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Thomas Jeff Jones

1915 - 1972

Spouse of: Mary Elizabeth "Smith" Jones

Son of: Willie Thomas & Bertha Wadell "Hand" Jones

Notes for Thomas Jeff Jones:

Thomas Jeff was 10 years old when his father died from accidental poisoning. After the death of his father he was instrumental in assisting his mother in providing financial support for his three siblings. He attended Friendship Church School and after school labored at farm work. At age 16 he joined Company 4453 of the CCC and worked on conservation projects including the Florida Caverns project in Marianna. In 1935 he was married to Mary Elizabeth Smith and prior to the war breaking out moved to Mississippi. He was an employee at Ingalls Shipyard when the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor. Ingalls became a major warship builder and he remained there through the duration of the war. He and Mary were divorced after the war and he relocated to Michigan with her returning to Florida. They were remarried and reunited in Detroit several years later. In 1960 Jeff returned his family to their roots in Malone, Florida. He and Mary remained together until his death in 1972. His grave site at Friendship Church Cemetery is only a short distance from where he was born and as a youngster attended school and labored in the fields.

More About Thomas Jeff Jones:

Burial: 1972, Friendship Cemetery
Jackson County, Florida



The fourth grade students of Ernestine McMillan in 1924.

From left: top - Arland Hand, Wilson Hall and Sherley Dekle; middle - Fletcher Hall, Lewis Ham, W.B. Floyd, M.D. Jones, Jeff Jones and P.T. Everett; bottom row - Barney Rogers, Alton White, Lester Rogers and Melburn Matthews.



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Yester-year Cox Plantation (one of several abandoned)

Notes for Seaborn Jones:

Seaborn and Mary were married in 1837 in Columbus Georgia and began married life there in Muscogee County. Their first child Caroline was born there in 1838 and Elizabeth followed in 1839. In 1840 Seaborn moved his family across the state line to the town of Clayton, Alabama. The 1840 Barbour County census list Seaborn and Mary with two children under five. Also in 1840, Barbour County Court records indicate Seaborn was in a Barbour County litigation himself. He was awarded 660 dollars in a civil judgment rendered. Geographically the original connection is not clear but four years later, in 1845 Seaborn and Mary became land owners in Jackson County Florida. Land records indicate they acquired a 60 acre parcel on present day Bump Nose Road at Highway # 162. A second parcel of 240 acres was located on present day Highway # 167 one mile south of Highway #162. They owned farm land in Jackson County, Florida but continued to live in Barbour County, Alabama. Lucinda, Matthew, Narcissa and Thomas were all born there. Thomas was one year old in 1850. The Barbour County census taker in July 1850 documented Seaborn, Mary and six children in the household.

Between July and December of 1850 Seaborn relocated again, he moved his family to Jackson

County, Florida where James (aka) Jim was born in February of 1851. It is apparent this move was considered a mistake because a year later, in 1852 Seaborn and his family had returned to Muscogee County, Georgia. Also in 1852 Jackson County land records indicate Seaborn and Mary sold their 240 acre parcel of land. They received 5,000 dollars cash in the transaction. Through a power of attorney this real estate closing was made from Muscogee County. Records also indicate in 1856 they sold the 60 acre parcel. This sale netted 1,600 dollars cash, and again by power of attorney from Muscogee County. Both contracts were signed by Seaborn and Mary. Records indicate Havilla was born in Muscogee County in 1857, following her was Henrietta in 1859.

Apparently in the early part of 1861 Seaborn became restless and decided to move on. This time it was back to Jackson County where in July 1861 Josephine was born. It was 14 months later Laura the eleventh and last child of Seaborn Jones and Mary Adams Jones was born. Mary was 41 and Seaborn 42 at the time of Laura's birth. They were obviously very good parents. We know of eleven children Mary gave birth to and all grew up healthy. Research does not indicate any missing before adulthood. Even with all the residential changes Seaborn made in his life, his family was always with him. Considering the time he must have been a very good family provider. Using a term of yester-year apparently Seaborn had decided it was time to settle down. Farming was very lucrative in the area of Bellamy Bridge in this era. It was on part of the Sampson Cox Plantation Seaborn farmed and completed the raising of his family. The last documented contract with Seaborn is a business transaction signed on April 1, 1873. He co-signed on a promissory note with his son Thomas given to Isreal W.T. Baxter (one of Jackson County's original pioneers). Seaborn is identified on the promissory note as a cotton farmer on the Sampson Cox Plantation. Ironically a few months later Thomas married into the Isreal Baxter family, raising a family of his own and remaining until his death in 1916. The census of 1880 list Heneretta and Laura living with their brother Mathew. Apparently both Seaborn and Mary had died prior to July 1880 when the census was taken. As of this date no head stones or documentation have been found to identify the final resting place of Seaborn and Mary. Perhaps they are buried in unmarked graves in one of the many grown up and abandoned cemeteries in the Bellamy area. May they rest in peace where ever they might reside.

More About Seaborn Jones:

Burial: Before 1880, Jackson County Florida.