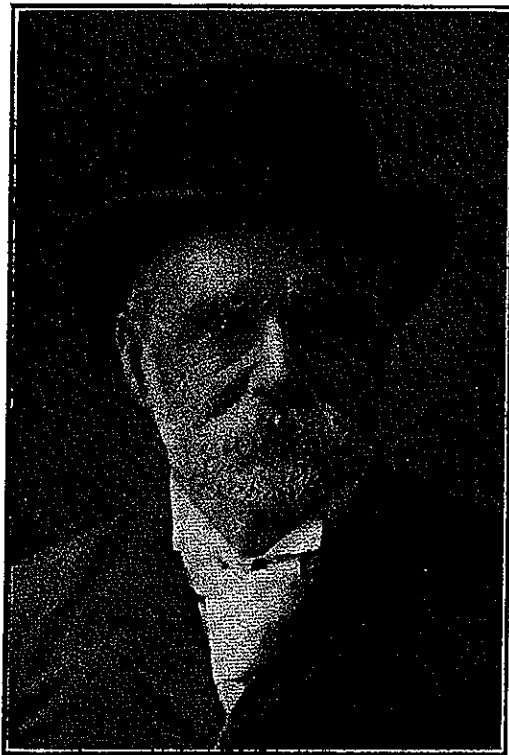


## JOHN H. JONES

In the published sketch of Land Surveyors issued by the Provincial Government in 1878, there are six named Jones, and of these six the name of John Henry Jones is the latest.



We have published sketches of Augustus Jones (1788) and Francis Jones (1840). So far we have been unable to discover a trace of Robert Jones, whose name appears next to that of Augustus in the Government List. Arthur Jones, P.L.S., of Chatham, who qualified in 1858 and died in 1872, was not connected with the John H. Jones family.

The subject of this sketch, John Henry Jones, was born on October 11th, 1840. His grandfather, Henry Jones, R.N., came to Canada about 1830, from Devon, England, and acquired eleven lots on the shore of Lake Huron, upon which he made his home at Maxwell, west of Perch, also four or five parcels on the River St. Clair, part of which is now included in the City of Sarnia. He lived at Maxwell, and was buried on the estate. His wife died in England before he came to Canada. He married secondly, his deceased wife's sister.

Henry Jones, R.N., had five children: Henry, Elizabeth P., John Humphrey, Julia M., and Edward R., all by his first wife.

John Humphrey Jones, 2nd son of Henry Jones, was born January 15th, 1813, and died on August 4th, 1889. He married Letitia Salter, a sister of Albert Pelew Salter, the well-known Surveyor, of Sandwich, and of Canon George J. R. Salter, the first rector of St. George's Church, Sarnia, and afterwards of Grace Church, Brantford. Canon Salter married Maria Vidal, daughter of Senator Vidal, also a Surveyor. Mrs. John Humphrey Jones died about May 2nd, 1893.

He lived on the Jones Estate, Maxwell, until within a year of his death, when he removed to Sarnia.

They had the following children:—

John Henry, 1840-1919.

Julia Sophia (unmarried), 1842-June 30th, 1866.

Edward Albert, 1844 (dead).

Susan Mary (married A. B. Hyde), 1846-1921.

Paul John, 1848. Now living in Sarnia.

Richard Inglis, 1850. Now living in Winnipeg.

Henry Robert, 1852 (dead), (died about 1870).

James White, 1854 (died in infancy).

Thomas Humphrey, 1856.

Esther Maria E. (unmarried), born November 5th, 1858, 1858-1921.

George Evans, 1860 (died in Brandon, 1923).

Edward Robert Jones, P.L.S., of Sarnia, born at Plymouth, England in 1850, was a younger brother of John Humphrey Jones. He died at Sarnia on May 1st, 1882, and his widow on December 28th, 1915.

John Henry Jones received his education at the Public and Grammar Schools at Sarnia, and studied surveying with his two uncles, Albert P. Salter and E. R. Jones. He qualified on October 10th, 1863.

On April 13th, 1864, he married Margaret Scott, of Plymton Township. She died on April 11th, 1919, only eighteen days before her husband. They had no children.

The following paragraphs have been contributed by his nephew, W. J. K. Vanston, of New York, who acted as assistant to his uncle for some time.

“He practised surveying and drainage engineering for over 50 years with headquarters at Sarnia, practically the entire time—a remarkable record for a land Surveyor. In most of this period he was engineer of the Town (later City) of Sarnia, as well as engineer of the Township of Sarnia. He was also during a considerable part of this time, engineer of the County of Lambton. While he was engineer of Sarnia, the major portion of the sewerage system was constructed in accordance with his plans and under his personal supervision.

“Drainage had much to do with the agricultural development of the country adjacent to Sarnia, and a great deal of his time was occupied with drainage work, a type of engineering in which he was regarded as an expert. Among his more

important works of this kind should be included the improvement of the Perch and Pulse Creeks, which were large drainage operations involving dredge construction. These were done under his plans and supervision in his capacity as engineer of the Township of Sarnia.

"He was a man of more than ordinary ability; was widely read and took a deep interest in his two principal hobbies, astronomy and geology. As a geologist he was unusually well posted for an amateur, having fortified his theoretical knowledge of the subject with an extensive collection of geological specimens, which had had acquired in the course of his travels. As a young man, he was an enthusiastic and skillful cricketer. Throughout his life he belonged to the Episcopal Church and regularly attended services at St. Georges, Sarnia."

When a young man he was employed on what is known as the Herrick line, north of Lake Superior. For many years he was town engineer at Sarnia, and the greater part of the original sewerage system of this town was constructed under his supervision. He joined the Association of the Ontario Land Surveyors when it was organized in 1896. In the Annual Report for 1899, will be found a valuable paper by Mr. Jones, entitled "Perch Drain Dredging Work."

He resigned as town engineer in 1907.

He died at Sarnia on April 29th, 1919, and was buried at Lakeview Cemetery.

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