

Jones of Virginia

Richard Jones, London Merchant. . A deed of Richard Jones of the Parish of Merchant, Brandon, Prince George County, Virginia, planter, to William Blakley of Parish of Wallingford in James City County, Virginia, for 30,000 pounds of tobacco, to keep covenants, etc. In an old survey book of Charles City County, Virginia there was found several plats of land surveyed by Robert Bolling for the Jones families, among which were two for Peter Jones, one for 393 acres of land lying on both sides of Great Creek of the Nottoway River below the land of Thomas Jones, son of Captain Richard Jones, and one for 222 acres lying on the northside of Nottoway River and the water courses of Great Creek, October 1719. Richard Jones, London merchant from Wales, married Lady Jeffries of the Manor of Lex, Beerfries Parish, Devonshire.

Issue:

- Cadwallader Jones, born 1602. See Cadwallader Jones Genealogy.
- Major Peter Jones, married 1663 in Surry County, Virginia Margaret Wood, a daughter of Major-General Abraham Wood and his wife, Margaret. Peter died *Malvern Hill*, Henrico County, Virginia. He was a resident of Charles City County, Virginia in 1657 when he was named Captain in command of troops. Before that, he had a trading station at the present site of Petersburg.

“Captain Peter Jones have ye conduct and command of ye particular company belonging to Coll. Abraham Wood and certify the same and he have power to command as it is or shall be directed by the laws of ye Country or by ye Collonell.” Charles City County Records 1655-1666.

“By the Governor and Capt. Generall of Virginia, to all whom these shall concerne, Know ye that I, Francis Moryson, Esq. Governor and Capt. Genall of Virginia have authorized and empowered Coll. Abraham Wood, Lt. Coll. Thomas Drewe, Major William Harris, Capt. John Epes, Capt. William Farrar, Capt. Peter Jones, Capt. Edd. Hill Jr. and Capt. Francis Gray to be Commanders of ye Regiment of the Trayned lands in the counties of Henrico and Charles City, and Capt. Thomas Stegge to be Commander of the horse listed in the troope to be raised in the said Counties for the exervise of which power according to the order made at a meeting of the Councill at James City ye 12th of June last this shall be their sufficient power and warrant until a formal and full Comicon be granted to them particularly. Given the fourth of July 1661.” Charles City County Records, 1655-1666.

At a meeting of the Militia of Westover on 12 July 1661, Colonel Abraham Wood ordered that the companies be apportioned and distinguished as follows....Capt. Peter Jones his companie to be from ye Cittie Creeke to ye falls of Appomattox river on the South side, and from Powerlls Creeke to the said falls on the North side....

The Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography (1915), Vol. I, page 268 states that Peter Jones was a major in command of a fort near the fall of the Appomattox in 1674; that he was the grandfather of the Peter Jones for whom Petersburg was named; that the latter, whose father of the same name died in 1721; was captain and major of Prince George Militia; that he died in Amelia County in 1754.

It was through his father-in-law, General Abraham Wood, that Peter Jones was called to the falls of the Appomattox River in 1676 to fortify the garrisons on the Virginia frontier and to repel Indian disturbances. These disturbances are those which led to Bacon's Rebellion. Major Jones was put in charge of 57 men from Elizabeth City, Warwick and James City counties. One of his sons, Abraham Jones, patented the Indian town land in 1683, which had adjoined that of General Abraham Wood.

Issue of Major Peter Jones:

1. Peter Jones, Jr. died 1/1726 in British Parish, Prince George County, Virginia. He was married to Mary Batte, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Batte. Issue:
 2. Mary Jones.
 3. Abraham Jones, born 1690 in Charles City County, Virginia, married Sarah Batte, the daughter of Henry Batte. Issue:
 - a. Peter Jones, Jr., died 1734 in Dinwiddie County, Virginia.
 - b. Abraham Jones Jr., born 1720.
 - c. Henry Jones.
 - d. William Jones.
 - e. Thomas Jones, born in Petersburg, Virginia, died 1773 in Amelia County, Virginia, married Lucy Watson. Issue:
 - 1-Joseph Jones, born 8/23/1749 at *Cedar Grove*, Petersburg, Virginia, married 11/13/1777, Nancy Call. Issue: Ann Call Jones, born 1778.
 - 2-Lucy Jones.
 - 3-Mary Jones.
 - 4-Sarah Jones.
 - 5-Elizabeth Jones.
 - f. Margaret Jones.
 - g. Ann Jones.
 4. William Jones.
 5. Thomas Jones,
 5. John Jones.
 6. Wood Jones.
 7. Ann Jones.