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NICHOLAS JOHN JONES

AND

MARY ANN JONES

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## NICHOLAS JOHN JONES, POLICEMAN

Nicholas John Jones was born in Ireland in 1825. He came to America when he was young lad. However, he did not come to Savannah, Georgia, until 1870. From May 26, 1871 through 1884 he was a private in the Savannah Police Force. He was married twice. His first wife Mary died in 1887. He married Annie the next year. In 1882, Nicholas and Mary built a row of houses on East Liberty Street. They rented these houses. He was active in buying and selling property. He died on June 21, 1910, of kidney disease and is buried in the Catholic Cemetary.

MARY ANN JONES, DRESSMAKER

Mary Ann Jones was born in Dublin Ireland on October 20, 1842. She came to Savannah, Georgia, in 1870 with her husband Nicholas. They had been living somewhere else in the United States before coming to Savannah. Mary and Nicholas built a row of houses on East Liberty Street in 1882. They rented these houses. Mary opened a second-hand clothing store in 1880 and ran it until her death. Mary died on June 20, 1887, of fatty infiltration of the heart, and is buried in Catholic Cemetary.

NICHOLAS JOHN JONES 1825-1910

AND

MARY ANN JONES 1842-1887

Nicholas John Jones was born in Ireland in 1825, and came to America when he was a young lad.<sup>1</sup> At his death in 1910, he had been living in Savannah for about forty years.<sup>2</sup> Nicholas' wife, Mary Ann was born in Dublin, Ireland, on October 20, 1842.<sup>3</sup> They probably were already married when they came to Savannah, Georgia, in 1870.<sup>4</sup>

On May 26, 1871, Nicholas was appointed to the Savannah Police Force.<sup>5</sup> Nicholas and Mary were living on West Broad Street on the corner of Zubly Street.<sup>6</sup> On May 31, 1871, Nicholas bought lot number 29 Elliot Ward, on the corner of Gwinett and Burroughs Streets from the firm of Ketchum and Hartridge for \$974.00.<sup>7</sup> By 1874, they were living on the south side of Perry Street, one door west of Houston Street.<sup>8</sup> Nicholas was still a private on the police force.<sup>9</sup>

There is a possibility that Mary was related in some way to James D. Reynolds. He probably was Mary's brother, and her maiden name was Reynolds.<sup>10</sup> James' only daughter, Ellie, probably Mary's niece, died on September 25, 1876.<sup>11</sup> The cause of her death was yellow fever. She was 6 years, 9 months old and was buried in Catholic Cemetery.<sup>12</sup>

By 1877, Mary and Nicholas were living at 37 McDonough Street, and Nicholas was still a private on the police force.<sup>13</sup> They were renting this house.<sup>14</sup> By June 1880, the Joneses were living at 184 South Broad Street, and James Reynolds and his family were living in the Joneses old house at 37 McDonough.<sup>15</sup>

In 1879, during the May term of Superior Court, Nicholas and Mary made an application for leave to sell homestead property. The Honorable William B. Fleming approved it on June 28, 1887.<sup>16</sup> This would indicate that they lived in a rural area before coming to Savannah.

The house that the Jones lived at on South Broad Street was located on the corner of Jefferson Street and sometimes call 48 Jefferson Street. Mary opened a second-hand clothing store in their home during 1880, They remain there and Mary probably ran the store through the first half of 1887.<sup>17</sup>

In 1880, Nicholas was still in the police force earning \$720.00 a year. In 1880 he missed 34 tours of duty, and in 1881 he missed 32 tours of duty.<sup>18</sup> This would indicate that he must have been ill a large part of 1880 and 1881, for him to have missed so much work. He resigned on December 17, 1884, after almost fourteen years on the force. He was still a private and about 59 years old.<sup>19</sup>

On February 11, 1882, the Joneses bought lot number 43 Crawford Ward from Lucinda J. Buckner for \$400.00. The property was subject and annual ground rent of \$19.24.<sup>20</sup> A two story brick house, 409 East Perry Street, was built for them on the west half

of this lot in 1883.<sup>21</sup> They sold the lot to Patrick H. Coker, M.D., for \$850.00, on July 2, 1884.<sup>22</sup>

On March 15, 1882, Nicholas and Mary borrowed \$5000.00 from the Southern Bank of the State of Georgia. They gave as security lots number 62 and 63 Crawford Ward.<sup>23</sup> There is no deed that shows when these two lots were bought, but the tax assessment was change to the Joneses on October 11, 1881.<sup>24</sup> The loan was to be paid in one year, with an interest of 8%. The loan was paid in full and the security returned on June 14, 1884.<sup>25</sup> On March four tenements were begun to be built for the Joneses on these lots. The houses would be two stories high and contain six rooms each.<sup>26</sup> This was probably the purpose of the loan.

On September 2, 1885, they borrowed \$1500.00 again from the Southern Bank of the State of Georgia, on the same conditions, and with the same security as the first loan. This loan was repaid and the security returned on September 3, 1886.<sup>27</sup> In 1885, two more houses were built for them adjoining the first group.<sup>28</sup> This was probably the purpose of the second loan.

On October 20, 1882, James Reynolds' son, John M., probably Mary's nephew, married Miss Mary E. Harney. They later had three daughters, only one of whom married, and one son, James, who died August 17, 1900 at 13 years old. He was buried in Catholic Cemetary.<sup>29</sup>

On October 30, 1886, James D. Reynolds died of heart disease. He was 62 years old and still living at 37 McDonought Street. He left a wife Ellen M. and one son, John, as well as Mary Jones, who was probably his sister.<sup>30</sup>

On June 20, 1887, Mary died at their home on South Broad Street. She died of Fatty infiltration of the heart.<sup>31</sup> She was 44 years old. The funeral was held on June 22, at their home with services at Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. She was buried in Catholic Cemetery.<sup>32</sup>

When Mary died she possessed real and personal property worth \$4000.00. On June 21st it was necessary for Nicholas to obtain a temporary letter of administration so that he could draw money from Mary's account.<sup>33</sup> The purpose of this money was probably so he could buy a cemetery lot and pay the funeral expenses. In order for Nicholas to become the temporary administrator of Mary's estate he was required to post a \$1500.00 bond. Mr. James J. McGowan became his bondsman. He was relieved of the bond on October 11, 1887, when Nicholas was made administrator of her estate. Nicholas was Mary's only heir.<sup>34</sup>

By the beginning of 1888, Nicholas was boarding at 46 Liberty Street.<sup>35</sup> On February 8, 1888, he married again, a widow named Annie McCabe.<sup>36</sup> Nicholas was about 62 years old, and Annie was about 43.

Annie's maiden name was Kelly. On January 28, 1874, she had married Alexander F. McCabe,<sup>37</sup> a clerk from Albany, New York.<sup>36</sup>



They lived at 146 $\frac{1}{2}$  Bryan Street, with a family named Moriarty. Patrick Moriarty kept a saloon at that address and the family must have lived behind or over it.<sup>39</sup> Patrick had a wife named Eliza, they were married April 25, 1886,<sup>40</sup> and had two children: a daughter, Elizabeth A., called Lizzie born about 1868,<sup>41</sup> and a son, John F., born in the first part of 1871.<sup>42</sup> There was definitely a connection between Annie and the Moriartys, but the nature of the connection is unknown.

Alexander F. McCabe died on July 9, 1874, of continued fever; he was 33 years old.<sup>43</sup> He and Annie had been married for six months. Annie was a few months pregnant at the the time of his death. The baby, Alexander E., was born on about November 24th, and died on December 15, 1874, and was buried in Catholic Cemetary. Annie had gone to live with her sister and had the baby there.<sup>44</sup>

Annie's sister was Mrs. Susan G. McVeigh; her husband was Edward McVeigh a slaoon-keeper.<sup>45</sup> Susan and Edward were married on December 29, 1870.<sup>46</sup> They lived over or next to his saloon at 81 Bay Street. Annie stayed with them for 12 years, from her husbands death in 1874 until Edwards' death.<sup>47</sup> He died on September 24, 1886, at his home, of dysenetry.<sup>48</sup> Susan and Annie moved to a house at 12 Abercorn Street.<sup>49</sup>

When Nicholas and Annie married in 1888, they moved into Nicholas' house number 48 Liberty Street East, later renumber 402 East Liberty Street. Lizzie and John F. Moriarty moved in with them.<sup>50</sup> Their father, Patrick, had died on July 10, 1879, of unknown causes,<sup>51</sup> and their mother, Eliza, had died on October 4, 1882, of anemia. Edward McVeigh, a friend, was named administrator of the estate. Lizzie and John still minors, apparently went to live with the McVeighs and Annie.<sup>52</sup>

On August 1, 1888, Nicholas was appointed Trustee and guardian of the Moriarty children and they came to live with Nicholas and Annie. He sold on their behalf, for \$2780.00, on August 8, the property on Broughton Street that their father had bought in trust for them. Each child was to receive half of the profit from this sale, when they reach 21. Lizzie's half, amounted to \$1108.68, was paid to her on January 16, 1889. Nicholas invested John's share at an interest rate of 8% per year. He came of age and received his share \$1012.82, on April 4, 1892. He seem to have left Savannah soon afterwards.<sup>53</sup>

During the 1890's Nicholas was very active in buying and selling property. On January 7, 1890, he bought for \$590.00, from John J. Brewer, fourteen lots in an area called Jonesville.<sup>54</sup> He kept these fourteen lots until his death in 1910. The other

property that he bought during this period he resold later at a profit.<sup>55</sup>

Nicholas, Annie, and Lizzie Moriarty continued living at 402 East Liberty Street through 1906.<sup>56</sup> On March 7, 1907, Nicholas made his will. It was quite simple everything was left to Annie, after his debts were paid. It was witnessed by T.J. Mooney, J.A. Stegin, and Joseph Molina, the clerk of the Ordinary.<sup>57</sup>

Nicholas died on June 21, 1910, at his home, of chronic nephritis (kidney Disease). He was 85 years old and had been ill for some time. The funeral was held at 9 o'clock the next morning at his home, with services at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. He was buried in Catholic Cemetery, next to his first wife, Mary. The pallbearers were P. Gearon, J.W. Joyce, P.F. Curry, Dan Conners, E.F. McCabe, and T.J. Evans.<sup>58</sup>

Annie petitioned to be named executrix of Nicholas will and her request was granted on June 24, 1910. She petitioned to be released as executrix, after the estate was settled, on October 30, 1911; letters of dismissory were issued by the court on December 6, 1911.<sup>59</sup>

Annie and Lizzie continued living at 402 East Liberty Street. Lizzie had worked as a clerk, cashier and bookkeeper

with various Savannah companies, since 1888; she never married.

She continued to work at least until 1921.<sup>60</sup>

Annie made her will on March 19, 1912. She left five dollars a month for five years after her death, to be used in having Masses said during said five years for the repose of her soul, and the soul of her deceased husband, N.J. Jones, and the soul, of his deceased wife, Mary A. Jones. She left \$300.00, to be safely invested and the income to be used for the care and maintenance of the two lots they owned in Catholic Cemetary ( Section N Lot 70, and Section O Lot 23).<sup>61</sup>

She left to her friend, Mrs. Maggie Fernandez, two hundred dollars, her friend, Mrs G. Good, one hundred dollars, her God-child Ruth Petrinovich two hundred dollars. She bequeath to the Reverend William Quinlan of the Chruch Immaculate Conception, Atlanta Georgia, for his personal uses , the sum of three hundred dollars. She bequeath all of her household furniture, and books and book-cases, to her friend Miss Lizzie Moriarty, and also give to her for and during her natural life, her residence with grounds attached, 402 East Liberty Street. She gave to her friend Mrs. Stella Molina, for and during her natural life, the residence attached, 404 East Liberty Street. After Stella's death, the residence would be given to Stella's two children, Stella and Isabelle, for and during their natural life.<sup>62</sup>

With the exception to what has already been listed, she bequeathed all of her estate and property, of every kind, character, and description, and wherever situate, to which she may be entitled at law or in equity at the time of her death, unto the Female Orphan and Benevolent Society known as Saint Mary's Orphan Home, on Habersham Street in Savannah, and the Saint Joseph's Male Orphanage, and the institution of learning for boys, located at Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia. The property was to be divided equal between them.<sup>63</sup>

Annie republished her will on February 20, 1919. She revoke the money that was to be given to Mrs. Fernandez and Ruth Petrinovich. She also change it so that Lizzie would receive all of her personal property. Everything else remained the same. Both wills were witness by the same men: E. Carmel Murphy, Rufus G. Richards, and R.R. Richards.<sup>64</sup>

Annie had a stroke about midnight on June 20, 1920, and died 36 hours later at noon, June 22, 1920, at her home. She was 75 years old. The funeral was held the next afternoon at her home with services at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. She was buried in Catholic Cemetary next to her first husband.<sup>65</sup>

Lizzie went on living in her house at 402 East Liberty

Street until her death, on March 31, 1950. On the evening of March 17, 1950, she fell off a chair and fractured her pelvis. She was put into St. Joseph's Hospital and died there two weeks later. She was 82 years old. She was buried the next day in Catholic Cemetery. She left no will.<sup>66</sup> The house at 402 East Liberty Street went to the two orphanages to be divided equal between them.<sup>67</sup>

## NOTES

1. Obituary, N.J. Jones, Savannah Morning News, June 22, 1910, p. 5, col. 5.
2. Ibid.
3. Tombstone, Section N Lot 70, Catholic Cemetary.
4. There age is an indication, and the fact there is no record of a marriage license in Chatham County makes it almost certain, but there is no direct proof.
5. Municipal Reports City of Savannah, 1871, p. 48.
6. Savannah City Directory, 1871.
7. Chatham County Deed Books, Book 4L, Folio 63-65.
8. Savannah City Directory, 1874.
9. Ibid.
10. Obituary, James D. Reynolds, mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Jones as if they were close relatives, Savannah Morning News, October 31, 1886, p. 3, col. 4. Reynolds is also mentioned in the invitation to Mary's funeral as if he were a close relative, Savannah Morning News, June 22, 1887, p. 2, col. 6.
11. Obituary, Reynolds, Savannah Morning News, September 27, 1876, p. 3, col. 1.
12. Chatham County Death Certificate, on file cards, alphabetically by year.
13. Savannah City Directory, 1877/79.
14. There is no deed listed for either Nicholas or Mary for this property.
15. Savannah City Directory, 1880, and 1880 Census, Enumeration District 19, p. 10.
16. Chatham County Civil Minutes March 1879-April 1880, p. 182.
17. Savannah City Directories, 1880-86.

18. Municipal Reports City of Savannah, 1880, p. 43 and 1881, p. 71. Savannah City Directories, 1879, p. 31, and 1884, p. 8.
19. Municipal Reports City of Savannah, 1884, p. 54.
20. Chatham County Deed Book, Book 5 C, Folio 394-395.
21. Crawford Ward Book, lot 43.
22. Chatham County Deed Book, Book 5 N, Folio 196-197.
23. Chatham County Deed Book, Book 5 D, Folio 45-48.
24. Crawford Ward Book, lots 63 and 64.
25. Chatham County Deed Book, Book 5 D, Folio 45-48.
26. Savannah Morning News, March 18, 1882, p. 4, col. 5.
27. Chatham County Deed Books, Book 5 Q, Folio 387-390, and Book, 5 X, Folio 266-268.
28. Crawford Ward Book, lots 63 and 64.
29. Chatham County Marriages Licenses vol. D, Folio 58; Catholic Cemetary Index vol. 1 ; Tombstone Section Magnolia Division lot 78, Catholic Cemetary; Death Certificates vol. 71, p. 1254.
30. Savannah Morning News, October 31, 1886, p. 3, col. 4; Catholic Cemetary Index vol. 1; Death Certificate.
31. Death Certificates (file card). There are two cards for Mary A. Jones: one gives June 20th as the date of death; the other gives June 21st. Her tombstone has June 20th and her estate file 194 also gives the 20th.
32. Funeral Notice, Mary A. Jones, Savannah Morning News, June 22, 1887, p. 2, col. 6; Tombstone Section N lot 70, Catholic Cemetary.
33. Chatham County Estate Recorde, File No. 194.
34. Ibid.



35. Savannah City Directory, 1888.
36. Marriage License vol. G, Folio 96.
37. Marriage License vol. 1873-77, Folio 165.
38. Savannah City Directory 1874; Death Certificate file card.
39. Savannah City Directory 1874.
40. Marriage License vol. 1851-66, Folio 170.
41. Estate Records File No. 689; Death Certificates vol. 121. p. 359; 1870 Census, City of Savannah, vol. 4 (1-199), p. 110, Numbers 6-8.
42. Estate Records File No. 689; 1880 Census, Chatham County Enumeration District 27, p. 21.
43. Death Certificate; Catholic Cemetary Index, vol. 1; Funeral Invitation, Savannah Morning News July 10, 1874, p.2, col. 6. and July 15, 1874, p. 3, col. 3. McCabes' tombstone, Section 0 Lot 23, Catholic Cemetary, gives his dates as 1845-1885, but according to all these sources he died in 1874, not 1885. This tombstone was only put after Annie's death almost 50 years after Alexander's death, according to Annie's will, Estate Records File 440.
44. Catholic Cemetary Index vol. 1; Death Certificate.
45. In Memorium Savannah Morning News October 3, 1886, p. 3, col. 4.
46. Marriage License vol. 1866-73, Folio 155.
47. Savannah City Directories 1871-1886.
48. Death Certificate.
49. Savannah City Directory 1888.
50. Savannah City Directories 1888, p. 436, and 1889.
51. Savannah Morning News July 12, 1879, p. 3, col. 4.

52. The Catholic Cemetary Index vol. 1 and Death Certificates, both have a Mary Moriarty, not Eliza, but the dates and address are correct for Eliza; Estate Records file 604; Deed Book 6 L, Folio 31-33; Savannah City Directories 1886-1888.
53. Estate Records File 689; Deed Book 6 L, Folio 31-33 and Book 4 S, Folio 153-155; Savannah City Directories 1889-1894.
54. Deed Book 6 Q, Folio 38 and Folio 360-361.
55. Deed Books: 7 C, Folio 383-384, 6 S, Folio 228-229 and Folio 292-293, 6 T, Folio 230-231, 6 U, Folio 136-137 and Folio 389-391, 6 W, Folio 314-316.
56. In 1895, Savannah change address, Savannah City Directories 1890-1906.
57. Estate Records File 337.
58. Obituary and Funeral Announcement, Savannah Morning News June 22, 1910, p. 5, col. 5 and p. 2, col.3; Death Certificate; Catholic Cemetary Index vol. 1; Tombstone Section N Lot 70, Catholic Cemetary.
59. Estate Records File 337.
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61. Estate Records File 440.
62. Ibid.
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