

Jones of North Carolina

Lineage. Robert Jones of Wales came to Virginia as a boatswain on a British man-of-war about the middle of the 17th century. Tradition has it that he fell in love with a Norfolk damsel and while the ship lay off Old Point Comfort, he leaped overboard and swam to his betrothed. They were married, settling near Norfolk.

Robert Jones, son of Robert Jones of Wales, was a planter in Surrey County. Issue:



- Robert (known as Robin) Jones, removed to North Carolina as the agent of John Cartaret, the Earl of Granville. Robin Jones was a lawyer, having been educated in England, and was appointed Attorney General for the Crown of North Carolina in 1761. In a letter from Willie Jones to his son, then a youth at college, dated March 1, 1798, says of Robin "I not only wish that you should equal your companions and excel myself in all useful knowledge,

but that you should rival your grand-father, Robert Jones, who was a point of genius *a model indeed!*" A dispatch in the Rolls Office reads: "April 20, 1766. The Tuskeroras will move from Bertie this week to New York. Mr. Jones, the Attorney General, advanced 1,200 pounds to aid in bringing wagons and provisions on the credit of their land." He served as a member of the Assembly 1754-1755, and other important offices. Robin died 10/2/1766. "Governor Tryon informs the Board of Trade of the death of Robert Jones, on October 2, and that he has appointed Markaduke Jones, who had long been a resident, of first credit and capacity, about forty years old, educated in England and cousin to Sir Marmaduke Wyvil." Robin Jones married 1st, Sarah Cobb in 1737/1738 and 2d, Mary Eaton which it is said that he lived unhappily. He had two sons and one daughter by Sarah (Cobb), viz. Allen, Willie, and Martha. Allen and Willie were sent to Eton College to be educated and put under the charge of Lord Granville. The brothers late owned large estates on the Roanoke River; John Paul Jones was a frequent visitor to the brothers' plantations. Issue:

1. General Allen Jones resided at *Mt. Gallant* in Northampton County, near the Roanoke Falls. He was the sole delegate from Northampton in 1774; Brigadier General for Halifax District.
 2. Willie Jones of *The Grove* near Halifax County was chairman of the Committee for Safety for the North Carolina colony, and became Governor when Gov. Martin fled the colony.
- John Jones. He had daughters, Patsey Jones who married William Daniel and was the mother of Hon. Joseph I. Daniel, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and of Hon. J. R. J. Daniel of North Carolina, member of Congress from Halifax District.

- Nathaniel Jones resided in Wake County, North Carolina. He was a member of the House in 1787 and of the Senate in 1801. His descendant, Kimbro Jones, was a member of the Wake County Assembly of 1819 and a member of the Convention in 1835 which revised the Constitution of the State.

Ref. Colonial Records of North Carolina; A Genealogical History by Colonel Cadwallader Jones.