

## *Jones of Virginia and North Carolina*

**Clineage.** "Captain Roger Jones, of London; b. 1625–35; came to Virginia in 1680, a soldier under Lord Culpeper; returned to London in 1684–85; became a merchant in London and d. at his home in Stepney, a suburb of London, in 1701; his will is at Somerset House; in it he desires 'to be buried at Mansfield in the county of Nottingham, in a grave with my late wife Dorothy, daughter of John Walker of Mansfield aforesaid, Esquire,' mentions his sons Frederick and Thomas, and that a silver tankard 'belongs to my said son Thomas and was bought with monies given him by my Lady Culpeper.' The parish register of burials at Mansfield in 1701 contains this entry, 'January 6<sup>th</sup> Capt. Rogere Jones.' The arms displayed by Capt. Roger Jones, his sons, and descendants, are the arms of AP John of Nottinghamshire, which are set out with a pedigree of the family in the Heralds Visitations of Surrey, a branch of the family having settled at Streatham in Surrey. But Capt. Roger Jones and his family in America, so far as known, always bore these arms without the snakes. However, the present Garter King of Arms writing to one of the family under date of 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1911, says: 'Seeing that it is highly probably that your ancestor Capt. Roger Jones came from the AP John family, I certainly think it would be better for you to use the correct Coat, which includes the snakes, on your bookplate.' It is a well known ancient Welsh coat and was first assumed by Moreiddig Warwyn, son or nephew of Bleddyn AP Maenarch, lord of Brecon, who lost his life A. D. 1094, while defending his territory against the Normans. The modernizing of the surname John, which was anciently pronounced with the 'o' long as in Jone, into Jones is a transition quite familiar to genealogists. Thus, Ap John, Ap Johnes, Ap Jones, Jones. An early allusion to this family in Virginia mentions the arrival of the brothers Frederick and Thomas Jones in the colony in 1702, as 'the beginning of the Ap Jones' in Virginia,' and one of their descendants made inquiry at the Heralds College 'if any family of Ap Jones in Eng. Or Wales bore by registered lineal descent a coat armour of an ancient Ap Jones.' That is they recognized that they were descended from 'an ancient AP Jones' and were trying to identify the particular family through the coat of arms. The first intimation we have of the arrival in the colony of the sons Frederick and Thomas is in an instrument dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 1702, executed by Frances Littlepage, in which she releases her dower in 2,850 acres of land in King William County, 'conveyed by my said husband Richard Littlepage to Frederick Jones and Thomas Jones, Gents,' by deed of same date. Capt. Roger Jones of London and Virginia, b. 1625–35, d. 1701; m. (1<sup>st</sup>) Dorothy Walker, b. 1642, dau. of John Walker, Esq. of Mansfield, Notts; m. (2d), Priscilla----d.s.p. John Walker's mother was Elizabeth Digby, sister of Sir John Digby; his aunt Margery Walker, m. Simon Sterne and was the mother of the Archbishop of York; from this union also descended Laurence Sterne, the author of 'Tristram Shandy.'

- I. Frederick, the elder son, came to Virginia in 1702, had been a merchant in London, moved to North Carolina few years later, settled at Edenton, and d. there in 1722; he was a Captain in the Indians Wars, was a Deputy Lord Proprietor, or Member of the Council of State, and became Chief Justice of the Colony in 1718; he left a landed estate of many thousand acres which he rigidly entailed on his three sons to the exclusion of his three daughters; his will is in the office of the Secretary of State at Raleigh and is sealed with his coat of arms, viz., a fesse between three children's heads, front faced, couped at the shoulders, impaling the Arms of Harding (his wife was a Harding); Crest. A helmet, a boy's head as in the Arms.

- II. Thomas Jones, d. 1757." Colonial Families of the United States, Vol. IV by George Norbury Mackenzie, pp. 273-274.

Thomas Jones was a wealthy merchant and planter in Williamsburg, Virginia, having come ca 1702. He was an Alderman and represented the College of William and Mary in the Houses of Burgesses. He was married on 2/14/1725 to Elizabeth Cocke Pratt, widowed daughter of Dr. William Cocke, the Secretary of State for the Colony under Governor Spotswood. He owned several plantations in the colony from which he shipped large quantities of tobacco to London, some of his transactions were written in the account books of Randolph & Co. in London.

Issue:

- Thomas Jones, born 12/25/1726, died at Spring Garden in Hanover County 1785/6. He was clerk of Northumberland County, Virginia until his death. His wife was Sally Skelton, the daughter of James Skelton. Issue:
  - I. Major Thomas ap Thomas Jones of Bathurst, Virginia.
  - II. Major Catesby Jones, Revolutionary War Soldier, First Lt. of 2d Virginia Regiment; Major of Militia. He married Lettice Corbin Turberville.
  - III. Jekyll Jones of Richmond, Virginia, unmarried.
  - IV. Meriwether Jones, born 1766, married Lucy Franklin Reed. He founded the Richmond Examiner newspaper which he edited until he was killed in a duel in 1806.
  - V. Bathurst Jones married widow Overton; Member of the Virginia Assembly.
  - VI. Skelton Jones, political writer in Richmond, and a noted duelist. He undertook to complete Burke's History of Virginia, but was killed in a duel before he completed the 4<sup>th</sup> volume.
  - VII. Elizabeth Jones married Lancelot Lee of Berkeley.
  - VIII. Sally Jones married Capt. Nat. Anderson.
  - IX. Jane Jones, born 1760, married John Monroe, a relative of President Monroe.
- Dorothea Jones, born 2/2/1727 married 1<sup>st</sup> George Donald, merchant of Glasgow, Scotland and 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. Arbuthnot.
- Catesby Jones 3/6/1730-1747.
- Frederick Jones, born 7/7/1732, a Revolutionary War patriot, active member of the Committee of Safety; Judge of the Admiralty for Port Brunswick, North Carolina. His only son, John Swann Jones, changed his name to Swann to meet certain provisions of his uncle Swann's will where his descendants were to use his surname. He was married to his cousin, Jane Swann, daughter of Hon. Samuel Swann of North Carolina of the Cape Fear River in Wilmington, North Carolina.

- William Jones, born 10/25/1734, married Lucy (Taliaferro) Carter, the widow of Charles Carter of Cleves.
- Jekyll Jones, born 1737, died in infancy.
- Lucy Jones, born 8/25/1738 married John Smith of Virginia.
- Anne Jones, born 2/15/1739 married James Burwell of Kings Creek, Virginia.
- Dr. Walter Jones, born 12/18/1745, a graduate of medicine in Edinburgh, Scotland, Member of Congress 1798-99. He married Alice Flood.
- Elizabeth Jones, born 1/26/1748, married Dr. I. Flood.

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