

Capt. Prettyman Jones
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PRETTYMAN⁸ "Capt Purt" JONES, (Byrd Smith⁷, Prettyman⁶, Ebenezer⁵, Thomas⁴, Ebenezer³, Thomas², William^{A-1}), b 23 July 1841 Buffalo Valley, Jackson Co., TN d 7 July 1917 Nashville, Davidson Co., TN bur on his farm Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN m1st 2 Feb 1863 Putnam Co., TN Angeline Anderson b 7 Mar 1842 Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN d 24 Feb 1888²² Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN dau of Thomas Anderson, Jr. and Louisa Anderson m2nd 6 Aug 1888²² Putnam Co., TN Matilda Smith Garner b ca 18__ d 17 July 1912 Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN dau of Thomas Jefferson Smith and Matilda Puckett, and widow of William Garner m3rd 19 June 1913²² Putnam Co., TN Martha "Doll" Denny Tucker dau of James Denney and Martha ____, and widow of #1176 William H. Tucker. At the beginning of the Civil War Purt was attending Cumberland Institute near Cherry Valley in White County, Tennessee with his brother Wade. Amanda McDowell describes him this way, "Purt Jones with his curly hair head and dandy ways, thinking he knew it all, when he knew nothing hardly."²³ He and Wade left school for home on 19 July 1861.²⁴ On 31 July 1861 he enrolled as First Corporal in Company F 23rd Tennessee Infantry Regiment (Stanton's) at Camp Zollicoffer, Overton County, Tennessee as part of the Confederate Army. While at Camp Zollicoffer they made a raid to Albany, Kentucky. The Regiment moved to Mills Springs, Kentucky on 1 Oct 1861.²⁵ On 29 December 1861 Prettyman was promoted to 1st Corporal of his Company. The Regiment was in the Battle of Fishing Creek, Kentucky on 19 Jan 1862. The 25th Regiment's losses during the battle were not so heavy as some others, as Colonel Stanton had advantageously placed it along a fence row which happened to be on that section of the battlefield, thus giving it a great deal of protection. During the battle General Felix K. Zollicoffer was killed. According to the Putnam County Herald, Purt, Riley Anderson, and James Evans were eye witnesses to the General's death. These three had taken refuge behind a large chestnut tree when the General came rushing up, mistaking a body of Union soldiers just beyond them as part of his own command, and was killed. He fell from his horse at their feet.²⁶ On 23 Feb 1862 the Regiment was at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and was at Corinth, Mississippi on 26 April 1862.²⁷ While the Regiment was at Corinth Prettyman was elected Captain on 10 May 1862.²⁸ Then the Regiment moved to Tupelo, Mississippi where it remained until 24 July 1862.²⁸ The Regiment then moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and then to Sparta, Tennessee on 31 August 1862.²⁸ The Regiment was in the Battle of Perryville, Kentucky on 8 Oct 1862, Battle of Murfreesboro, Tennessee on 31 Dec 1862, and Battle of Hoover's Gap on 24 June 1863.²⁸ Purt was on detached recruiting service with Wade until 25 Mar 1863.²⁸ Prettyman resigned his enlistment on 22 July 1863, but the resignation was denied. He and Wade with several other soldiers then deserted while at Fort Loudon, Tennessee on 19 Aug 1863.²⁸ The descendents of Byrd S. Jones give several reasons why Purt and Wade left the Southern Army. Byrd was strongly against slavery, and was a great supporter of the Union. I feel that they probably joined the Confederate Army due to the

heavy excitement and spirit of their classmates in support of the Southern cause, and followed the lead of many of their classmates and joined the 25th Regiment. I also feel that while they were on recruiting duty in early 1863 that Byrd and others persuaded them to leave the Southern Army.

On 21 Oct 1863 Prettyman enlisted as a private in Company C First Tennessee Mounted Infantry of the Union Army. Company C was commanded by Captain Francis Marion Anderson.²² On 3 Dec 1863 Purt was promoted to Second Lieutenant from Private in Company C, and then to First Lieutenant in Company C in Jan or Feb 1864.²² Then on 17 May 1864 he was appointed Captain and Commander of Company H First Tennessee Mounted Infantry. He was discharged as a Captain on 23 May 1865. The First Tennessee Mounted Infantry was formed to bring law and order back to the Upper Cumberland area. By October 1863 all of Tennessee was in Union hands, but Southern stragglers, deserters, bushwhackers, and guerrillas seized the opportunity to rob, destroy, settle personal grievances, and murder. Several Unionists were murdered in Buffalo Valley by lawless elements of this society. This included two men from White County, Barclay and Dildine, who were passing back through the Valley to their families in White County. The two men were shot down in cold blood by Confederate deserters. I believe that a unit of Company C commanded by Prettyman brought the five deserters to justice. According to Vestal Jones Capt. Purt used a cave in the valley south of where Vestal lives for him and his men to hide in during the Civil War. A granddaughter of Prettyman states that he told her the reason the middle finger of his right hand was crooked because it was shot during the war.

After the war Prettyman returned to Buffalo Valley where he lived in the 9th District of Putnam County, and became a large landowner and prosperous farmer. He lived across the road from his brother, Alfred Moore Jones. He built a large frame two story house there sometime after the war. During the war he had purchased land in Cherry Hill area of DeKalb County. It was in Buffalo Valley that he purchased the land of his cousin, Ira Carr, and other acreage to become a large landowner. The 1880 Agricultural Census of Putnam County shows that he had 100 acres improved land; 8 acres pasture and orchards, and 65 acres unimproved woodland with total value of \$3500. He owned \$250.00 worth of farm implements; \$1200.00 worth of livestock; and he had \$1000.00 worth of farm produce. He mowed 5 acres of hay that produced 8 tons of hay. He owned 2 horses; 7 mules; 2 oxen; 3 milk cows; 40 other cattle; 3 calves; 5 cattle purchased; 1 cattle sold; and 3 cattle slaughtered. His milk cows produced 356 pounds of butter. He owned 19 sheep; 5 lambs; purchased 1 sheep; sold 3 sheep; slaughter 4 sheep; and sheared 9 sheep that produced 24 pounds of wool. He owned 110 hogs and 40 hens that produced 100 dozen eggs. He had 65 acres of corn that produced 2500 bushels of corn; 50 acres of wheat that produced 457 bushels of wheat; made 40 gallons of molasses; 50 bushels of sweet potatoes came from one acre. He had 8 acres of apples and 300 apple trees that produced 100 bushels of apples. His one acre of peaches had 20 peach trees. His total orchard products was valued at \$19.00; he produced 40 pounds of honey, and produced \$300.00 of forest products. Prettyman also owned a store in Silver Point which was burned by arson in 1897. Capt Purt published a reward for the arrest of the arsonist, and as a result his life was threatened.³⁰

He was a Justice of the Peace in the Putnam County Court for several years, and as such served on the six man building committee for a new Courthouse in 1900. The original building of the present Putnam County Courthouse was a result of the building committee's work. He helped establish the Peoples Bank of Cookeville in 1906, and was one of its major stockholders.³¹ In 1910 he served as President of the Bank. Prettyman was also apparently a Methodist as he was a trustee of the Methodist Church in 1869.³² Descendants of Capt Purt's stepson, William H. Tucker, state that William H. said that Capt Purt was a very kind, generous man and perfect stepfather. Children by Angeline Anderson:15

+ 2608. (i) WALTER R.⁹ JONES b 3 Jan 1863 Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN m Dillion Julian.

2609. (ii) BYRD THOMAS⁹ JONES b 1 Oct 1864 Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN d bef 1880.

+ 2610. (iii) PRETTYMAN⁹ JONES b 6 Dec 1868 Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN m Cornelia Burton.

+ 2611. (iv) JOSEPHINE⁹ JONES b 15 Mar 1871 Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN m Robert Alcorn.

2612. (v) NEVADA⁹ (Vada) JONES b 22 Feb 1874 Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN m#2536 Henry Jones.

2613. (vi) Child⁹ JONES b 9 Mar 1875 d bef 1880 b&d Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN.

Child by Matilda Smith:

2614. (vii) BAILEY⁹ JONES b __ Feb 1890 Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN d 14 Nov 1935 Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN m 19 Nov 1912 Louise Wadkins. No children.

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