Maben Jones Papers

Correspondence re descendants of Charles Lee Jones, with Cleo Nicholson
1933-1946
Mrs. George Nicholson,
Cabool, Missouri.

Dear Cousin:

George Jones of Tolleson, Arizona, writes me that you are a daughter of his aunt, but further than this he did not explain. I am making an effort to locate the descendants of Charles Lee Jones who married Elizabeth Leek Spencer in Virginia and whose children (14 in number) went west. Recently I came into possession of a letter written by Dr. Moses Spencer Jones to my father and in this letter he gave the names of the fourteen children, whom they married and their children. This letter was written 55 years ago, so I consider myself fortunate in having already heard from George Jones, his sister Mrs. Essie Lee Jones, and her husband Jones Jones of Berkeley, California.

I shall be very glad to hear from you with all the family information you can give. I am especially interested in locating descendants of the older children of Charles Lee Jones. The first mentioned in Dr. Moses Jones' letter was Sarah Melvina Jones born in 1819 in Logan County, Kentucky and married to John F. Hopper in 1834. Elizabeth, his daughter, married an Ashley of Lafayette, Kentucky. This is a long way back and I know it is going to be hard to trace this family. I shall be glad to send you a copy of Dr. Jones' letter if you are interested. I have secured considerable data on the Dibrell family. You perhaps are familiar with the history of Anthony Dibrell who married a Miss Lee of Virginia.

I hope to have the pleasure of hearing from you soon. If you know of any members of the Jones family who have old family papers please send me their names and addresses.

Cordially yours,

Maben Jones.

PS. I did not explain who I am. I am a son of the late Louis Dibrell Jones of Virginia. His father was William Dibrell Jones who was a brother to Charles Lee Jones. My great grandfather was Michael Jones who married Leeanna Dibrell.
Mountain Grove Inc.
Feb. 8, 33

Mr. Mike Jones

Dear Cousin

My mother was Martha A. Jones born 1829 + married J.W. Hester in 1849. Aunt Elzabeth Jones married a Hester girl. There were three sets of double cousins. Uncle Jesse was the youngest. Uncle Wyatte was the oldest. Grandpa & Grandmother & several grandchildren are buried in the Jones cemetery north of Centralia Ills. where the family located. Uncle Wyatte was one of the older ones but his home in Ills was destroyed by fire & he died in Texas. One older girl married Mr. Wadsworth & two of the boys were living in Laguna Beach. They are much older than I & might be able to give you some information. I was born in Hester Ills end 1870 and my mother died then I was 17 and was the youngest and
The only one left of the family.
Had my older brothers been living
they would have been more the
help to you than I
you might write to Will or Wyatt
Wadsworth. Laguna Beach last.
Will be glad to help you in any
way.

Aunt Judith Jones Black had three
children—and lived near Forti
3ills but they are all dead.

With Respect

Lester Judson

[Signature]
Mr. Maben Jones,
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Cousin:

My mother was Martha Ann Wilmoth Jones, born January 16, 1829 in Christian County, Kentucky, died June 18, 1887. She married Joseph W. Huey in 1849, in Clinton county, Illinois.

Aunt Elizabeth Lee Jones married James T. Huey, and Uncle Wyatt Spencer Jones married Phoebe Huey, thus there were three sets of double cousins.

Uncle Moses Spencer Jones was the youngest child of Charles Lee Jones and Elizabeth Leek Spencer. Grandpa and grandmother and several of the children are buried in the Jones cemetery north of Centralia, Illinois, where the family located.

Uncle Wyatt (born March 11, 1822) was one of the older ones but his home in Illinois was destroyed by fire and he died in Texas.

One of the older girls (Margaret Dibrell Jones) married Sexton Wadsworth, and two of the boys were living in Laguna Beach, California. They are much older than I and might be able to give you some information.

I was born in Huey, Illinois in 1870 and my mother died when I was seventeen and was the youngest and the only one left of the family. Had my older brothers been living they would have been more able to help you than I.

You might write to Will or Wyatt Wadsworth, Laguna Beach, California. Will be glad to help you any way.

Aunt Judith Ayers Jones married William R. Black and had three children and lived near Tonti, Illinois. They are all dead.

With respect,

(Cleo Huey)                Cleo D. Nicholson
February 19, 1933.

Mrs. George Nicholson,
RFD 1, Mountain Grove, Mo.

Dear Cousin:

I was delighted with your letter of the 8th and thank you for the information you gave. Much of this is new to me and will greatly aid me in my efforts to compile a record of the Jones family.

Just recently I had a letter from John W. Jones who lives at 1925 University Avenue, Berkeley, California. He was a son of Michael Lee Jones and he married his cousin, daughter of Moses Spencer Jones. I also had a letter from James Wyatt Spencer Wadsworth, at 1213 Mansanita Street, Los Angeles. He and his two brothers, William and Benjamin, are in a Home there. James is 74 years old, William is 77, and Benjamin 79 -- all very old fellows. He did not give me a great deal of data as he was unwell at the time he wrote.

I do not wish to impose on you, but I hope you can find the time to write me regarding other members of the family. Just any information at all is welcomed——such as, where they were born, where and when married, what they did for occupation, where buried. And especially all honors or war service records. The record I have shows that Charles Lee Jones married Alvira Quick and had seven children. If you know anything of any of these please send me the information. If any of the seven children are living I'd like to get in touch with them.

Tell me also about your own brothers and sister, and especially about yourself. According to my records, your mother's full name was Martha Ann Wilmoth Jones. I imagine the name Wilmoth was from Wilmoth Watson who married Anthony Dibrell, Jr. It is interesting to have FULL names as this often gives a connection we would miss otherwise.

So far I have been fortunate in hearing from a number of the Jones relatives in the West, but there is lots of information yet to be gathered, and it is only through the kindly cooperation of these relatives that I can hope to secure the data. I know it takes time and, to some people, the task is irksome, but it is a duty we owe the coming generation——that of compiling a record of our ancestors.

I hope to have the pleasure of hearing from you again soon. If you are interested in any of my records I shall be glad to send you copies.

Cordially yours,

Maben Jones.
Mr. Maben Jones,
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Cousin:

Just a month since your letter came but I have been quite busy. Spent a week at the old home town of Joneses and Hueys. Perhaps some of these items will help you some.

I found an old book belonging to an old friend of the family, "The History of Clinton and Marion Counties, Illinois." Michael Jones discharged April 26, 1862 for disability. I am not sure that this was Uncle Michael as there was another M. L. that I did not get the date of. James W. Jones mustered out June 7, 1865. Uncle Jim was in 111 Regiment. He was married while in the army. One child by this union. He came home and married again. Could not find wife's name. She died and there were three children. He married again to a Cox. He died about 1885. There were two children and one is living somewhere near Centralia, Illinois--Mrs. Daisy Quick. He drew a pension. Then there was a John L. Jones mustered out July 4, 1865. John H. Jones, June 6, 1866. One of these must have been Uncle John. He was married twice. Don't know first wife's name, but one son, Edward Spencer Jones went to California and lived with Uncle Mose. He married and died there about four years ago. There were four children. The second, Laura, will drive from California to visit us this summer. Then Uncle John married Emma Quick. You may get some information by writing a daughter of this union, Mrs. John Cox, RFD, Centralia, Ill. Her mother was a sister to Uncle Charles' wife. I found out that a son-in-law of Uncle Charles lives in or near Centralia--Alf Garristion. By writing to him you may find where some of them are. I intended to go to the old Jones cemetery and to Uncle Charles' old neighborhood but the roads were very muddy and could not be gotten over with a car, so we stayed on hard road. Uncle Wyatt Jones married Phoebe Huey. Three children. Tommie and Lizzie died with T.B. Annie married Will Steele. She or some of the children may be at Brownwood, Texas.

Aunt Elizabeth Jones first married a Huey. Think he died young. There were two boys, Ellsworth and Algernon. I knew Gern well. He lived in St. Louis, but I know nothing of his children. He has been dead a number of years. Then Aunt Elizabeth married Samuels. I think there was a son by the name of Mose. I know nothing of them.

My mother's name was Martha Ann Wilmoth Jones and there were four boys and four girls. Two boys and two girls died in infancy. My oldest brother, Charles Jones Huey, was born 1851 in Huey, Illinois, died in Azusa, California 1895. He left one girl, Medora Ellen, born 1855, married Van Horn, died 1912. Medora Ellen Van Horn left one boy, Huey Van Horn. My brother, Joseph Darwin Huey was born 1860 and died in San Bernardino, California, 1931. Then myself, born 1870.
My own family:

I married George Nicholson in 1889, Los Angeles, California. I am the mother of seven children. Two died in infancy.

1  Flossie R. Nicholson, b. 1893 in Lone Jack, Missouri. Married Herman Unterkircher 1914. They have one girl living, Dorothy Louise three years old. Our only grandchild.

2  Viola Nicholson b. 1898, Kansas City, Kansas. Married Fred Unterkircher 1917.


This letter is rather mixed up but perhaps you may be able to find some item that may be of use to you. I hope so. If I can be of any more use to you will be glad to do so. I will let you get the record finished and then perhaps I can get a copy.

The graves in the old cemetery were marked but were only the straight marble slabs of long ago.

Your cousin,

Cleo Nicholson.
Dear Cousin,

Just a month since your letter came, but I have been quite busy. Just a week at the old home town & Jones' Keys. Perhaps asking these items will help you some. I found an old book belonging to an old friend of the family, "The History of Clinton & Adams Wells."

Michael Jones discharged Apr. 26th, 1862 for disability. I am not sure that this was Uncle Michael as there was another M.J. that I did not
get the date.

JAMES W. JONES—mustered out June 7, 1865.

Uncle Jim was in 111 Reg.
He was married while in
field by this young
Army. He came home &
marshal again. Could
not find wife's name.
She died & there were 3
children.

He married again. Her
last name was Lee.
He died about 1885. There
were 2 children & one

There were 2

John T. Jones"
One of these must have been Uncle John. He was married 2 times, I don't know if it was his 1st wife's name but I do know that once went to Italy and lived with Uncle John who married and died there about 4 years ago. There were 4 children.

The second girl, "Laura," was at 1 time supposed to be the largest woman in the weighing over 700 pounds and could not walk through a door straight without shoulders touching.

Legs weighted 160 pounds and taller than my mother, and the oldest child. I am expecting her to drive from Italy to visit us during this summer.

Then Uncle John married Emma and you may
get some information.

I was writing to a daughter
of this Union.

Then they were in the Army

Her mother was a sister
of Uncle Charles.

I found out that a
son-in-law of Uncle
Charles lived near or
near Centralia

All Senators Centralia.

By writing to him you
may find where some
of them are.

I intended to go to the
old Jones cemetery &
to Uncle Charles' old
neighborhood but the
roads were very muddy
& could not be gotten
over with a car. So we
March 18, 1933

Stayed on lumber road.
Uncle Wyatt Jones
married Phoebe Huey
3 children were after they
ever grew up

Aunt Elizabeth died of EB.

Aunt Annie married Will Steele. She or some of
children may be at
Brownwood Texas.

Aunt Elizabethe Jones first
married a Huey. Don't
know his first name.

There were 2 boys, Elsworth

Algerine. I knew her

Lola well. He lived in
St Louis, but I know nothing
of his children. He had
been dead a number of
years. Then Aunt Elizabethe

married. His name was
Samuel. He had 3 sons.
I think was (made) as there
was a son by that name.
I know nothing of these.
I say you went for a strike.
So I will finish with
this pencil.

Yes, you have my
mother's full statute right.
There were 8 children:
4 boys, 4 girls. 2 boys
& 2 girls died in infancy.
My oldest bro., Charles Jones.
They were born 1851-1871.

 Died in Aguascalientes 1875—
Medora Ebenezer, born 1853

Augustus, Los Angeles, 1912

Joseph Ebenezer, born 1868
Died in San Bernardino
—early 1931

These are myself—1878.
Taywore family

March 10, 1933

Enrolled in the study of law
1889, Los Angeles, Cal.

Father & mother died
Deceased infants

Floris B. Lorie, b. 1893
Gone to heaven
Married to Herman

Entraire 1914, has 1 girl
Living, their younger 3 years
and only grandchild.

Violet, born 1898, Kansas City, Ky
Married Fred, Entraire 1917
Also Willie, born 1902. Married

Georgia, b. born 1905
Killed in auto accident 1929

Honey Josephine, born 1907
Married Audra Baxter 1929
March 18, 1933

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If I can be of any more use to you I will be glad to do so. I will let you get the records finished and then perhaps I can get a copy.

The graves in the old Jewish cemetery were marked, but were only the slabs of marble slabs a long ago. Resell your lot.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
March 24, 1933.

Mrs. George Nicholson,
R-1, Mountain Grove, Mo.

Dear Cousin Cleo:

Your letter of March 18 was read with much pleasure. You have given me some additional information and a number of valuable leads. While I have not had time yet to "digest" all the data I have, I am trying to keep a stream of information coming to me all the time.

For your information I am sending you copies of three papers:

1. Letter from Dr. Moses Spencer Jones to my father, 1897.
2. Copy of list from James Wadsworth, 1213 Manzanita St., Los Angeles.
3. Copy of list from Charles H. Jones, 33 S. Sherman St., Denver, Colo.

If you can secure more definite information on the Civil War records I hope you will do so. Mrs. H. P. Logan, R-4, Tarkio, Missouri, asked me if Annie Steele is living. Cousin Jim Wadsworth says in his list he thinks she is dead. I'd like to locate any of her children that may be living.

I do not have time right now to compare the data you gave with what is contained in these papers I am sending you, but I am going to ask that you be on the lookout for any supplementary information and send me names and addresses of all members of the family. I want to locate families of Algernon Huy and James Ellsworth Huy.

Thank you again for your good letter. Stick with me and let's round up all of the Jones descendants.

Cordially yours,

Maben Jones.
March 25, 1933

Mrs. George Nicholson,
RFD 1, Mountain Grove, Mo.

Dear Cousin Cleo:

I wrote you yesterday and enclosed several papers which I hope you will find of interest and value.

Today I have made a typed copy of your letter (changing it somewhat to make it a little clearer) and I am enclosing a copy to you.

I want to ask your further assistance. You have given me splendid information but it is not as complete as it should be. I am hoping to receive family records of a large number of the Jones relatives and it is my present plan to have these records properly arranged and typed. These copies, then, will be sent to those who have helped to compile the records. No doubt these copies will be preserved by some and who knows but what they will turn up thirty or forty years from now and prove of value to some of your descendants. For this reason, I feel that the records should be rather complete. Some biographical sketch of the individuals should be given. It is due the memory of our ancestors that we make such record. You should send me a brief sketch of your mother and father. Tell some facts regarding their lives—where they lived, what they did, what interests they followed, church affiliation, personal appearance, etc., etc. Then the same should be done with your two brothers, your sister and yourself.

May I urge that you give me this information more in detail so that a proper record of your family may be preserved for future generations.

Of course I want your help in locating data on the older members too.

Cordially yours,

Maben Jones.

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Mr. Maben Jones
1207 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

In the year 1933 my mother, Mrs. George Nicholson, corresponded with you concerning the record of the Jones family.

Has this record been completed? If so, is it available for distribution? Also, is there a record of the Coat of Arms of this family?

Respectfully,

Mrs. Frank Steelman
nee Cleo T. Nicholson
August 7, 1946

Mrs. Frank Steelman,
Western Auto Associate Store,
Portageville, Missouri.

Dear Mrs. Steelman:

I have your letter of the 5th and in reply will say that I soon discovered the stupendous task involved in compiling a record of the Jones family. I contacted quite a number of the descendants of Charles Lee Jones but I failed to hear from so many that I became discouraged. It was never my intention to publish a book, but I did plan to type the material that came to me. This, however, did not materialize.

So far as I know, there is no Coat of Arms belonging to our Jones family. The first Jones of whom I have record is MICHAEL, will in Bedford county, Virginia, 1781. His son Michael Jones, went to Buckingham county, Virginia, and married Leanna Lee Dibrell (the name was DuBreuil, French Huguenot). She was a descendant of the distinguished Lee family of Virginia. Charles Lee Jones married a Miss Leake and a list of his children was mailed to your mother in 1935. If you have the papers I sent her you have about all that I have on your branch of the family.

All of the Wadsworth brothers are dead. Their sister, Mrs. Mary Logan, Tarkio, Missouri, gave me most of the information about the Western branch of the family.

It is not at all likely that I shall do anything more on the Charles Lee Jones branch of the family. You descendants there should get together and compile a record.

Your mother gave me some interesting records and if you do not have them I shall be pleased to send you copies.

Glad to have your letter and I hope you will become interested in compiling a family record. It takes time and patience but it is interesting.

Cordially yours

Maben Jones