daniel, Edward Douglas, his sons, Lucy and Polly, his daughters. Lucy married Walker and Polly, Gaddig. He (I suppose this refers to the Grandfather Jones) " came from Hanover County, Va., and moved to Campbell Co. on Taling River. Michael married Sarah Dibrell, of Buckingham; Cloud married Elizabeth Wood, Edward married Amy Fugue of Buckingham and moved West."

The record then goes on to state that Sarah Dibrell, wife of Michael Jones, was the daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth Lee Dibrell.

Quoting again from the record: "Grandmother Dibrell, wife of Anthony Dibrell, was Elizabeth Lee, and raised in Middlesex County or in Lancaster County, Va."
These statements are then followed by a record of the Deibell family, starting with Anthony & Elizabeth. I imagine you have this record. However, if such is not the case I will be glad to send you a copy.

I find in the paper one other statement which may or may not be of assistance to you in tracing the family tree. It seems that your grandfather, Wm. D. Jones, obtained the family record of Michael Jones, Esq., from Jan. 25, 1750, from a Register owned by Mrs. Cetcy Brown, which was on July 13, 1874, supposed to be in the possession of Mrs. Sallie Dover.

I also have a little information regarding the Spence family into which Charles Lee Jones Sr. married. If you desire this I will be glad to send it.

I shall be very pleased to receive any copies of records concerning the Jones, Deibell, and Lee families which you may care to send.

I again wish to express my regret at not being able to furnish you with more information.

Any further service which I can render will be gladly given.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Jones
March 22, 1933

Mr. Charles H. Jones,
33 South Sherman Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Cousin:

I am delighted with your letter and the splendid information it contains. I cannot find words to express my pleasure at reading the quotations from your grandfather's papers referring to Michael Jones. When I wrote you for your family records I did not have any idea that I would be so lucky as to receive this interesting data on Michael. This may be a clue that will enable us to trace his ancestry. While the Hanover records were destroyed there may be somewhere a record of the Jones families that settled there. Among my papers is a copy of a mutilated paper which states that Publius Jones was a brother to Michael and an uncle to William D., and that he married Eliza Word (not Wood) and had three children. This, then, would seem to indicate that Michael had three brothers and two sisters. I have some little reason to think that Michael's father was named Michael, as there is a deed recorded in the Albemarle county court house showing sale of land by Michael Jones to John Hargis in 1762.

I'm keenly interested in every word of the quoted passages and I hope it will be possible for you to have typewritten copies made of the entire paper. I feel sure others would be glad to have a copy of this rare document and I'm sure I'd be delighted with it. The reference to Elizabeth Lee is welcome. In the "Foreword" to the Dibrell manuscript which I am sending you, Commander Barroll quotes Mr. Charles Lee Dibrell, but this data is incomplete. I imagine the Lee genealogists have a complete record of this branch of the Lee family. I've made no effort to secure it yet.

Among my unassembled papers I have a reference to a Register owned by Mrs. Betsy Brown and which was in the hands of Mrs. Sally Glover in 1874. Recently I've tried to locate some of the Glover family in Virginia with a view to tracing this register. I note you have some information on the Spencer family. I shall be glad to have this, too. If the record of Anthony Dibrell and Elizabeth Lee in your papers is at all different, or supplementary to the enclosed paper, I shall be pleased to have it.

It is needly to say that I am well pleased with all the splendid information you sent me, and while I have not had an opportunity to "digest" it yet I shall compare it with other data I have recently received from the West and then endeavor to fill all the gaps.
In return for your kindness I’ll send you copies of letters I have received from other Charles Lee Jones descendants.

John Jones of Berkeley, California, wrote me that your great grandfather was a soldier of the War of 1812. Have you ever asked the War Department for his record? In the enclosed paper I have inserted war records of Michael Jones (Revolution) and William Dibrell Jones (1812). No doubt Charles Lee Jones and Anthony Dibrell Jones were also in this war.

If you have any information at all regarding the descendants of Anthony Dibrell Jones (1780) who went to Kentucky, please let me have it. I have no starting point on which to work.

Please accept my thanks for what you have already sent, and should you be able to give additional information on your father’s children, please be assured that it will be gratefully received.

A little later I hope to send you a record of the descendants of my grandfather. I have a number of letters out now and hope to have this fairly complete.

Cordially yours,

Nabon Jones.
33 South Sherman St.,
Denver, Colorado
April 10, 1933

Mr. Miken Jones
1207 Taylor Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 28. I wish to express my thanks for your sending me a copy of the Gibbell manuscript. My brother and I found it extremely interesting and were very pleased to learn more concerning our family.

I am enclosing three copies of the paper which you requested in your last letter.

I am sorry to state that I have no information regarding Anthony Gibbell Jones (1780) nor do I know of anyone who has.

If in the course of your correspondence you should come across any members of the family who are engaged in the fine insurance business I would be pleased to receive their names and the positions which they occupy.

I wish to thank you again for the manuscript which you sent.

I shall be delighted to assist you further in any way I can.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]