

Richardson Jones Cemetery

Daviness County, KY

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On farm of Donald Manley about one mile west of Habit, Daviness County, KY. At top of hill on 2680 Highway 142 turn left into lane. Cemetery is a short distance west of the Manley house, behind a pond, near two trees. The cemetery is in very bad condition. On 21 July 1988 found six monuments, only one was standing (Jonathan & Sallie Bozarth's), the others were piled against a tree stump. The monuments contained the following inscriptions:

1. Richardson Jones	18 Feb 1791	25 Jul 1873
Nancy Jones	19 May 1794	26 Feb 1873
2. Jonathan Bozarth	24 Apr 1815	18 Dec 1882
Sallie Bozarth (w/o J.)	23 Nov 1820	16 May 1845
3. Robert J. Jones	26 Jul 1827	12 Jun 1870
4. children of J. H. & L. F. Bozarth:		
Sallie E.	b. & d.	8 Aug 1868
Charley	23 Jul 1877	20 Aug 1877
Gilbert	1 Dec 1873	25 Jul 1874
5. W. W. Jones	10 Jun 1814	12 Jan 1870
6. Elenor Jones	15 Mar 1816	4 Jan 1876

The late Robert Ross Milne (1928-1991), of Owensboro, KY, gave me a listing of the Richardson Jones Cemetery, compiled by his mother, Nina Milne, in 1918. Mrs. Milne's listing and the above enumeration agreed in all except that she had found an additional monument. She listed a monument for: Louis N., son of R. & E. Jones, born 27 Aug 1850, died 28 Sep 1865.

Richardson Jones on 10 September 1871 filed in Daviness County, KY for a pension for his service in the War of 1812. He stated he was age 80, and married Nancy Shepherd, 17 July 1813, seven miles from Richmond, VA. He served as a rifleman in Hezekiah Henley's company, of the 33rd Regiment of the Virginia Volunteer Militia. He enlisted in 1813 at Richmond, VA and was discharged later the same year at Norfolk, VA. For his service he has drawn 160 acres bounty land.

In 1817-1818 Richardson Jones moved his family from Virginia to Kentucky. He

settled in Shelby County, where he was enumerated in the 1820 & 1830 federal censuses. In 1832 he moved to Daviess County, KY, making his home on the farm where he was buried (History of Daviess County, Kentucky, Inter-State Publishing Co., Chicago, 1883, p685). His will was recorded on 5 August 1873. In it he named his wife, Nancy, sons, Reuben & Richardson, and grandchildren, James & Malissa Bozarth. The two grandchildren were to receive their mother's share when they were of age. A codicil to his will reserved one acre of land for the family graveyard, that was near his dwelling.

Richardson Jones & Nancy Shepherd were the parents of 8 children, 3 were born in Virginia and 5 in Kentucky. A record of their family compiled by Robert Ross Milne (1928-1991) contained data on seven of their children. Mr. Milne was the son of Colin Ross Milne & Nina Corinne Whitehead, grandson of John William Whitehead & Ovela Bozarth, great-grandson of James Hargus Bozarth & Lucinda Frances Jones, great-great-grandson of Jonathan Bozarth & Sally Jones and Reuben Shepherd Jones & Ethelinda Seldon Martin, and great-great-great-grandson of Richardson Jones & Nancy Shepherd. Mr. Milne listed the following data:

Children of Richardson Jones & Nancy Shepherd:

1. William Watson Jones, b. 10 Jun 1814 VA, d. 12 Jan 1870 Daviess Co., KY. married 19 Jan 1836 Eleanor Bristow, b. 15 Mar 1816, d. 14 Jan 1876 Daviess Co., KY, daughter of Jasper Bristow & his first wife, Clarisa Elliott. W. W. & Eleanor were buried in the Richardson Jones Cemetery. Their children were: Milton E., Mary A., Clinton P., William Watson, James R., Nancy A. & Sarah E.
2. Richardson Jones, Jr., b. 1817 in VA, married 18 Mar 1840 Martha B. Hall, b. 1814. Their children were: Frances R., William E., James B., Nancy K., Daniel F. & Betty R.
3. Reuben Shepherd Jones, b. 30 Sep 1818 Shelby Co., KY, d. 1 Aug 1897 Daviess Co., KY. Married 17 Nov 1843 Daviess Co., KY to Ethelinda Seldon Martin, b. 8 Apr 1827 Shelby Co., KY, d. 12 Mar 1906 Daviess Co., KY, daughter of Mansfield Martin & Susan Cox. Reuben & Ethelinda were buried at the Bethabara Baptist Church, Daviess Co., KY. Their children were: Lucinda Frances, Sallie, Thomas J., Louis N., Susan, John R., Emily, Betty Ann, Louisa, Reuben Hargus, Catherine & Estella.
4. Sally Jones, b. 23 Nov 1820, d. 16 May 1845. Married 24 Apr 1838 Jonathan Bozarth, b. 24 Apr 1815, d. 18 Dec 1882, son of John Bozarth & Charlotte Rose. Jonathan & Sally were buried in the Richardson Jones Cemetery. Their children were: Commodore Roy, James Hargus, Malissa & John J.
5. Elizabeth Jones, b. 1823, d. 19 Mar 1861 Daviess Co., KY. Married 19 Oct 1841

William Martin, b. 1823. Their children were: Emily & Mercer.

6. Robert J. Jones, b. 26 Jul 1827, d. 12 Jun 1870. Married 5 Jan 1858 Mrs. Elizabeth (Martin) Brittain, b. 1828, daughter of Joseph M. Martin & Elizabeth King, she m1st. James Brittain. Robert J. was buried in the Richardson Jones Cemetery. Their children were: Arcuminta & Luther.

7. Susan Jones, b. 17 Feb 1833 Daviess Co., KY, d. 27 Dec 1902 Daviess Co., KY. Married 1 Feb 1848, Daviess Co., KY, to James Eastham Sutton, b. 25 Aug 1818 d. 21 Jan 1899, son of William W. Sutton & his 2nd wife, Julia. James & Susan were buried at Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, KY. Their children were: Nancy, Bailey T., Pinkey Florence, Margaret L., Hessie, Charles M. & Joseph H.

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Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Tuesday, 3 August 1897, p1:

Death of Mr. Jones

Mr. Reuben Jones, of the oldest and best known citizens of the county, died at his home, near Bethabara, Sunday morning at 1:30 o'clock and was buried Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, at the Bethabara burying ground. Mr. Jones was 80 years of age and was born in Shelby county, coming to Daviess county with his parents when but a boy, and has resided here ever since. Mr. Jones became a member of the Baptist church in 1840, being baptized in Panther creek, along with Capt. Frank Hall, of this city. Some years later he married the daughter of the late Mainsfield Martin, who, with six children, survive him. Mr. Jones was honored by all who knew him.

Owensboro Weekly Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Tuesday, 3 August 1897, p1:

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Death of Reuben Jones, an Old and Respected Citizen of the County. Mr. Reuben Jones, aged 80 years, died at his home in the county Sunday morning at 2 o'clock, and was buried Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Bethabara church. Mr. Jones was born in Shelby county, but came with his parents to this county when a boy. He was baptized in 1840 after a service at Bethabara church. The ceremony took place in Panther creek, and Capt. F L Hall was immersed at the same time. He went to school in Owensboro to Mr. George Scarborough, who was the first teacher who was a permanent resident of the

town. He married a Miss Martin, a daughter of the late Mansfield Martin. She is still living. Six children survive of the eight born to them. They are Mrs. J H Bozarth, Thomas Jones, Mrs. W H Dawson, Mrs. King, Mrs Crady, and Mrs Hite. Mrs. James Sutton was a sister. Mr. Jones had the misfortune to lose an arm by accident when a boy, but his energy and perseverance supplied the lack of the missing member and he was a successful farmer. He held the esteem of all who knew him and his good deeds will live long after him.

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Grave of William Watson Jones, son of Richardson Jones and Nancy Shepherd in the Richardson Jones Cemetery

MRS. SUSAN SUTTON

Dies Unexpectedly at Her Home On West Fifth Steet.

The Widow of the Late James E. Sut- ton and of Prominent Virginia Ancestry.

Mrs. Susan Sutton, wife of the late James E. Sutton, died at 7 o'clock Saturday morning at her home on West Fifth street. Mrs. Sutton was not thought to be very ill until Sunday night, when she suffered an attack of acute gastritis, from which she never rallied. She passed into the great beyond without pain or suffering. She was in her seventieth year, having been born February 17, 1832. She is the last of her family, and was the youngest child of Richard Jones, of Bethabara neighborhood, who was a soldier in the war of 1812, and afterward was a pioneer to Kentucky from Culpepper county, Virginia. Her mother was a Miss Shepherd, a member of the famous Virginia family of that name. She was also a cousin of the original owners of White Sulphur Springs. Maj. James Bozarth, of this city, is her nephew. In temperament she was retiring and never made a wide circle of friends. Her husband died four years ago, and six children survive her: Charles and M. L. Sutton, of Owensboro; Bailey T. Sutton, of Reeds; Mrs. Pinkey Roberston, of this city; Mrs. W. H. Conant of Potterville, Mich., and Mrs. Edmund H. Flewelling, of Oak Point, New Brunswick. Owing to the extreme weather and snow blockades in the northeast, Mrs. Flewelling could not come. The funeral service will occur from her residence Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The pallbearers will be Henry Berry, John Daily, John Woodward, Frank Pardon, Isaac Parrish and Hawes B. Eagles.