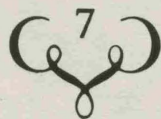


Genealogy

Ephraim Jones (1750-1812)
Augusta township

READING ROOM

Ephraim Jones
Augusta Township
& his connection with
Henry Thoreau



Jones Aftermath

Henry Thoreau made the following entry in his journal:

My mother's mother was *Mary Jones*, only daughter of Col. Elisha Jones, Esq., of Weston. A Boston newspaper of Feb. 15, 1776 says "On Monday last, died, in this town, in the sixty-sixth year of his age, Elisha Jones Esq., late of Weston, for many years a magistrate, Col. of a Regiment of Militia, and a Member of the General Assembly. In the many departments in which he acted, he eminently showed the man of principle, virtue, &c."¹

Elisha's daughter, Mary, married Rev. Asa Dunbar of Salem; their daughter Cynthia was Thoreau's mother. Besides a daughter, Elisha and his wife had fourteen sons, two of whom died in infancy, one at the age of eight, while the remaining eleven survived the father. When Elisha fled to Boston in late 1774 for protection from the unruly patriots, his wife remained in the family homestead, and her daughter and family moved in to keep house for her. Asa Dunbar became a resident of Weston,

JONES AFTERMATH

but by commuting weekly he continued to fill the Salem pulpit where he had preached for several years. Soon after the Dunbars moved to Weston, one of Elisha's sons, Josiah, got into trouble with the patriots for distributing proloyalist broadsides for General Gage. His arrest and imprisonment in the Concord jail made his brother-in-law, Asa, an object of suspicion and prompted Asa's neighbors to keep a close watch on him.

In June, 1775, Josiah and a fellow Tory prisoner, Jonathan Hicks, wrote a letter to the Provincial Congress, hoping that an honest declaration of their position would alleviate their difficulties. They claimed, "With perfect sincerity we do most affectionately wish prosperity to our native Land and the inhabitants . . ."² They further stated that they took up their residence in Boston merely to avoid danger and that they were not conscious of having offended their American brethren in any other instance. If given their freedom, they would be ready to bind themselves under the most solemn obligations, never directly or indirectly to oppose the cause in which the Americans were seriously engaged. And being free, they could at least serve their country by supporting themselves through their common industry without being a public charge. In conclusion they added that if the Congress wouldn't release them wholly, "it would be a favor most thankfully accepted to have the privilege of the Yard: as the season is very warm."³ The Provincial Congress was not moved by the appeal; Josiah Jones and Jonathan Hicks remained behind bars.

Josiah's sister, Mary Dunbar, brought food to him from the farm in Weston. On June 17, the day of the Battle of Bunker Hill, she is said to have brought him cherries and other things, namely files with which he could cut away the window bars and make his escape. While this seems very early in the season for cherries to be ripe, there are several accounts of fruit trees in bloom on the nineteenth of April that year, and, if so, ripe

LEWIS JONES — (OR ANN) ANNA STONE

MARRIED IN ENG. CAME TO ROXBURY, MASS. ABOUT 1631-1640.

JOSIAH I PROBABLY BORN IN ROXBURY LATER THE FAMILY MOVED TO WATERTOWN ABOUT 1650. IN 1665-6 HE PURCHASED 124 ACRES IN WHAT WAS TO BECOME - WESTON.

I JOSIAH JONES — LYDIA TREADWAY

II JOSIAH JONES — ABIGAIL BARNES

JOSIAH II MAY PART OF HIS FATHER'S INDICATE HE BUILT WEST OF HIS

HAVE INHERITED ALL OR FARM IN WESTON. FAMILY RECORDS A SIZEABLE "HOME" 30 RODS SOUTH-PARENT'S HOUSE.

SEE SEPARATE SHEET.

"A"

ELISHA IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN A MOST SUCCESSFUL FARMER AND BUSINESSMAN AND A STRONG TORY (LOYALIST) INFLUENCE IN WESTON.

ELISHA JONES — MARY ALLEN.

AUGUSTA TWP.

NATHAN INF. D. ELISHA ISRAEL ADAMS, MASS. DANIEL JONES B. 1740 D. 1786 ELIAS ADAMS, MASS. JOSIAH LATER TO NOVA SCOTIA SILAS EPHRAIM JONES B. 1750 D. 1812 SIMEON STEPHEN JONAS LATER TO ENGLAND PILLEMON CHARLES MARY JONES (M) REV. ASA DUNBAR OF SALEM, MASS. (SEE FOOTNOTE 3.)

LATER COL. NATHAN JONES OF GOULDSBOROUGH MAINE.

(SEE FOOTNOTE 1)

(M) MARTHA SMITH. (SEE FOOTNOTE 2)

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(M) (1) CHARLOTTE COURSOLO B. 1755 D. 1805 (2) MARGARET S. BEEK.

SOPHIA JONES (M) Col. JOSEPH JONES B. 1758 D. 1809

DANIEL D. INF. CHARLES WILLIAM ELISHA D. INF. JONAS B. 1791 D. 1848 ALPHEUS CHARLOTTE D. INF. SOPHIA CHARLOTTE A. D.

"Family Compact"!

(JUDGE JONAS JONES) OF BROCKVILLE AND TORONTO.

THE FORWARDING Co. — H. S. JONES of Brockville.

HENRY JONES (M) 1827 LUCY CATHERINE MACDONELL B. 1790 D. 1860

JOSEPH JONES B. 1797 D. 1859 (M) 1823 MARY ANN BROWN (A SHIP OWNER, CAMDEN MAINE. 4 SONS AND 5 DAUS.)

SIDNEY JONES B. 26 MAY 1802 D. 17 MARCH 1856 (M) 12 AUG. 1829 SUSAN ISABELLA FORD B. 24 FEB. 1809 D. 3 APRIL 1861 ELIZA JONES B. 1791 D. 1832

WILLIAM HENRY B. 1827 D. 1828 HENRY ALPHEUS B. 1828 D. 1882 AUGUSTUS JOSEPH B. 1836 D. 1871 ARTHUR EDWARD B. 1838 D. 1918 ALFRED VINCENT B. 1840 D. 1842 ADELAIDE M. B. 1830 D. 1837 SOPHIA L. B. 1844 D. 1846

SYDNEY FORD JONES B. 1832 (M) 1858 SOPHIA MARIA HARVEY (HERVEY) HERBERT CHILTON JONES B. 1836 (M) MARY MORTON BEVERLEY JONES B. 1839 KEA (M)

SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS
OF
LEWIS AND ANN JONES

ROXBURY, MASS.

THROUGH THEIR SON JOSIAH AND GRANDSON JAMES

COMPILED FOR THE FAMILY

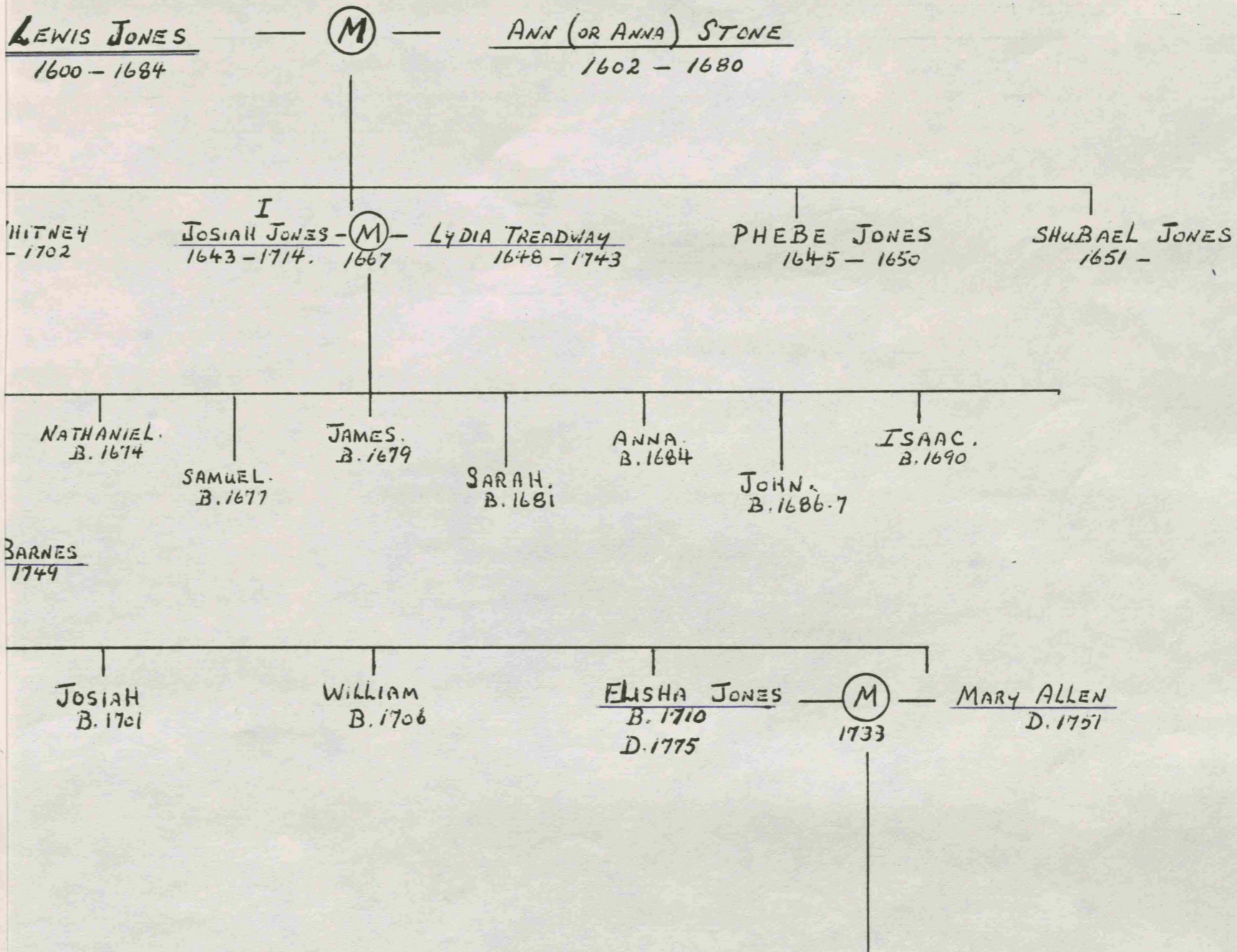
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LEWIS JONES
1600 - 1684

(M)

ANN (OR ANNA) STONE
1602 - 1680

LYDIA JONES - (M) - JONATHAN WHITNEY
1656 1634 - 1702

I
JOSIAH JONES - (M) - LYDIA TREADWAY
1643 - 1714. 1667 1648 - 1743

PHEBE JONES
1645 - 1650

SHUBAEL JONES
1651 -

11 CHILDREN

LYDIA.
B. 1668

MARY.
B. 1672

NATHANIEL.
B. 1674

SAMUEL.
B. 1677

JAMES.
B. 1679

SARAH.
B. 1681

ANNA.
B. 1684

JOHN.
B. 1686-7

ISAAC.
B. 1690

JOSIAH II JONES. - (M) - ABIGAIL BARNES
1670 - 1734 D. 1749

DANIEL
B. 1692

ABIGAIL
B. 1694

JOSIAH
B. 1701

WILLIAM
B. 1706

ELISHA JONES
B. 1710
D. 1775

(M)
1733

MARY ALLEN
D. 1751