TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

Joseph Fleming Jones

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Joseph Fleming Jones was a member of a local Confederate company raised in the neighborhood of Big Bear Creek. He brought his family to present-day Euless about 1855, and spent the rest of his life in this community. He and his wife lie buried in Bear Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Jones was born January 31, 1808; at least that is our best guess based upon the present condition of his headstone.   He was born in Mason County, Kentucky,

J. F. Jones married Mary Leake in Mason County, Kentucky on October 29, 1833. The bondsman for the marriage license was Walter Leake. Her headstone in Bear Creek Cemetery records her dates of birth and death as October 14, 1815 and September 5, 1884. She was born in Mason County, Kentucky, and was a daughter of Walter Leake (1768-1853) and his wife, Susanna Jones (1772-1848), both of whom died in Mason County, Kentucky.

Joseph F. Jones and his family appear in the 1840 census of Mason County, Kentucky. The family's next-door neighbors were the family of his father-in-law, Walter Leake. Joseph was not a slave owner in that year, although Walter Leake owned seven.

Joseph F. Jones and his family appear in the 1850 census of Mason County, Kentucky's District 3. He was a farmer with real estate worth $1350. He and Mrs. Jones had the following children with them in that year: Walter (age 13), Mary (age 11), Thomas (age 9), Judith R. (age 7), and Susan E. (age 3). The family owned one fourteen-year-old female black slave.

When the 1860 Tarrant County tax lists were made Joseph F. Jones was recorded as the owner of 142 acres of the E. Rogers survey (worth $852) [this may have been misread by the person who transcribed the tax list and may in fact be one of the Everard surveys] and 160 acres of one of the Crowley surveys (worth $640). He was not a slave owner in 1860.

J. F. Jones served as a private in a local Confederate company of mounted volunteers raised John R. Cummins in the neighborhoods of Bear Creek and Leonard's Mill on June 23, 1861. The company elected its officers at nearby Estill's Station on June 29.

When the 1865 Tarrant County tax lists were prepared, J. F. Jones was shown as the owner of 142 acres of one of the Patrick Everard surveys, worth $377. He also owned three horses worth $105, fourteen cows worth $88, and three sheep worth six dollars. In terms of modern-day landmarks, this Everard survey's center is about where International Parkway (the main south entrance road to DFW Airport) meets 33rd Street West. In 1895 Jones' son-in-law, T. B. McCallister, was living on this tract.

On August 10, 1867 J. F. Jones registered to vote here. He said he had been a resident of Precinct 2 of Tarrant County, Texas for twelve years, thus they must have come to Texas about 1855.

The 1870 census taker in Tarrant County found Mr. Jones and his family living in Precinct 2 [in an area later included in today's Precinct 3]. Mr. Jones was a farmer who owned real estate worth one thousand dollars and personal property worth 770 dollars. With him were his wife and three children; Walter L. Jones; F. J. Jones who was twenty years old and who was working as a school teacher; and G. R. Jones, who was sixteen years old. This F. J. Jones was almost certainly Joseph F. Jones, Jr. We have been unable to find a listing for J. F. Jones in the 1870 agricultural census for Tarrant County.

Mr. Jones appears in the 1875 tax list for Precinct 3 of Tarrant County. In that year he still owned the Everard tract of 142 acres, as well as 160 acres of the W. Simpson survey, worth ten dollars per acre. The Simpson survey does not join the Everard survey. The center of the Simpson survey is about one mile southwest of the Bear Creek Cemetery, and is now entirely owned by the DFW Airport board. In 1875 he also owned ten horses worth twenty dollars each, twenty-six cattle, and other personal property.

Joseph Fleming Jones' death date appears to December 5, 1878, based upon our best guess from his broken headstone.

Each of the following short paragraphs attempts to give a few details of the lives of one of his children.

Walter Leake Jones was born October 11, 1834. He died in Tarrant County, Texas on August 4, 1874 and is buried in Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless. In May 2014 a new granite marker was placed beside his badly-damaged headstone.

Ann Louisa Jones was born October 9, 1836. She does not appear in the family as it was recorded in the census of 1850.

Mary Thomas Jones was born February 14, 1839. She was still alive with her family when the 1850 census was taken.

Thomas C. Jones was born October 8, 1841. He died in Confederate service on June 25, 1864 at Yellow Bayou, Louisiana. A cenotaph was placed for him in Bear Creek Cemetery in 2014.

Judith Reed Jones was born September 3, 1843. She married Jonas E. M. Crane about 1866; she and her family were living next-door to her parents when the 1870 census was taken. By 1880 they had moved to Wise County, Texas. By 1900 the family was living and farming in Washita County, Oklahoma; the birthplaces of their children in this census indicate they had stayed in Texas at least as late as about 1885. Mr. Crane was dead by the time the 1910 census was taken. Judith lived with one of her children in Washita County, Oklahoma when the 1910 census was taken.

Susan Elizabeth Jones married another of our veterans, Thomas B. McCallister. She was born April 28, 1845 and died February 18, 1879.   She lies buried near her parents in Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless, Tarrant County, Texas.

James William Jones was born January 1, 1848.

Joseph Fleming Jones was born October 5, 1850.

George Robert Jones was born July 20, 1854. He married Abigail Ann (Abbie) Haley (1858-1939) in Tarrant County, Texas on January 13, 1876. He died at Seymour in Baylor County, Texas at 10:25 a.m. February 19, 1928. He and his wife are buried at Seymour, Texas.