

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONES
Reunion 6 July 1974

The annual Jones reunion will be held Saturday, July 6, 1974 at Center Hill Dam Recreation Area. Notice will be in your community paper. Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship with other members of the Joneses and guests.

STORY: Alfred M. Jones "Buck" was taken prisoner by a company of Rebel soldiers when they visited his farm. He was in several skirmishes, had to fire his gun as the bullets were counted after a battle, also under a guard at all times. During a heavy battle, Buck managed to escape and returned home to his family. Buck spent the days in the woods watching his home, at night he returned to the house. Realizing that the Rebels would return for him and bring trouble to his family, Buck decided to make the trip to Nashville to join the Union Army. Near Carthage he met a Company of Union Soldiers who asked for directions to Buffalo Valley, that they were looking for Buck Jones. He told them he was Buck Jones. The Lieutenant swore him into the Army with a 2nd Lieutenant rating. Buck served in Company I, 1st Tennessee M. F. D. Infantry until the Civil War ended.

Rebel soldiers returned to Buck's home looking for him. Adelaide and her children with her sister and her children with an old negro servant were at home. They stayed a week and eating all the food, killing the chickens and whatever they could find. Like all children will play around and getting under foot, one bully threatened to pick up Purty, saying damn little runt, I'll wring his neck off like a chicken. The Company Commander heard him and told him if he touched a hair on his head he would shoot him down like a dog that he was and throw him in the kettle. The soldiers left the farm, taking the rest of the food they could find and carry away, leaving nothing for the families. The old servant did take hams, potatoes and food that would keep and hid it under the house until the soldiers left. Salt from the smokehouse had to be watered down until new supplies were brought in.

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THE JONES FAMILIES:

The Jones families came up the Caney Fork River some time in the late 1700 to settle in what is known as Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN. They came from the Cumberland Settlement in a flotilla of boats. A clearing was made and cut on the edge of the river, shelters were put up to protect the wives and children from the weathers and wild animals.

The men began to cut through the forest and the canebrakes to bring their families to the head of the valley where they settled, and some of the families went over the hill, where they had filed for land and settled in what is known as Wolf Creek. Some time before the families came, Alfred Jones made a trip to the valley and like what he saw. He returned a year later and built his cabin near the spring which is located on the farm owned by Vestal Jones, being the first cabin built in Buffalo Valley.

HANNAH JOHNSON JONES STORY:

Hannah Johnson Jones

b. ca. 1814, Wolf Creek, Jackson Co., TN

d. 17 July 1885

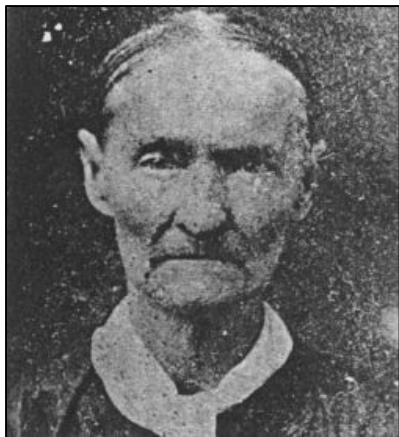
Husband: Byrd Smith Jones

Father: John Johnson

Buried: Bird S. Jones Graveyard, on the old Jones farm, Silver Point, Putnam Co., TN



We do not know Hannah's birth date but we do know she died the same day that Wade's son, Luke Price Jones was born on 17 July 1885. Hannah was born about 1814.



Hannah was probably not yet 50 years old when Byrd died. Her three oldest children were married...Martha Ann had married Prettyman Puckett (after he died she married a man named Dollar). Prettyman (Captain Purt) had married Angeline Anderson, *d/o Thomas Shirley Jr. & Louisa (Alexander) Anderson*. Alfred Moore "Buck" Jones had married Angeline's cousin, Adelaide Anderson, *d/o Edward "Ned" & Lucinda Mahaney Anderson*. Six months later her son Wade married a first cousin of Angelin and Adelaide named Rebecca Perannah Bartlett, *d/o Joshua Bartlett & Anna Meador "Annie" Anderson*. Hannah was then left with Hannah age 6, Mary E. age 9, Henry age 11, Byrd L. "Bob" age 15, Nancy D. age 16 and Joseph Age 19. We do not know where her son John L. Jones age 20 was at this time. He too may have been at home.

At some time after Byrd's death, Hannah remarried. My mother, Nora Annie Jones Steele, thought she married a man named Scroggins, Coggin...or a similar sounding name. *Nora Annie Jones md Miles Allen "Bud" Steele*. Mother did not recall having heard where Hannah lived after her 2nd marriage. Perhaps some of the descendants of some of the younger children can recall hearing the correct name of their stepfather and remember hearing whether Hannah moved elsewhere at the time of her 2nd marriage or if her 2nd husband moved into her home in Buffalo Valley, right at the graveyard.

We wish we knew who her parents were, and her brothers and sisters. Two people have told me that Hannah had a sister Sarah (born about 1817) who married Loyd Pinkney Coggin who was born 24 February 1813.

Bird Smith Jones

b. 14 February 1808, White Co., TN

d. 25 April 1864, Buffalo Valley, Putnam Co., TN

Wife: Hannah Johnson

Father: Prettyman Jones Sr.

Mother: Sarah Hitchcock

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