

CHRISTINE (SPIVEY) JONES

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A MAJOR 'FIRST'

Librarian Christine Jones becomes Tennessee Tech's first-ever to serve the university for a half century.

In 1949 she didn't know she would 'enjoy it so much'.



TTU – She is a delight, tucked away in a far corner of the first floor of the Tennessee Tech library, surrounded by rare books in locked cases, a desk covered with notes and ongoing projects and a stuffed eagle perched behind her with its wings outstretched.

Christine Spivey Jones, in charge of Special Collections at Tennessee Tech since 1974 after working as a circulation librarian and Tennessee librarian, is a special asset to the university and is the first-ever faculty/staff member to receive a 50-year service pin, setting quite a precedent.

"I thought I would be here five or 10 years," she said, recalling when she joined Tennessee Tech – then 'Tennessee Polytechnic Institute' – in 1949. "But I just didn't know I would enjoy it so much, I feel like the tar baby and they threw me into the blackberry patch – I really found a home here."

The love of her job is easily evident as she sows you the books she has compiled chronicling Jackson County and Macon County histories and folders containing all the newspaper articles about the last State Sen. Tommy Burks, one day to also be compiled into a book. Burks was a TTU alumnus and ardent supporter of the university.

"Every kind of record, no matter what it is, will someday help someone," she said.

Born in Gallatin, TN, Mrs. Jones is one of six children. After living in Nashville for awhile, her parents decided they needed to move to a small university town to ensure their children's education. Their pick – Cookeville, and Tennessee Tech.

Mrs. Jones received a degree in Business Administration, the only business degree available at the time. And she had full intention of becoming a teacher. But a job as a student assistant in the library under former librarian C. P. Snelgrove led to different things.

After she graduated, he asked her if she wanted to work full-time and she agreed. So he sent her with a note to speak to the president, Everett Derryberry.

"I have seen a lot of changes since I've been here. For instance, I had an interview with Dr. Derryberry in his office and talked with him for 10-15 minutes. And when I went out of there, I was a member of the Tennessee tech faculty. Back then, he made the only decision – now, you have committees formed to hire someone."

Tennessee Tech was also a much closer-knit university 50 years ago.

"At the time I entered, you knew every faculty member. We even had the Faculty Club and once a month we would all have dinner together, usually with Dr. Derryberry presiding and have a guest speaker. It was very interesting and caused you to have a closeness with the faculty that you can't have today because we're so big," she said.

Mrs. Jones said that one of the questions most frequently asked her is whether, because of her age and longevity, does she ever feel discriminated against? (She did not reveal her age, of course, saying only that "You can't trust a woman who gives her age.")

"and I have to answer that question. 'Of course not.' If that was the case, I wouldn't have been promoted to associate professor about three or four years ago. That promotion gave me a good feeling to know that I was appreciated," she said.

Her knowledge of Tennessee history and especially genealogy has helped many TTU students facing the task of writing a term paper about a local subject as well as individuals from this region – and even as far away as Alaska – who want to find out more about their family lineage.

"And they're amazed sometimes that they've looked everywhere else but find what they need here. And I tell them it's not the size of the library that matter."

What about the students here – how have they changed over the years?

"They have changed for the better," she said. "Today's students are more willing to do the research needed and now they can find so much on the Internet. I've just been amazed at what they have downloaded from the Internet about their families and history.

With 50 years of service to her alma mater, Mrs. Jones at this time doesn't have very specific retirement plans. She still has a lot of work to finish.

"This has really been rewarding work. I will always be grateful to the support given to Special Collection and to the trust put into to me for the responsibility."

TTU's Jones has been keeping the books for 55 years

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By **JILL THOMAS**
Herald-Citizen Staff



When she was 6 years old, Christine Jones was thrown out of first grade before lunchtime on her first day of school.

"I already knew how to read, and the teacher and the other children didn't know what to do with me," she laughed.

Christine had already been reading books for two years before she entered first grade.

Seven decades later, more or less, she's still surrounded by books.

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In 1999 she was awarded the first 50-year service pin ever given at the university.

"Now I'm waiting for my 55-year pin," she joked.

"But the university is always a little slow in getting the pins presented."

Mrs. Jones will be finishing up her 56th year at TTU next month.

She has watched the university grow from a close knit family-sized group of scholars to an assembly of world travelers and activists.

Jones joined the staff in 1948 when TTU was still Tennessee Polytechnic Institute.

"At that time you knew every faculty member. We even had the Faculty Club and once a month we would all have dinner together, usually with Dr. Derryberry presiding," she said.

Even as a girl, Jones knew she was going to go to college although she never dreamed she'd work at one.

"I was born in Gallatin and then we lived in Nashville for a while. But because there were six of us children my dad wanted us to settle in a university town. He investigated a number of places and chose Cookeville. We moved here when I was in third grade."

But soon after moving to Middle Tennessee Jones's mother, Allie Pruett Spivey, was left to bring up the six kids alone. She supported them by working in the shirt factory in town.

"She worked there for 30 years," Jones said.

Even as a single mother bringing up six children in the Depression, Allie Spivey insisted that the kids get an education.

"When one of my sisters thought she should drop out of Tech her senior year because she had been offered a teaching job at Algood and she told my mother that she would work a year or two and then go back to the university, my mother said very deliberately, 'No, we're not going to consider that.'

"My sister stayed in school and began teaching in Algood after she graduated," Jones said.

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She had her first major conflict, and triumph, with the Engineering department which wanted the university to stop the tradition of holding students out of final exams if they still had overdue books on their cards.

"We'd been doing this for years and had gotten to where the students knew they were in trouble if they didn't return the books and we worked very hard to let them know we'd help them if a book was lost or we'd let them sign out the book for extra time if they needed it for exam study.

"We'd get calls from Murfreesboro asking how many books we'd lost to student forgetfulness and vandalism and we'd say, 'Maybe five or ten.'"

"And they wouldn't believe us. They had hundreds of outstanding books. They finally came to Tech to see how we did it. Which was mainly by calling each student personally.

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"At that point Derryberry stood and said, 'We are going to continue with this process.'

"And that was that.

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Miss Christine was taken out of the circulation department a few years later when a new library director came in and changed everything around.

"He also wanted to our sell extra copies of books -- especially area history books. I told him how hard it was to find those and how if a student lost our one copy we'd be hard pressed to find another.

"He said, 'The sale starts tomorrow at 8 a.m.'"

Miss Christine went home, took all the money she had in her purse and all her husband's money from his wallet and the next morning bought about 150 Tennessee history books.

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Much of her material has to do with Jackson County.

"I think eight out of ten people in Cookeville have a Jackson County connection. That's where most of our research begins," she said.

Over the past 20 years, she has also created a card index collection of "Subject Indexes" that helps students with university term papers.

"Every time I see a book that has a chapter about area history I jot it down on a 3 x 5 index card. These are references you'll never find upstairs (in the main library) or on the Internet," she said.

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Since she's worked at the university for nearly 60 years will she divulge her age?

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Has she ever thought of retiring from the care and feeding of the Regional History Room?

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1930 U.S. Census, Akron, Summit Co., Ohio

Dwl: 300 Family: 349

Spivey, James T. Head M W 37 Insurance Agent TN TN TN

Spivey, Allie Wife F W 31 TN TN TN

Spivey, Margerite Dau. F W 13 TN TN TN

Spivey, Milbra 11 Dau. F W 11 TN TN TN

Spivey, J. T. Son 9 M W TN TN TN

Spivey, Dorothy Dau. F W 7 TN TN TN

Spivey, Christine Dau. F W 5 TN TN TN

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Crest Lawn Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam Co., TN:

James Travis Spivey – b. 30 August 1892, TN – d. 30 November 1961

Allie Pruet Spivey – b. 8 October 1898, TN – d. 17 October 1983

Willa Dean Spivey – b. 12 August 1929, TN – d. 1 August 1972

Richmond – Fuqua Cemetery, located Civil Dist., Jackson Co., TN. From Gainesboro take Hwy 53 toward Granville. Cemetery will be on your left next to the road enclosed in a three sided chain length fence with a sign Richmond Cemetery in front next to the road. Cemetery is at the start of Bell Hill. Henry Richmond and wife Margaret (Nettles) Richmond gave the land for a family burial lot, and a few years before 1936 opened to the public.

Henry Martin Pruett – b. 29 October 1872 – d. 29 June 1954, s/o William P. & Jane Pruett.

Hester Loftis Pruett – b. 24 February 1873 – d. 5 December 1917

Shelie Pruett – b. 29 September 1912 – d. 22 June 1973, s/o Henry Martin Pruett & Hester Loftis. TN Pvt. US Army WWII.

Ruth Harper Pruett – b. 30 June 1920, w/o Shelie Pruett, d/o Henry Harper. She later md Elroy Alton Lester.

Source: DRAPER FAMILIES IN AMERICA:

By, Mrs. Ethel Nichols Anderson; Mrs. Willie Howard Draper Huddleston; Mrs. Christine Spivey Jones; Mrs. Eleanor Drake Mitchell & Mrs. Mildred Draper Summers: Pgs. 338-339:

& Source: LOFTIS AND THE DESCENDANTS OF LABAN LOFTIS By Jimmie Robert Loftis and Bobbie H. Bryant: Pgs. 429-431.

JAMES TRAVIS SPIVEY, born August 30, 1892; Free State, Jackson Co., TN died November 30, 1961; buried Crest Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Cookeville, TN; married January 28, 1915, Jackson Co., TN ALLIE PRUETT, born October 8, 1898, Fort Blount, Jackson Co., TN, (Daughter of HENRY MARTIN PRUETT and HESTER ANN LOFTIS PRUETT; Residence, 283 East Ninth Street, Cookeville, TN).

HESTER ANN LOFTIS, born 24 February 1874, Jackson Co., TN died 5 December, Jackson Co., TN married HENRY MARTIN PRUETT, born 29 October 1872 died 29 June 1954. HESTER ANN LOFTIS was the daughter of HENRY HARRISON LOFTIS born 6 May 1840 died 18/19 September 1897 buried Richmond Cemetery married 17 December 1862 ELLEN JOHNSON born 5 September 1838 dec. and daughter of DANIEL and MARGARET LYNN JOHNSON.

HENRY HARRISON LOFTIS was the son of LABORN LOFTIS JR., born 25 December 1813, Greenville Co., SC died 15 May 1882, Jackson Co., TN, buried Minor Cemetery, Jackson Co., TN married 22 December 1827, Jackson Co., TN to SALLY BEAN (BEEN/BEENE) born 2 July 1813 died 9 February 1890, Jackson Co., TN, buried Minor Cemetery in Hurricane Community.

LABORN LOFTIS JR was the ninth child of LABAN LOFTIS & ELIZABETH HOLCOMBE.

Children of JAMES TRAVIS SPIVEY & ALLIE PRUETT were:

1. Marguerite Hester Spivey, born July 28, 1916, Jackson Co., TN; married Ernest D. Loftis, born June 20, 1910, Jackson Co., TN, dec. December 1984; Residence, 327 N. Willow Ave., Cookeville, TN; (Ernest first married Sarah Belle Loftis on March 31, 1934. His wife died a few days after their only child, Belle was born August 9, 1935. Belle married Amos Edwin Spurlock on December 26, 1953, and they have three children. Ernest D. Loftis was the s/o George Rufus/Rufe & Mattie Loftis.

Children:

1. Donald Edwin Spurlock, born October 23, 1954, Nashville, TN.
2. Phillip Randall Spurlock, born August 29, 1956, Nashville, TN.
3. Sheree Annette Spurlock, born, Nashville, TN
2. Milbra Lee Spivey, born February 22, 1919, Gallatin, TN (Teacher, Elbert Long Elementary School, Chattanooga, TN); married 20 December 1941, Merda Cecil Chaffin, born 5 December 1915, s/o Okla and Avo Chaffin; (Engineer, TVA; Residence, 2013 Schmidt Road, Chattanooga, TN).

Children:

1. David Curtis Chaffin, born December 15, 1947, Huntsville, AL.
2. Nancy Lee Chaffin, born, August 30, 1953, Chattanooga, TN.
3. James Travis Spivey Jr., born September 5, 1920, Gallatin, TN; (Auditor, Creole Petroleum Corp., Caracas, Venezuela).
4. Dorothy May Spivey, born August 25, 1922, Gallatin, TN; married Earl Glendon Brown, born March 26, 1921; (Residence, 1813 Moundview, Topeka, KA).

Children:

1. Dr. Harold Glendon Brown, born July 9, 1943, Cookeville, TN married Dr. Karen Kilker.
2. Robert Erwin Brown, born March 5, 1945, Topeka, KS married Roberta
5. Christine Spivey, born July 23, 1924, Gallatin, TN; (Circulation Librarian, TN Polytechnic Institute, Cookeville, TN); married Roger Gaw Jones; (Catalog Librarian, TN Polytechnic Institute, Cookeville, TN); Residence, 283, E. Ninth St., Cookeville, TN. Christine researched Jackson Co., TN for many years and contributed much to the book Laban Loftis.

Children:

1. Jennifer Deanne Jones, born February 20, 1959, Cookeville, TN.
6. Willa Dean Spivey, born August 12, 1929, Akron OH died 1 August 1972, Cookeville, TN, never married. She was a teacher in Hamilton Co., TN. (Business Instructor, Brainerd Junior High School, Chattanooga, TN).



Cookeville City School, 1933-1934, 8th Grade Graduating Class. Front row, left to right: Mary Alice Painter, Clara Lee Burnette, Geraldine Paris, Virginia Burton, Willene Moore, Mary Ruth Murphy, Doris Nolls, Mable Dabbs, and Delcie Lane. 2nd row: Bernice Harley, Geraldine Terry, Mary Ruth Judd, Ursula Bowman, Christine Riley, Jessie Winfree, unknown, Inez Evans, **Milba Spivey**, and Virginia Bush. 3rd row: Teacher Henry B. Ferrell, unknown, John Robert Mott, David Dycus, Robert Lynn Draper, Harvey Seay, James Dyer, and Dave Bullock. 4th row: Zina Bussell, Carl Hensley, Ira Winningham, Brownie Stout, and David Aikens. Parkview School opened when the old City School closed. It had an enrollment of over 800 students in the fall of 1992. Photo courtesy of Robert Lynn Draper. Names courtesy of Clara Lee (Burnett) White. Pg. 47 of the book *Stray leaves from Putnam County History* by Mary Hopson.



Old City School group, 1942. Front row, left to right: Ruth Robinson, Tommie Lee Hart, Billy Starnes, Anna Dorothy McDaniel, Charles Bilyeu, Zora Ann Steakley, Winnie Lee, Jo Frances Riggs, Rosalie Williams, Patty Lou Scott, Donald Gene Stoan, Jean Breeding, Doc High, and Mary Jo Breeding. Second row: Unknown, Virginia Rhea Bradley, Emogene Mahler, Unknown, Gladys Maxwell, unknown, Madeline Kirty, Maudie B. Pippin, Jo Ann Hutcheson, Helen Frances Henderson, next three unknown, and **Maurine Ensor Patton, teacher**. Third row: Shelton Officer, teacher, Nell Billingsley, Billy Holliman, unknown, Charles Loftis, Arleda Smith, ___Montgomery, James Buck, Renate Borges DeValagos, Charlise Gentry, Louise Grimer, Delma Grogan, unknown, and Barlow Smith, teacher. Fourth row: Lillard Smith, teacher, Zina Alexander Mitchell, James Williard Bilyeu, Paul Burgess, Charlie Dockery, Sidney Pollytenski, Bonnie Dee Dietz, Malcolm Massey, Jimmy Frances Judd, Charlene Maynard, Georgia Bryant Green, Fred Dyer Thompson, Hilda Ferrell, Polly Anna Lynn, Carrol Saunders, Juanita Patton, **Willia Dean Spivey**, Raymond Montgomery, Billy Huddleston, James Mahler, Jane Foster, Phillip Carlen Webb, and Mary Sue Elrod. Fifth row: Cordell Sloan, William Cowan Darwin, unknown, Ollie Carr, Hubert Braswell, unknown, Elizabeth Gayness Wilhite, Hoke White, Joe Johnson, Ernestine Hudgens, Emogene Billings, unknown, and unknown. Sixth row: Opal Chrystine Cowan, O.C. Masters, Mary Faye Storie, Bobby Ree Bilyeu, Virgil Ray Bullington, James Ralph Smith, Ola Kathleen Bohannon, Clariece Cummins, Betty Sue Johnson, Raymond McCall, Lloyd Gentry, and Charles Howell. Pg. 43 of the book *Stray leaves from Putnam County History* by Mary Hopson.

Christine Jones Collection

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- First American Bank, Pictorial History of Putnam County, Tennessee, Anderson Performance Printing, c1988. 259p. Helped select and identify the pictures to be used and wrote Chapter 2. "Gleanings from the History of Putnam County, Tennessee" and also Chapter 3, "And the Settlers Came" which included sketches of the earliest settlers of the county and also supervised the indexing.
- Minutes of the Board of Larimore University (renamed the University of Dixie) forerunner of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, later renamed Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tennessee, 1988. 254p. Copied from the original minutes on file since 1909.

<http://www.tntech.edu/library/RegionalHistory/specialCollections.html>

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Source: Pictorial History of Putnam County Tennessee, First American Bank, Cookeville, Tennessee: Indexed by Amy Beth Taylor and Lynda Sue Mann, 1988.

Acknowledgements: Christine Spivey Jones received her B. S. degree in business from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute in 1947 and her B. S. in Library Science from Peabody Library School at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee in 1948. She taught school for two years in Putnam County, serving one year as principal. Mrs. Jones served as Chief, Circulation Section at United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania for two years. She has been on the Library staff at Tennessee Tech for forty years where she presently serves as Tennessee Reference Librarian. In 1950 she married Roger G. Jones and they are parents of a daughter Jennifer Deanne Jones. Mrs. Jones has also authored and co-authored many publications about the families and events that have occurred in this area.

Source: Siftings from Putnam County, Tennessee, by Mary Hopson, 1991.
Acknowledgements: Same as above.

TTU LIBRARIAN COUPLE SET TO RETIRE

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TTU – the Angelo and Jennette Volpe Library and Media Center at Tennessee Tech University is a special place to Christine and Roger Jones – for more than one reason.

Not only did the couple meet in the TTU library nearly 60 years ago, but they've also dedicated 110 years of service to the institution throughout their combined careers. When they retire on January 4, Christine will have served more than 59 years as a TTU librarian, and Roger will have served more than 52.

Their combined years of service to the university, in fact, far exceeds the age of the institution, with TTU established by an act of the Tennessee General Assembly in 1915.

"People sometimes ask us why we wanted to stay here for so long, but it's simply because of our love and appreciation for TTU," Roger said.



Christine agreed. "I wouldn't have worked anywhere but TTU, even if I'd been offered all the money in the world," she said.

In addition to serving as librarians under five of the university's nine presidents, both are also TTU graduates. Christine graduated in 1947 with a degree in business and Roger graduated in 1950 with a degree in social science.

They met in the library when Christine, a student worker there, asked a friend of hers to introduce her to Roger after she saw them talking together beside the card catalog. Roger, who was on a debate team, had just won a debate, but Christine said, "It was his pretty eyes that made me want to meet him."

They both went on to earn library science degrees from George Peabody College in Nashville, which is now part of Vanderbilt University. Christine earned hers in 1948 and began working at TTU two weeks later. Roger earned his in 1955, five years after the couple married.

"I'd always planned to go to law school, but Christine talked me into going to library school instead," he said. "I never did get around to going to law school – but I never regretted it."



Roger and Christine Jones greet guests at the recent reception in honor of their coming retirement. The two met at the library and were married in 1950.

Roger Gaw Jones Obt.

b. 29 January, 1929, Jackson Co., TN – d. 10 November 2010, TN, md on the 23 December 1950 to **Christine (Spivey) Jones**, b. 23 July 1924, Gallatin, TN, d/o **James Travis Spivey** (1892-1961) & **Allie Pruett** (1898-1983).

Funeral services for Roger Gaw Jones of Cookeville, TN, formerly of Jackson County, TN, will be held from the Cookeville Chapel of Hooper-Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home on Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 11 am. Interment with military honors will follow in Crest Lawn Cemetery. Funeral will be conducted by Brother Kelly Campbell with Brother Max Johnson assisting. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Friday, November 12 from 5-7 pm and one hour prior to the service.



Mr. Jones, 81, died November 10, 2010. He was born January 29, 1929, in Jackson County to the late John Baugh and Mollie Ragland Jones, school teachers of Jackson County. He taught school for one year in Jackson County and served as librarian at Monterey High School for two years. He was on the library faculty at Tennessee Technological University for 52 years serving first as Catalog Librarian and later as Coordinator of Collection Management and Development.

He graduated from Jackson County High School in 1947 where he was salutatorian of his class. He received his B. S. degree in Social Sciences from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute in 1950 where he was an honor graduate. In 1956, he earned his Master's degree from George Peabody Library School in Nashville. At graduation, he was the recipient of the Louis Shores Library Award presented annually to the outstanding library school graduate.

On December 23, 1950, he married the former Christine Spivey, daughter of the late James Travis and Allie Pruett Spivey. Their wedding took place in the Willow Avenue Church of Christ and was the first church wedding to occur at that location with Carl Gossett as the officiating minister. Had Roger lived, they would have been married 60 years this December. Mr. Jones was a member of the Church of Christ for 61 years.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean conflict and was honorably discharged in 1950 after serving at Indian Town Gap, PA, and the Army War College at Carlisle, PA.

He is related to many of the early settlers of Jackson County, including the Allen, Ragland, Jones and Wheeler families.

He is survived by his wife, Christine Spivey Jones; a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer Deanne Jones Bertram and Dr. Phillip D. Bertram of Cookeville; a sister-in-law, Mrs. M. Cecil Chaffin of Chattanooga, TN; and a brother-in-law, Earl Glendon Brown of Topeka, KS. He is survived by the following nieces and nephews: Belle (Mrs. Amos Edwin) Spurlock of Cookeville; Dr. David Curtis Chaffin of Cleveland, TN; Nancy (Dr. Phillip Lee) Eichman of Searcy, AR; Dr. Harold Glendon Brown of Parkville, MO; and Dr. Robert Edwin Brown of Abilene, TX.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, John Baugh Jones, Jr. and also by the following brother-in-law, James Travis Spivey of Caracas, Venezuela; and three sisters-in-law, Marguerite (Mrs. Ernest) Loftis of Cookeville, TN; Dorothy (Mrs. Earl Glendon) Brown of Topeka, KS; and Willa Deanne Spivey of Chattanooga, TN.

Pallbearers will include Dr. David C. Chaffin, Mr. James Carpenter, Dr. Claude McHenry, Mr. Glenn Jones, Mr. Mancil Johnson, and Mr. John Boshung.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Library Support Endowment at Tennessee Technological University, PO Box 1915, Cookeville, TN 38505.