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JAMES JIMISON OF HENDERSON COUNTY, NC

[44800-44999]

44800-1 JAMES JIMISON, born October 22, 1801 and died May 28, 1883, Uno, Henderson co., NC. Mr. Jimison married Mary Louise **Duncan**, born January 15, 1814, NC., and died October 12, 1891, Uno, Henderson co., NC.

Children:

((1-8) b. unknown; (9-12) b. Henderson co., NC))

- (1) 44810 Lucinda Elizabeth, b. 10/4/1834; d. 3/1/1926;
- (2) 44811 Thomas Odell Wellbourn, b. 5/1/1837;
- (3) 44812 Louisy Pascaline, b. 6/29/1840; d. 9/3/1906; m. P. Woods **Vaughn**;
- (4) 44813 Marthy Midalene, b. 1/15/1842;
- (5) 44814 Arsena Tantilene, b. 3/2/1844; d. 9/7/1928; 1882, Solomon **Jones**;
- (6) 44815 Cecelia Ann Matilda, b. 12/16/1845; d. 4/28/1927; m. Lewis T. **Livingston**;
- (7) 44816 James L. Jay, b. 11/4/1847; m. 12/12/1867, Nancy **Curtis**;
- (8) 44817 Marsena O., b. 1/3/1850; d. 1/22/1925;
- (9) 44818 Judith, b. 12/15/1851; m. William **Murray**;
- (10) 44819 James C. Wesley, b. 10/22/1854; d. 5/4/1892;
- (11) 44820 Vestry Clingman, b. 7/13/1855; d. 5/4/1892;
- (12) 44821 Mary Cordelia, b. 10/25/1862; d. 12/25/1885; m. Charles **Nelson**;

Notes:

Records indicate that James Jimison moved his family east across the Nantahala Gorge in 1850 and settled on Clear Creek, near Uno, Henderson co., NC. This region is bordered by Macon and Clay counties, NC where a

river and a mountain range of the same name lays along a southeast/ northwest axis. His parents according to the 1850 Henderson co., NC census were born in Virginia. Mr. Jimison divided his time teaching and farming. He married about 1833, possibly in Virginia to Mary Louise Duncan who was born in North Carolina. Mr. Jimison and his wife and several of their children were buried in the Jimison Cemetery at Uno, Hendersonville, NC.

Mr. Jimison's will was dated July 8, 1880 and proved in June of 1883. It reads:

“In the name of God, Amen-

This is to certify that I James Jimison being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and declare the following to be my last will and testament to wit:

“That I James Jimison do give and bequeath into my beloved wife, Mary L. W. Jimison all my land and real estate for her to live upon her life time and all my property to be and remain with her until death. After she is dead then to be sold and the money to be equally divided among all my children. And by these presents I declare and appoint J.L. J. Jimison as Executor to execute and carry out all my intentions declared in the above my last will and testament.

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on this 8th day of July 1880-

signed and sealed in the presence of us

M.N. Love

P. C. Seagle James Jimison H. S. seal”

References:

1] The Heritage of Henderson County, NC, 1985, Geo. Jones, Edit., v.1,p.134; 2] 1850 McDowell co., NC Census; 3] 1880 Henderson co., NC Census; 4] Henderson co., NC(wills), v.1(1841-46, ps. 245-246; 5] NC Wills, A Testator's Index, 1665-1900, Thornton W. Mitchell, 1987, v.1(A-J);

44812-2 LOUISY PASCALINE JIMISON [James], was born June 29, 1840, McDowell co., NC?, the daughter of James and Mary (Duncan) Jimison (44800). She died September 3, 1906, Henderson co., NC.

Children:

(Born Henderson co., NC)

(1) James Pinahas, b. 7/20/1879; d. 4/21/1904;

(2) Naomi, b. 1881; d. 1906; m. Xenophon **Thompson**;

References:

1] The Heritage of Henderson County, NC, 1985, Geo. Jones, Edit., v.1,p.134; 2] Jimison Cemetery, Uno, Hendersonville, NC;

44814-2 ARSENA TANTILENE JIMISON [James], was born March 2, 1844, McDowell co., NC?, the daughter of James and Mary (Duncan) Jimison (44800). She died September 7, 1928, Hooper's Creek, Henderson co., NC. Miss Jimison married 1882, Hendersonville, NC., Solomon **Jones**, born March 7, 1802, Hendersonville, NC., died April 23, 1899, Laurel Park, Henderson co., NC., the son of Thomas and Lucinda (**Hicks**) Jones. They resided at Mount Hebron in nearby Hendersonville, NC.

Notes:

Mr. Jones ancestry sprang from Solomon Jones who emigrated from Wales about 1750 and settled in Virginia where he married Mary **Plausser** of VA. They had three known children: John Jones Sr., m. a daughter of Thomas **Hicks** of Rutherford co., NC.; Thomas Jones, m. Lucinda Hicks, daughter of Thomas Hicks; and Hiram Jones. Solomon Jones I left Virginia and settled in Spartanburg, SC. Solomon's son, Thomas Jones, removed to Mud Creek near Hendersonville, NC. Thomas and Lucinda Jones had two sons known: John Jones, born April 10, 1818 and died February 11, 1893. He married Malinda **Shipman**, born December 21, 1812 and died May 27, 1884; they had issue: Sarah; Levi; Lucinda; Hezekiah; Mary; Patterson; Robert; Hampton; and Solomon III.

And Solomon Jones II, born March 7, 1802 and died April 13, 1899. He married first November 20, 1822, Mary **Hamilton**, *[\(1\)](#) born June 16, 1807, NC., died May 1881, the daughter of Robert and Ann (**Orr**) Hamilton, b. 1799. They raised two sons and ten daughters:

William, m. Amanda **McCrary**;

Julie, m. Adolphus McCrary;

Elizabeth, m. Perry **Burns**;

Lucinda, m. Columbus McCrary;

Rebecca, m. Powell **Potts**; m. Rev. Erwin **Mullinax**;

Mahulda, m. John **Anders**;

Matilda, m. Lafayette **Hart**;

Hicks, m. Mary Jane **Reagan**;

Jane, m. John **Cox**;

Lisa, m. Marion **Tankersley**;

Maria, m. Rev. William **Anderson**;

Sarah, never married.

Solomon Jones II, at age 80, married second, 1882, Arsenia T. Jimison. They had no children.

Public minded, Mr. Jones was a commissioner for many years for the Public Health and Buildings in Henderson county. An engineer who used no instruments he constructed some of the most difficult roads across some of the most demanding barriers along the Appalachians: Jones Gap Turnpike(aka Douthat Gap);

Cashier's Valley road in Transylvania co., SC.; Flat Rock and Green River Turnpike; and many others of important engineering feats and features.

He resided at Mount Hebron, a 3000 foot high mountain peak near Laurel Park, where he built his mansion. He also owned Salem Plantation in Greeneville co., SC. where his first wife died. Returning to Mt. Hebron Solomon Jones spent the remainder of his life there with Arsena Jimison, his second wife. He died here and was buried beneath his tombstone which read,

"Here Lies Solomon Jones,

the Road Maker.

A True Patriot.

He labored fifty years

to leave the world

better than he found it.

Born 7 March 1802

Died 23 April 1899."

Mrs. Arsena Jones remained at Mt Hebron for several years collecting tolls from Solomon's turnpikes and producing dairy products for the Hendersonville area. In her last few years she lived with her niece, Etta Livingston King, at Hooper's Creek where she died in 1928. Requesting not to be buried with her husband she was interned at Jimison's Cemetery at Uno.

References:

- 1] The Heritage of Henderson County, NC, 1985, Geo. Jones, Edit., v.1,ps. 134,148; 1988,v.2(Family #210);
- 2] Jimison Cemetery, Uno, Hendersonville, NC; 3] 1880 Henderson co., NC Census;

44815-2 CECELIA ANN MATILDA JIMISON [James], was born December 16, 1845, McDowell co., NC?, the daughter of James and Mary (Duncan) Jimison (44800). She died April 28, 1927, Hooper's Creek, Henderson co., NC. Miss Jimison married circa 1872, Henderson co., NC., Lewis T. **Livingston**, born March 27, 1823, Henderson co., NC, died July 14, 1904, Hooper's Creek, NC., the son of John and Elizabeth (**Niesler**) Livingston Jr. They resided Hooper's Creek, NC., where they died.

Children:

(Born Henderson co., NC)

(1) Merrill, b.c. 1874; m. Minnie **Israel**;

(2) Mary Elizabeth, b. 1876; d. 1954; m. William **Docking**, b. 1872, d. 1909;

(3) Louephine, b. 1874; d. 1954;

(4) Etta, b. 1879; d. 1953; m. Henry **King**, b. 1878;

(5) Merida S., b. 1883; d. 1967;

(6) Florda Geneva, b. 9/29/1885; d. 8/1955; m. William **Glad**, b. 12/2/1877, Norway; d. 3/13/1940;

Notes:

Mr. and Mrs. Livingston built their two-storied log cabin on Hooper's Creek, NC which consisted of two room downstairs and one large room, up. Lewis operated a tannery and Cely Ann tailored suits and coats for men and women. They are buried at Patty's Chapel Cemetery, Fletcher, NC.

Lewis Livingston's ancestry began with John Livingston Sr., born 4/11/1714, Highlands of Scotland, and died 1778, Jamaica. He emigrated about 1740 to New York and then traveled south settling at Brunswick co., NC where he married Elizabeth **Clark**. He was a master shipbuilder in Jamaica where he was murdered. They had a daughter and a son, John Livingston Jr. Senior was buried in Jamaica while Elizabeth was buried in Charlotte, NC.

John Livingston Jr., was born May 10, 1773 and died 1839. He married April 24, 1782, Elizabeth **Niesler**, and they were the parents of:

Mary, who m. Alfred **Gash**; John S., m. Elizabeth **Foster**; Hugh, Susanna, who m. Robert **Russell**; David; Daniel, Joseph, Sarah, George Wesley, Lewis T., and Allen.

Mr. Livingston Jr. was a school teacher settling first in Cabarrus co., and later Mecklenburg co., and finally settling at Henderson co., NC. at Hooper's Creek. John S. Livingston was a farmer in the Fletcher area of Henderson co., and active in civic affairs. He married Elizabeth **Foster** and they had issue: Suzee Caroline, Harriet, Frances, John C. F., Sarah Emaline, Mary, and Joseph Franklin.

References:

1] The Heritage of Henderson County, NC, 1985, Geo. Jones, Edit., v.1,ps. 134,176,343; 2] 1800 NC Census(Livingston);

44816-2 JAMES L. JAY JIMISON [James], was born November 1848, the son of James and Mary (Duncan) Jimison (44800). He died after 1910 in NC. Mr. Jimison married December 12, 1867, McDowell co., NC., Nancy M. **Curtis**, born March 1845, died between 1900-1910, Henderson co., NC. the daughter of Joshua and Mary Curtis. They resided near Hendersonville, NC.

Children:

(Born NC)

(1) 44850 Merriman, b. 1868;

(2) 44851 Mary Ann, b. 1871/72;

(3) 44852 Austin M., b. 1873/4;

(4) 44853 Alfred Kimsey, b. 11/5/1876; d. 5/31/1939; m. 4/6/1898, Elvira Sara Almira **Odum**;

(5) 44854 James Charles{Charles James}., b. 6/5/1879; d. 8/9/1934; m. Margaret Edmonia **Drake**;

(6) 44855 Lester, b. 4/1889;

Notes:

Mrs. Jimison was the widow of Mr. **Noblet** and had one daughter, Margaret Noblet, from that marriage.

References:

1] The Heritage of Henderson County, NC, 1985, Geo. Jones, Edit.,v.1,ps. 134; 2] 1880 Henderson co., NC Census;

44818-2 JUDITH JIMISON [James], was born December 15, 1851, Henderson co., NC., the daughter of James and Mary (Duncan) Jimison (44800). She married William **Murray** and they resided in Henderson co., NC.

Children:

(Born Henderson co., NC)

(1) Lola B.,

(2) Gusie M.,

(3) Ida W.,

(4) Nora A.,

References:

1] The Heritage of Henderson County, NC, 1985, Geo. Jones, Edit.,v.1,ps. 134;

44853-3 ALFRED KIMSEY JIMISON [James, James], was born November 5, 1898, McDowell co., NC., the son of James and Nancy (Curtis) Jimison (44816). He died May 31, 1939, Burke co., NC. Mr. Jimison married April 6, 1898, Elvira Sara Almira **Odom**, born December 13, 1880, NC., died August 31, 1935, Burke co., NC., the daughter of Robert and Martha (**Hawkins**) Odom. They resided in Burke co., NC.

Children:

((1,2,4) b. McDowell co., NC (3) b. Haywood co., NC; (5,6) b. Caldwell co., NC; (7,8) b. Catawba co., NC.))

(1) 44900 infant, d. in infancy;

(2) 44901 Robert Jay, b. 9/25/1899; d. 5/15/1949; m. Grace **Angle**

(3) 44902 Fred Sherdon, b. 5/5/1906; d. 2/13/1971; m. Bessie **Braswell**;

(4) 44903 Leola Maye, b. 7/12/1908; d. 4/22/1984; m.1) Thomas **Riddle**; m.2) Taft **McFall**; m.3) Roy **Grady**; m.4) Bobby **Birdges**;

(5) 44904 Forrest Washington, b. 6/18/1911; m. 12/1930, Ruby **Seitz**;

(6) 44905 Marie Darcus Jane, b. 6/26/1913; m. 3/6/1938, James H. **Hutchins**;

(7) 44906 Burnice Mary Catherine, b. 10/12/1917; m. 5/14/1938, Herbert James **Griffith**;

(8) 44907 Rachel Elizabeth, b.c. 1920; d. in infancy;

References:

1] 1910 McDowell co., NC Census; 2] Forrest Hill Cemetery, Morganton, Burke co., NC; 3] 1880 Henderson co., NC Census;

44854-3 JAMES CHARLES JIMISON [James, James], was born June 5, 1879, Henderson co., NC., the son of James and Nancy Curtis Jimison(44816). He died August 9, 1934, Henderson co., NC. Mr. Jimison married Margaret Edmonia **Drake**, born November 20, 1879, Henderson co., NC., and died January 17, 1930, Henderson co., NC.

Children:

(1) 44910 Bertha Foulds, m. Mr. **Fowles**;

(2) 44911 Dorothy Edmonia, m. Mr. **Hopkins**;

(3) 44912 James Charles

(4) 44913 Harold Dean;

Notes:

Mr. Jimison resided in Henderson co., NC. He was a carpenter.

References:

1] Heritage of Henderson co., NC., 1988, v.2, Family #105-Drake;

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[1.](#) Mary Hamilton was a sister of Col. Joseph Hamilton, a well known leader in the Union Army during the

Civil War.

