

Story of Ebenezer Jones & Ann Rogers
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Generation No. 1

Thomas Jones (Ebenezer³, Thomas², William¹)

Child of Thomas Jones is:

Ebenezer Jones

b. 3 January 1745/46, Worcester Co., MD

d. 26 December 1796, Blount Co., TN

md Ann Rogers – About 1771

d/o John & Comfort (Prettyman) Rogers

Ebenezer was baptized at St. Georges's Protestant Episcopal Church which on the church records is listed Ebenezer of Thomas Jones – b. 3 January 1746/47. The next record of Ebenezer is also in the St. George Church records which lists his son's birth and baptism as Prettyman son of Ebenezer and Ann Jones – b. 22 February 1772 and baptized 6 December 1772.

On March 16, 1776 Ebenezer was granted 100 acres of land on the north side of Sheeppen Branch in Sussex County, PA (DE). The 100 acres was called "Jones First Choice", and adjoined a tract of land he lived on. On January 19, 1780 Ebenezer purchased for 30 pounds 70 acres from Robert Ingram, and January 20, 1780 he purchased 76 acres of "Good Hope" from his father for 50 pounds.

It is apparent that Ebenezer and his family moved from Sussex County in 1786 for in that year he sold all his land. On February 4, 1786 Ebenezer of Sussex, DE, Planter, sold to John Darby 76 acres of land called "Good Hope" and 100 acres of "Jones First Choice" on the north side of Sheeppen Branch for 200 pounds. Also on the same day Ebenezer and Ann his wife sold to John Darby for 50 pounds the 70 acres he had purchased from Robert Ingram. Another indication that he moved in 1786 is that he is on the 1784 and 1785 Tax Lists of Dasborough Hd, Sussex co., but he is not on the 1787 Tax List which is the next surviving list.

We do not know why Ebenezer moved from Sussex Co. but it is only reasonable to assume that he moved to acquire better land and to improve his family's economic conditions. One writer wrote that, "most Delawareans felt that the end of the Revolutionary War with Great Britain would bring prosperity. Instead they encountered frustrations, disappointments, and hardships. Paper money declined in value in relation to specie until 1785, when the state called in the paper money issued in the past and redeemed it at the rate of seventy-five to one in new bills. Clashes between political parties intensified, resulting in both verbal and physical abuse."

Between 1786 and 1796 the only references to Ebenezer are found in August Co., VA. At this period of time the classic migration pattern from Delaware to the present states of GA, KY, North & South Carolina, and TN was to go north to Pennsylvania and down the Valley of VA. Augusta Co. is in the Valley of VA and would have been a logical stopping place on the way South. Ebenezer is found on the 1787 Tax List in Augusta Co. BA with no white males between ages of 16-21, two horses, and two cattle. He is listed on January 21, 1789 List of Insolvent for Taxes of 1787 as Ebenezer Jones gone to Kentucky and owning two horses. Also on this list were Jobe Ingram, Samuel Gillaspay, Henry Null, and Abraham Ingram. He is also on the March 18, 1790 Insolvents list for 1788, and is listed as Ebenezer Jones moved to Carolinana with 1 slave and 7 horses. Other names on the list were Abram, Job, and Uriah Ingram.

In the Blount County, TN Court Minutes we see an inquest was held about the death of Ebenezer Jones. He was found dead on December 26, 1796 and having with him a gun and an ax. He died having a claim of 320 acres of land, a house, six head of cattle, and other property.

It is probable that Ebenezer and his family moved to Tennessee for Augusta Co., VA. At the Treaty of Dumplin Creek in 1785 the Cherokee's agreed that the boundary between the Whites and the Indians would be the ridge dividing the water of Little River and the Tennessee River, and agreed to the cession of all lands south of the French Broad and Holston Rivers, east of that ridge. The Dumplin Creek Treaty along with the great land grab of the 1780's by North Carolina's Legislators combined to open large areas of good rich land at very cheap prices to settlers. This opportunity for cheap land was a magnet drawing people into the area that would later be Tennessee. This was a much easier and more natural route into Tennessee than crossing the mountains while traveling from East to West. Blount Co., TN was at this time still a frontier area. Peace with the neighboring Indians was achieved only a few months before Tennessee achieved statehood in 1796. Consistent with the frontier conditions is that homes in the area were of log construction, and that our Jones's were farmers.

St. George's Chapel and Church, Indian River, Sussex Co., DE Microfilm, FHL, Salt lake City, UT, pg. 14

Blount Co., TN – Court Minutes, Pleas & Quarter Sessions, VOL 1, A-C, pg. 30
Sussex Co., DE Wills A 97/3 & AA 94/114

St. George's Chapel, FHL, pg. 60

Sussex Co., PA (DE) Surveys, FHL, SLC, UH, Microfilm, pgs. 313-314.

Ann Rogers
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Ann left few records. There were many possibilities for her surname including Ingram and October 6, 1794 mentions "my well beloved children that are married and left me heare after mentioned I gave and Eatch of them one shilling sterling and no more that is to say Ann Jones & Comfort Fisher & Rachel Warren & Marvel, Thomas Rodney, and William Rodney. The witnesses to the will were David Marvel, Thomas Rodney, and William Rodney. They were all neighbors of the Jones's, and it is only logical in that period of time that Ebenezer would marry

John Rogers is that two of her sons named their first born sons John r. Jones. This is even more important when we consider that three other daughters of John Orpha Marvel names a son, John Rogers Marvel; Leah Marvel had a son, John R. marvel; and John Marvel.

There is another mention of Ann Jones in the records. On April 26, 1798 "Joans and part of her family" was issued a passport "to pass and Repass

Taking away her Stock and taking care of the Grain now a Growing on Said place." We believe this is a misspelling of her name because as we later see her Ebenezer, Prettyman and lands.

Children of

..._____ – 1774, Sussex, DE -
...Zachariah Jones Sussex, DE –
Hedgecock/Hitchcock
Thomas Jones – 1785/8, NC -14 February 1883, Peeled Chestnut, White, TN
Sussex Co., DE or VA - md. Susan Montgomery – Pirtle
Prettyman Jones Sr. – 22 February 1772,
Dagsboro Hd, Sussex Co., DE – Between 7 February 1825 -
6 June 1825/27, Buffalo Valley, Putnam, TN - **md - Sarah** - ca. 1792/3
...William Jones – ca. 1794, Blount Co., TN
...James R. Jones – ca. 1779, Sussex Co., DE – md Elvey Rowland