

RICHARD JONES

Richard Jones, London Merchant, of the Parish of Merchants, Brandon, Prince George County, Virginia, deeded to William Blakley of the Parish of Wallingford in James City County, Virginia, for 30,000 pds. of tobacco.

Cavaliers and Pioneers by Nell Marion nugent: "6 April 1654, Richard Jones was 288 acres in James City County for transporting 6 persons, land being locate westerly on John Merryman, southerly on M--Vermer, easterly on William Smith's Swamp, and northerly on Nicholas Bush.

In an old survey book of Charles City County, Virginia, there are several plats of land surveyed by Robert Bolling for the Jones' families, dated October 1719, among which are Peter Jones, one for 393 acres of land lying on both sides of Great Creek of Nottoway River below the land of Thomas Jones, the son of Capt. Richard Jones; and one for 333 acres lying on the northside of the Nottoway River and the water courses of Greek Creek.

Capt. Richard Jones married Mrs. Anne Jefferies, and had issue:

I. Thomas Jones.

II. Caldwellader Jones was born in 1602, died Stafford Co., Virginia. Listed as being age 22 in 1624, in the Muster of Inhabitants of Neck of land near James City County, Virginia. He arrived in Virginia in 1623 in the ship "Marmaduke" and was known as a fur trader and is credited with naming the Appalachian Mountains.

III. Peter Jones, Major died in Malvern Hill, Henrico Co., Virginia. He was a resident of Charles City County in 1657 when he was named as Captain in command of troops (11 June 1657). Before that, he had a trading station at the present site of Petersburg.

Charles City Co. Records 1655-1666...."Capt. 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 Co. Records 1655-1666, p. 102. At a Meeting of the Militia at Merchants Hpe (24 June 1657), it was ordered that "Capt. Peter Jones have ye conduct and command of the particular company belonging to Coll. Abraham Wood, Esq. and exervise the same and the like power and command as it or shall be directed by ye laws of this Country or the said Collonnell."

Charles City Co. Records 1655-1666: "By the Governor and Capt. Generall of Virginia. To allwhom these shall concerne, Know ye that I, Francis Moryson, Esq. Govnor 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 all the horse listed in the troops to be raised in the

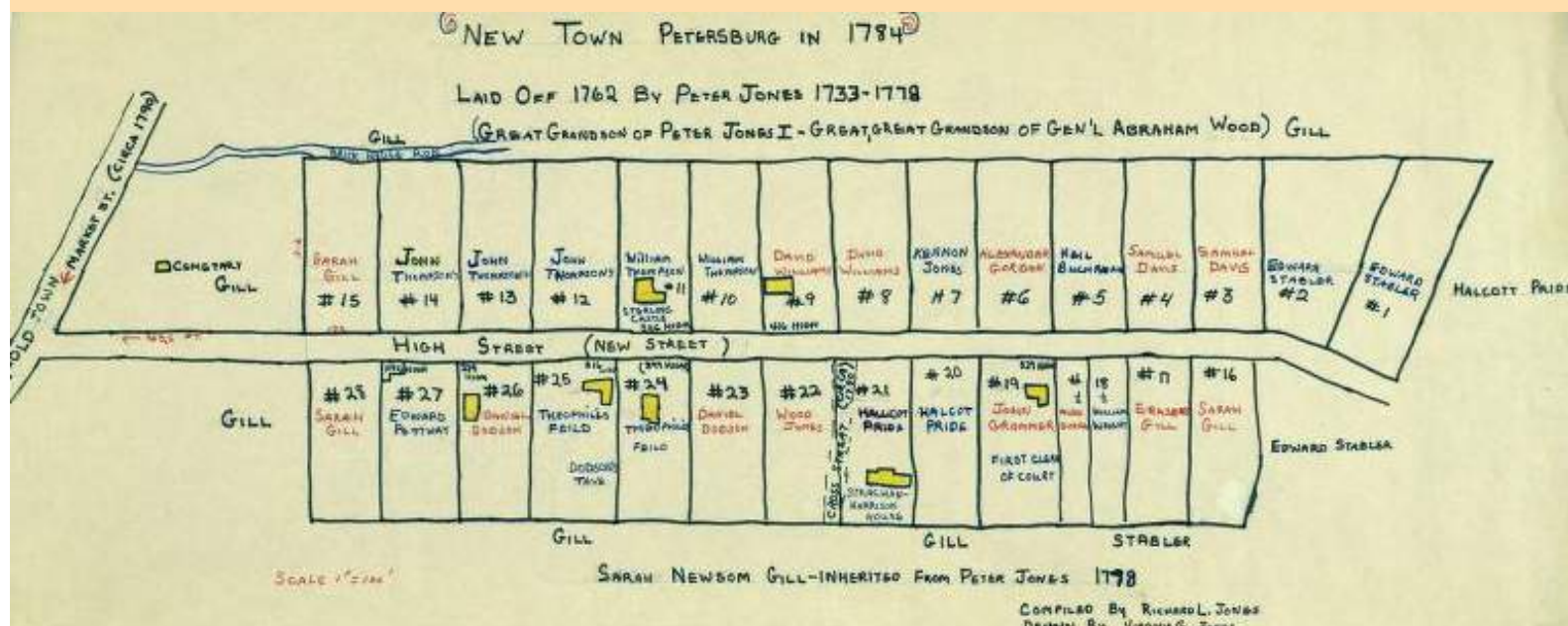
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said Counties for the exercise of which power according to the order made att a meeting of the Councill at James Citty ye 12th of June last this shall be their sufficient power and warrant until a formal and full Comicon be granted to them Particularly. Given the fourth of July 1661."

Then, at a meeting of the Militia at Westover on 12 July 1661, Col. 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 Powells Creeke to the said falls on the North side...."

The Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography (1915), Vol. 1, p. 268 states that Peter Jones was a Major in command of a fort near the fall of the Appomattox in 1674; and that he was the grandfather of 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 he 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 are the Indian disturbances which led to Bacon's Rebellion. Major Peter 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 General Abraham Wood.



Peter Jones married Margaret Wood, the daughter of Major-General Abraham Wood and his wife, Margaret, in 1663 in Surry County, Virginia. Margaret Wood was born ca 1638 in Henrico Co., Virginia and died in 1718 Henrico Co. The LWT of Margaret Jones Cocke dated 12 Aug 1718 probated 4 May 1719, Henrico Co., Va. was explicit in naming and leaving properties to grandchildren: Margaret, the wife of Edward Goodrich; Mary, wife of John Worsham; Peter Wynne; Margaret Jones; Peter Jones (son of my son, Abraham Jones, deceased); Joshua Wynne; William Wynne; Francis Wynne; William, the son of William Randolph. To son, Peter Jones. Mentioned husband, Thomas Cocke, deceased. Issue:

A. Peter Jones, Jr. died Jan 1726 in Bristol Parish, Prince George Co., Virginia.

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Thomas Batte, on 9 May 1692, conveyed to Peter Jones, now of Henrico Co. (formerly Bristol Parish), 240 acres of land which is part of those plantations known by the name of "Old Town" bounded on the upper side of lands of Godfrey Ragsdale, on the lower side by the lands of John Bevil and on the other two sides by the woods and Appomattox River. 130 acres escheated in the name of Thomas Batte, 50 acres purchased of Godfrey Ragsdale, and the other 60 acres lying at the heads. Consideration: a tract of land in Charles City County now held by the said Peter Jones, which was surveyed by James Minge by order of the Governor and Council. (Henrico Co. Records, Vol. 5, p. 299).

On 1 Feb 1697 Peter Jones of Bristol Parish, Henrico Co., conveyed to Stephen Cocke the above tract of land in exchange for 200 acres lying on the southside of the Appomattox River in Charles City City which Thomas Batte, Sr. did give and grant to Stephen Cocke. Mary, the wife of Peter Jones, gave power of attorney to "my loving brother-in-law, James Cocke" to relinquish her dower rights in the land conveyed by her husband, Peter Jones to Stephen Cocke. (Henrico Co. Records, Vol. 1677-1704, p. 60-63).

Henrico County Records 1677-1704....the story was told by William Hatcher to William Puckett and Thomas Jefferson to the effect that Mrs. Bannister, the wife of Stephen Cocke, with nine other persons were hung to trees by tender hooks by the Indians and that Jack Come Last, an Indian belonging to Mr. Peter Jones, was drawn and quartered and thrown among them and that Mr. Cocke and Mr. Jones had gone aboard a vessel lying in the river. The matter proving false the said Edwaard Hatcher was called before the Justices and tried for spreading false alarms.

The Indian problems continued, however, with Capt. Peter Jones being appointed Lieutenant of Rangers in Prince George County on 25 Oct 1711. The complaint was that a gang of barbarous and lawless Indians were frequenting the frontiers with their crimes...for years, laying large waste, etc. This prompted the Lt. Governor to appoint lieutenants or commanders of the rangers of the frontiers.

Mary, the wife of Peter Jones was mentioned in the LWT of Major Peter Jones, Jan 1726 Bristol Parish.

Issue of Peter Jones, Jr. and his wife, Mary Batte:

1. Abraham Jones died before 1690 in Charles City Co., Virginia because that year Nicholas Overbee was granted 323 acres of land in Bristol Parish, Charles City Co., near Rohowick at the corner of the late Col. Wood, which is also the corner of the lands of the late Abraham Jones (Land Grants, Vol. 8, p. 77) . He was a Lieutenant in he Militia of 1683. 20 Nov 1683, Nicholas Spencer, Esq., President of the Council, and with its consent, granted to Abraham Jones, 1,217 acres of land in Bristol Parish, on the south side of the Appomattox River at the lower side of Major General Wood's lands

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called "Indian Town Lands", which was near one of the branches of Rohowick, the Main Run of the Southern Swamp, along the line of Major Gen. Wood's outward lands to where it falls upon the head line of Maj. Gen. Wood's Fort lands, to the uppermost corner of said Fort lands, thence to the Appomattox River, for the transportation of 25 person. Issue:

(a) Peter Jones died 1734 in Dinwiddie Co., Va. Brunswick Co., Virginia deed dated 25 Jan 1752, from Cadwallader Jones of Williamsburg of Peter Jones of Prince George for 200 pds., 744 acres of land on the southside of the Nottoway River, which was devised by the said Cadwallader by his father, Peter Jones on 2 Nov 1726. The said Peter Jones had conveyed part of this tract to William Wynne. Wits: Frederick Jones and William Jones.

22 Dec 1714 Peter Jones of Prince George Co., son of Abraham Jones, deceased, conveyed to Abraham Jones of the same county, 34 acres of land along the line of Capt. Peter Jones to Brickhouse Run, thence to Burras Branch. Wits: Peter Jones, Sr., Peter Jones.

1 May 1715 Peter Jones, Jr. of Prince George Co. conveyed to William Jones of the same county, for 10,000 pds, acres on southside of Brickhouse Run at a branch next below William Jones; house, thence along the said Peter Jones' old line.

13 April 1719, Peter Jones, Jr. and Mary, his wife, conveyed to Richard Smith, 200 acres of land whereon he now lives, on the southside of Appomattox River adj. Martha Cocke, known as the "Indian Town", thence up the branch to William Jones' outermost line on the Otterdam, thence to Reedy Run and thence to the river.

1 Oct 1719 Robert Bolling surveyed for Peter Jones, Jr., 183 acres on the northside of the Nottoway River and on the upper side of Hurricane Swamp. This survey was returned by Robert Bolling who made a note on the plat that it was transferred to his son, Abraham Jones, by Peter Jones, son of Lt. Abraham Jones.

He married Mary Jones, daughter of Peter Jones, Jr. and Mary Batte in Oct 1688 in Malvern Hill, Henrico Co., Va. Issue:

i. William Jones.

ii. Cadwallader Jones.

iii. Peter Jones.

iv. Frederick Jones.

2. Mary Jones died 1718 Henrico Co., Virginia.

3. William Jones.

4. Ann Jones.

5. Margaret Jones.

6. Martha Jones.

7. Peter Jones.

B. Mary Jones.

C. Abraham Jones.

D. William Jones.

E. Thomas Jones died 1773 Amelia Co., Virginia m. Lucy Watson. Issue:

1. Joseph Jones.

2. Lucy Jones.

3. Mary Jones.

4. Sarah Jones.

5. Elizabeth Jones.

F. John Jones was named in the Petition of Thomas Blanton dated 3 June 1673 Charles City Co., Virginia, as being the grandson of David Jones.

G. Wood Jones.

H. Ann Jones.

Ref: Charles City Co., Va Record Books; James City Co., Va Records;
Henrico Co., Va Records.