

Elijah Harrison Jones

Elijah Harrison Jones, b. 1813/14 in Fairfield County was married in 1846 to Martha Elizabeth Durnam, b. 1825 to Robert Winfield Durham and Mollie (Molly) Eliza Ross. E.H. was a planter, with plantation adjacent to that of his father. Martha d. 1857 of typhoid. Elijah d. Aug. 21, 1865 shortly after reading Emancipation Proclamation to family slaves.

To five children of E.H.J. and wife Martha were: Mary Eliza (1847-1872), d. DeSoto Parish, La.; Sarah Elizabeth (1849-1930), d. McAlester, Okla.; Robert Winfield, who m. Luella Custer, a niece of Gen. Custer. They had 12 children. William Ross (1856-58). Emma Canty (1854-1926), d. Los Angeles, bur. McAlester, Okla.

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Emma Canty Jones

Emma Canty Jones, b. 1854, fourth child of Elijah Harrison Jones and Martha Elizabeth Durham, was forced to leave Fairfield County at age 12, after Sherman destroyed family heirlooms and food, but she never forgot her S.C. family and friends. She, her sisters Mary and Sarah, and brother, Robert left in 1865 to live with grandmother, formerly of Fairfield, Sarah Meredith Jones who d. in Cedar Key, Fla. in 1867. Next they lived with their other grandmother, also formerly of Fairfield Mollie Ross Durham, in DeSoto Parish, La. In 1882, Emma m. Rev. James Monroe Porter, who became a pioneer Methodist minister in Indian Territory. They had three children, Reginald Showalter, Mary Jane, and Banks, who d. young, and foster daughter, Emma Banks Porter Cummins.

Emma had 9 grandchildren, seven of whom survive in 1981 including: Eleanor Jean Porter Riordan, Mrs. James, San Mateo, CA., Virginia Lee Porter Fiser, Mrs. Van E., Wichita, Ks.; Frances Marie Porter Power, Mrs. Robert E., Larkspur, CA; Thomas Jordan Porter, Cherryvale, KS; Richard Winfield Porter, Phoenix, Az; Robert Harrison Porter, Moore, Okla; James Monroe Porter, Martinez, CA. Foster daughter Emma Porter Cummins, Mrs. P.M. lives in Junction City, KS.

Emma d. 1926 in Los Angeles, CA., while visiting her daughter Mary Jane Porter Walkley, and son Wellman. She is buried in McAlester, OK., beside her husband, son, and sister, Sarah Elizabeth Jones who never married, but lived her entire adult life in home of her sister, Emma. To 60

their dying day both spoke of Fairfield County as if they had been forced to leave only yesterday.

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Earle Jones

Earle Phillip Jones (b. May 20, 1888-d. Jan. 27, 1938) (son of William and Mattie Jones)-married Margaret Estelle Roberts (b. May 23, 1895-d. Feb. 3, 1971) (daughter of Bob and Maggie Roberts) on Nov. 18, 1914 at Douglas, S.C. Both were born in Fairfield County and lived their entire married life in the Bethel Community in the old Jones Homplace. Both are buried in the Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery.

There were 6 children born of this union-Margaret Gertrude (b. Jan. 31, 1916-d. Aug. 22, 1980) Mattie Ruth (b. Mar. 17, 1918) Dorothy Lorene (b. July 1, 1921) Sara Helen (b. Nov. 2, 1924) Earle, Jr. and Earlene (twins b. 1932-d. in infancy).

Margaret Gertrude married Clarence Thomas Davis (b. March 25, 1911-d. May 17, 1979) on Dec. 21, 1940. There were 3 children from this union. William Earle Davis (b. Sept. 8, 1942) (married Elaine Goodwin); Clarence Thomas (b. Dec. 11, 1945) (married to Marilyn Bensont and Margaret Harriet (b. March 23, 1951) (Married to Joe Albert). Both buried in Winnsboro Mills Cemetery. (Royal Pines).

Mattie Ruth was twice married. Earl Isenhower (b. Dec. 5, 1914-d. May 19, 1965) on Feb. 9, 1937 (Earl is buried at Cooleme, N.C.); Rev. James Hicks (b. Oct. 23, 1913-d. Feb. 17, 1977) on March 29, 1975. (Buried in Wilmington N.C.) There were no children from either union. Ruth now lives in Salisbury, N.C.

Dorothy Lorine married Franklin Ernest Sparks (b. Feb. 1918) in 1937. There were two children from this union: Frances Lorine (b. May 1, 1938) (Married first to Harold Marshall-Presently married to Bob Dearmark and Franklin Ernest Sparks, Jr. (b. April 14, 1940) (married first to Mary Ann Williamson-presently married to Elizabeth Ward). Dorothy now lives in Douglas, Ga.

Sara Helen married James Henry Holmes (b. March 8, 1921) Oct. 30, 1943. There were two children from this union: Helen Louise (b. Oct. 8, 1944) (married to James Carlton) and Margaret Josie (b. Jan. 5, 1946). Sara now lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Ralph Jones

Ralph Jones came to America from Ireland where he lived with his parents after they moved from Wales. He landed in Charleston, before the Revolutionary War. He headed for the interior to a place where he had heard that people never died. Upon his arrival to the Waterer



area, near Ridgeway, S.C., the first house where he stopped he found a corpse; this converted him to religion! He joined the Baptist Church. In 1770 he built or had one built, on a lot given by William Roden on Wateree Creek. It came to be known as Jones Meeting House and it was with this church that Rev. Ralph Jones spent his life.

He received land grants in 1752; 1761; 1769. The 1790 Census lists him as a Planter with eight in the family and ten slaves.

Ralph Jones married Mary, last name not known. Their children were:

Ralph (1779-1820) married Mary Oates (1783-1831).

Elijah married Mary . They had two children.

Elisha (d. 1844) married Judith ?. Descendants lived in the Rocky Mount section, others moved to Florida and Louisiana.

William (1782-1855) married Sarah Meredith (1785-1867). They had six children. Mary married a Willingham.

Phoebe married Nathan McGraw and moved to Mississippi.

Catherine married a Meredith.

Sarah married a Pearson.

Ralph Jones died in Fairfield County ca 1816-17 and was buried in the family graveyard on his plantation near Ridgeway.

William Jones

WILLIAM JONES, Fairfield Dist. planter was b. Sept. 8, 1782, the third son of Baptist minister, Rev. Ralph Jones and his wife Mary, who had owned land here as early as 1852. William was married in early 1800's to Sarah Meredith, b. 1785, daughter of Thomas and Abigail Meredith of Fairfield District. William's plantation was six miles from Winnsboro, five miles from Ridgeway, and 25 yards from Columbia & Charlotte Railroad in which he owned stock. Wm. died Aug. 25, 1855, is buried Hall-Davis Cemetery, Simpson. Sarah moved to Fla. after his death, and died in Cedar Key, Fla. in 1867. The home they built is now know as the VAUGHN house.

Their six children included: CYNTHIA, b. 1806-d. 1860-1870, who m. William Kennedy, b. ca 1784, d. 1860, bur. Fla. He was son of Alexander (1743-1826) and Agnes (1754-1824) (Fears) Kennedy of Ridgeway, S.C. They had no children. William Kennedy's 1st marriage to Jane Rosborough produced: Alexander George Kennedy who m. Mary Ellen Craig; Mary Elizabeth (Ford); William R. Kennedy who m. Eliza Boulware; Mary E. Kennedy; Nancy Ann Kennedy who m. Robert W. Kennedy. NANCY, b. ca. 1807, m. Osmund M. Kennedy; b. ca. 1803. He was son of Henry and Mary (Polly) Nelson Kennedy of Fairfield County, and the nephew of William Kennedy, husband of

her sister, Cynthia. Their children were Mary Polly Mickle Kennedy b. ca 1838; George Kennedy, b. ca 1840; Joanna Kennedy, b. ca 1842; Sarah Kennedy b. ca 1845, LUCRETIA, b. Aug. 14, 1809, d. July 5, 1860, m. Joseph Alexander Wylie on Feb. 2, 1832. He was b. June 30, 1809, d. Oct. 27, 1869, the son of Samuel and Sarah Aiken Wylie of Fairfield County. Their children were Rebecca, A.E., Osmond A. and S.M. Wylie. MAHALA, b. Oct. 1, 1811, d. Sept. 6, 1854, m. Wiley J. Davis in 1846. He was son of Jacob and ——— (Hinds) Davis of Ridgeway, and he d. Aug. 21, 1865. They had two children Fostina and BB Davis.

ELIJAH HARRISON, b. 1814, d. Aug. 21, 1865, bur. Fairfield Dist. He m. Martha Elizabeth Durham, ca 1846, who was b. 1825, d. Oct. 4, 1857, bur. Fairfield Dist. She was daughter of Robert Winfield Durham and Mollsie (Molly Eliza Ross Durham) of Fairfield Dist. Their five children were: Mary Eliza Jones, b. May 10, 1847, d. 1872, DeSoto Parish, La.; Sarah Elizabeth Jones, b. Aug. 29, 1849, d. Nov. 30, 1930, bur. McAlester, Okla.

ROBERT WINFIELD JONES, b. Jan. 1852, m. Luella Custer, niece of Gen. Custer. They had 12 children. He d. Feb. 1920. Emma Canty Jones, b. Sept. 19, 1854, d. Oct. 7, 1926, bur. McAlester, Okla. She m. Rev. James Monroe Porter, in Mansfield, LA. They had three children: Reginald Showalter Porter, b. Sept. 27, 1886, m. Myrtle Viola Hall Aug 24, 1918, he d. Sept. 20, 1939; Mary Jane, b. July 27, 1890, d. 1973, m. Emory E. Walkley; James Banks Porter, b. 26 Jan., 1883; d. Mar. 18, 1884. OSMOND STROTHER, b. 1824, d. Sept. 13, 1880, m. Catherine Shedd, b. 1825, d. 1897. Both are bur. Hall-Davis Cemetery, Simpson, SC. Their children include: Harriet Mary Amanda, Reeves Harrison Jones, all bur. Hall-Davis Cem. Simpson.

Hilliard Judge

Hilliard Judge, born March 6, 1787, Halifax County, N. Carolina, died March 4, 1820. He was admitted to the Methodist ministry in 1806. He married Isabella, daughter of John and Mary Means. Their sons were: John Means, James Lawrence and Hilliard. Martha and Jonathan J. Judge, sister and brother of Hilliard, lived in his home. Rev. Judge was a neighbor of Jefse Havis. The Havis son, Minor married Martha Judge.

Hilliard Judge was chosen chaplain of the S. Carolina legislature November 19, 1811. He was a delegate to the S. Carolina Methodist Conference in 1812 and 1816.

He suffered many hardships in his circuit riding ministry; in one instance falling from a ferry into icy water. He died with tuberculosis. He was a preacher of no ordinary talent, pleasant in his manners, equally at home in a palace or a hut. He died in his faith and his body rests near the site of the old Methodist Church in Winnsboro.

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