

7. Family Tree and Family Bible Record of James Harding Jones

Please see notes on the history of the Kersh family at the end of Section 5.

Generation 1. Hans George Kersh (Kersch) from Germany sailed from Holland to America on the St. Andrew 2-16-1744. One of his six sons was Andrew Kersh.

Generation 2. Andrew Kersh came to America from Germany with his father Hans George Kersh. On 3-25-1788 he married Maria Katheryn, a daughter of Jacob Geysler. Andrew Kersh served in the 6th South Carolina Regiment during the Revolutionary War from 6-23-1777 to 1781.

Generation 3.

Jacob Kersh, b. 2-15-1789 in Orangeburg SC and d. 8-1-1853 in Rankin County, MS. He married Rachel Esterling on 11-4-1812 in Orangeburg, SC. She died 5-29-1888 in Rankin County, MS. Both were buried at Shiloh Cemetery, Rankin County, Mississippi.

Generation 4.

John Kersh, b. 1-24-1814, d. 3-18-1901. buried at Oakdale, Rankin County, Mississippi.
Married (9-24-1835)
Mary Ann Rhodes (Annie), b. 11-25-1818, d. 11-7-1911. buried at Oakdale, Mississippi.

Generation 5.

William Wesley Kersh, b. 12-24-1840, d. 3-18-1901. Buried at old Brandon Cemetery.
Married Justiva Elizabeth Butler.

Margaret Ann Evans Kersh. Married John D. West, b. 1841(?), d. 1871(?) Shell Mound, LeFlore County, Miss. (Great grandmother)

Generation 6.

Children of William Wesley Kersh and Justiva Elizabeth Butler Kersh:

Ethelbert Barksdale Kersh b. 12-6-1875.

Butler Kersh b. 3-4-1880

Aura Helen Kersh b. 11-18-1882.

Sudie Auroraleigh Kersh b. 2-17-1878., a Sunday school teacher in Brandon, Mississippi. She married Walter M. Permenter, a Baptist minister.

Child of **John D. West** and Margaret Ann Evans Kersh:

Ula Viola West, b. 12-7-1864 Goshen Springs, Rankin County, Miss.

d. 12-1-1929 Schlater, Leflore County, Miss.

Her first marriage (May, 1884 at Shell Mound, LeFlore County, Miss.) was to

Means Johnston, b. 11-21-1841, d. 1-?-1891

Her second marriage (4-27-1893) was to

James Armstrong Jones b. 2-6-1846 Brookville, Noxubee County, Miss.

d. 11-22-1907 Sunny Side, Leflore County, Miss. (stomach cancer)

Generation 7.

Children of Walter M. Permenter and Sudie Kersh:

David Permenter

Nell Permenter. She married Arthur Smith.

Zoe Permenter. She married R. Douglas Hall.

Walter Permenter

Children of Means Johnston and Ula Viola West were:

Means Johnston, b. 5-3-1885 at Shell Mound, LeFlore County, Miss.

d. 6-20-1957 Greenwood, Miss. (I refer to this Means Johnston not as Junior even though his father was Means Johnston. I do this because it has been the practice by the family.)

Ida McGehee Johnston b. 12-28-1887 at Shell Mound, LeFlore County, Miss.

d. 1-31-1972 Blowing Rock, NC, buried at Sparta, NC

Children of James Armstrong Jones and Ula Viola West were:

Florence Lee Jones b. 12-28-1893 Shell Mound, LeFlore County, Miss.

d. 10-12-1895

James Harding Jones b. 1-12-1897 Sunny Side, Miss. d. 1-11-1988 Jackson, Miss.

Yerger West Jones b. 1-7-1902 Sunny Side, Miss. d. 12-5-1902 Sunny Side, Miss.

Edna Eloise Jones b. 12-7-1904 Sunny Side, LeFlore County, Miss.

d. 4-7-1953 Greenwood, LeFlore County, Miss.

Generation 8.

Means Johnston, (5-31-1885 to 6-20-1957) married Annie Welsford on 1-2-1911.

Their children are:

Annie Hughes Johnston, b. 1914

Means Johnston, Jr., b. 1916

Frank Welsford Johnston, b. 6-30-1918

William Johnston, b. 1924

Ida McGee Johnston (12-28-1887 to 1-31-1972) married Dalton Franklin Warren on 6-5-1918. Their children are:

Florence Johnston Warren, b. 1-5-1920. Married Phillip Garrou, Valdese, NC

Mary Means Warren, b. 8-21-1922. Married Kenny Karriker.

Sarah Bryan Warren, b. 9-5-1925, d. 3-10-1997. Married Arturo Alvarez.

James Harding Jones (1-12-1897 to 1-11-1988) married Myra Hume (2-13-1899 to 12-16-1986) on 6-5-1923. Their children are:

James Harding Jones, Jr., b. 9-5-1924 at University, Mississippi.

Alfred Hume Jones, b. 5-7-1927 at University, Mississippi.

William Branham Jones, b. 9-24-1931 at Spring Hill, Tennessee.

Edna Eloise Jones (12-7-1904 to 4-7-1953) married Harrison Curtis on 12-?-1930.

They had one daughter:

Ferrell Ann Curtis, b. 3-14-1935 in Greenwood, Mississippi

Generation 9

Arturo Alvarez and Sarah Bryan Warren had two sons:

Steve Alvarez from Atlanta, GA and **David Alvarez**

James Harding Jones, Jr. married Eunice Beaman (b. June 21, 1923 in Mississippi). Their son by her first marriage is:

Chester Beaman Smith, b. 11-30-1954 in Oakland, California.

Alfred Hume Jones married Celia McClurkin in Jackson, MS.

Their children:

Frederick McClurkin Jones (by the first marriage of Celia McClurkin), b. 1-27-1958 in Dallas, TX. d. 5-16-2002 in Hattisburg, MS in an airplane accident.

Myra Werdna Jones, b. 11-17-1961 in Jackson, MS

After the death of Celia McClurkin Jones, Alfred Hume Jones married Margaret Campbell Jones in Jackson, Mississippi. There were no children of this marriage. Margaret Jones had three sons by her first marriage:

William Bradley McKnight, b. 10-29-1962 in Jackson, MS.

Robert Todd McKnight, b. 1-15-1967 in Jackson, MS.

Gregory Neal McKnight, b. 1-27-1972 in Jackson, MS. .

William Branham Jones married Martha Hadley (b. 4-16-1934) on August 27, 1956 at the First Plymouth Congregational Church, Denver, Colorado. They have five children:

Kathleen Hume Jones, b. 7-13-1958 at St. Luke Presbyterian Hospital, Denver, Colorado

Anne Campbell Jones, b. 11-17-1959, Boulder Memorial Hosp., Boulder, Colorado

Robert Branham Jones, b. 4-17-1962, Boulder Community Hosp., Boulder, Colorado

Kevin Daniel Jones, b. 5-2-1964, Boulder Community Hosp., Boulder, Colorado

Bethany Hadley Jones, b. 6-9-1966, Boulder, Community Hosp., Boulder, Colorado

Ferrell Ann Curtis married Dr. James Robinson (Bud) Harper, b. 8-23-1934.

Their four children are:

James Robinson (Rob) Harper, b. 6-14-1958

Harrison Curtis Harper, b. 7-13-1959

William Henry (Bill) Harper, b. 9-28-1962

Elizabeth Sloan (Beth) Harper, b. 6-21-1965

Generation 10.

Frederick (Fred) McClurkin Jones married Michelle _____.

They have three children:

Laurin Jones

Arianne Jones

Alex Jones

Myra Werdna Jones married _____ Davis.

They have two children:

Eric Davis

Kristin Davis

Kathleen Hume Jones married Marty John Reibold (b. 6-9-1957) on March 30, 1990.

They have one child:

Robin Hume Reibold, b. 2-23-1993 in Boulder, Colorado.

Anne Campbell (Jones) Holmes was married to Frank Mill Holmes (b. 3-4-1956) in Boulder, CO on August 10, 1997. They have two children:

Samuel Horace Holmes b. 8-20-1999 in Boulder, Colorado.

Helen June Holmes b. 3-3-2003 in Boulder, Colorado.

The Family Bible of James Armstrong Jones and his wife Ula Viola West Jones contained the following data as of November 25, 2009.

This certifies that the rite of Holy Matrimony was celebrated between James Armstrong Jones of Shell Mound, Miss. and Ula Viola Johnston on April 27, 1893 at her residence by Rev. V. H. Nelson

MARRIAGES

Means Johnston to Ula Viola West	May 1864
Means Johnston II to Annie Welsford	January 2, 1911
Ida McGhee Johnston to Dalton Franklin Warren	June 5, 1918
James H. Jones to Myra Hume	June 5, 1923
Edna Louise Jones to Harrison Curtis	1930

BIRTHS

Name	Place	Date
J. A. Jones	Brooksville, Moxabee County, Mississippi	February 7, 1864
Ula V. Jones	Goshen Springs, Rankin County, Mississippi	December 7, 1964

Children of Means Johnston and Ula Viola West Johnston

Means Johnston	Shell Mound, Leflore County, Mississippi	May 3, 1885
Ida McGehee Johnston	Shell Mound, Leflore County, Mississippi	November 2, 1887

Children of James Armstrong Jones and Ula Viola West Jones

Florence Lee Jones	Shell Mound, Leflore County, Mississippi	December 28, 1893
James Harding Jones	Sunny Side, Leflore County, Mississippi	January 12, 1897
Yerger West Jones	Sunny Side, Leflore County, Mississippi	January 1, 1902
Edna Eloise Jones	Sunny Side, Leflore County, Mississippi	December 7, 1904

Children of Means Johnston and Annie Welsford Johnston

Annie Hughes Johnston		1914
Means Johnston Jr.		1916
Frank Welsford Johnston		June 30, 1918
William Johnston		1924

Children of Ida McGehee Johnston and Dalton Warren

Florence Johnston Warren		January 5, 1920
Mary Means Warren		August 21, 1922
Sarah Bryan Warren		September 4, 1925

Children of James Harding Jones and Myra Hume Jones

James Harding Jones, Jr.	University of Mississippi	September 7, 1924
Alfred Hume Jones	University of Mississippi	May 5, 1927
William Branham Jones	Spring Hill, Tennessee	September 24, 1931

Children of Edna Eloise Jones Curtis and Harrison Curtis*

Ferrell Ann Curtis

Children of Sarah Bryan Warren and Arturo Alvarez

Arthur Steven Alvarez	Elkin, North Carolina	February 21, 1948
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David Roger Alvarez
*Not in the family Bible.

Bogata, Columbia, S. America

July 31, 1952

DEATHS

Means Johnston

January 2, 1891

Florence Lee Jones

Shell Mound, Leflore County, Mississippi

October 12, 1895

Yerger West Jones

Sunny Side, Leflore County, Mississippi

December 5, 1902

James Armstrong Jones

Sunny Side, Leflore County, Mississippi

November 22, 1907

Ula viola West Jones

Schlater, Leflore County, Mississippi

December 1, 1929

Sunday night 11:03 P.M.

Edna Eloise Jones Curtis

Greenwood, Mississippi

April 7, 1953

Means Johnston, Jr.

Greenwood, Mississippi

June 20, 1957

Ida McGehee J. Warren

Blowing Rock, North Carolina

January 31, 1932