

S. M. Jones



Sim Maleous Jones, son of John Jones and Tabitha Poyner, was born 5 Jun 1870 Franklin, Williamson Co., near Nashville, Tennessee and died 5 Oct 1934 Beamsville, Ontario. Buried in Mount Osborne Cemetery, Beamsville, Ontario

Married Ida Culp, daughter of James Warner Culp and Emma Southern, 5 Sept. 1900 in Beamsville, Ontario

She was born Jun 1876 in Detroit, Wayne Co., Michigan and died 28 Nov 1921 in Beamsville. She attended the Beamsville Bible School. Buried in Mount Osborne Cemetery, Beamsville, Ontario

Married Ella May Johnstone, daughter of William John and Hattie Amelia Johnstone 21 June 1923 Trafalgar Twp., Ontario

She was born 25 Apr 1890 and died

Attended the Nashville Bible School 1893-94, 1894-95, 1895-96, 1896-97, 1897-98 and 1898-99. Listed as from Carpenter's Tennessee

See references in *The Bible Student* by and about S. M. Jones.



Canada Notes

Brother S. M. Jones, lately of the Nashville (Tenn.) Bible School, has been laboring successfully in Canada since January last and has just closed a fine meeting at Beamsville that resulted in twenty-eight being added to the one body. A full report is expected shortly. From Beamsville he went to Smithville, where he is now engaged in a good meeting. When he is through there, his next meeting will be held in the city of St. Catharines, where Brother Madison Wright has been carrying on a good work during the past year.

Brother E. A. Elam is booked for a meeting at Meaford, Canada, to commence about January 1, 1899. We know the brethren there will look forward to this meeting with great pleasure, and we hope the churches will keep him in the evangelistic field as long as possible.

Among the late arrivals at the Nashville Bible School from Meaford, Canada, are Mr. and Mrs. John Deegan, Mr. and Mrs. James Trout, Miss Maud York, Miss Emily Falls, W. F. Cox, and John Jay. W. E. Trout, who is in charge of the Commercial Department of the Bible

School, came with his wife and child the last of September. From the city of St. Catharines we have Brother Ellis Claus, and from Carman, Manitoba, we have Brothers Stanley York and Norman Mallory. With Brother Whitfield, who has been here two terms, and Brother Mackie, we make up a fair representation from that part of the continent.

Brother W. Campbell, of the, Plum Street Church, Detroit, Mich., commenced a meeting for the brethren worshipping on Brunswick avenue in the city of Toronto, Monday. October 17. He is sure to have a good meeting, as he is one of the most successful evangelists that Canada has produced.

Gospel Advocate, November 10, 1898, p. 723.

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We were quite surprised when Bro S M Jones came over this morning he brought a brother Jackson along to go to school they are both boarding here. Jones in late for supper

Mary Williams Trout Diary, 1898

THURS. APRIL 13, 1899

About as hot today as yesterday To Lipscombs classes James & I went to Capitol to hear Congress which is still in session to Topic and singing all boys went to hear Tant Jas & I called at McCandless also Grants home at 8:20 Not very well today. Jones making charts all went for picture

THURSDAY 27 [APR 1899]

Had a seat to self quite a lot of sleep S. M. Jones left us this morning we got the early train at Cincinnati arriving in Detroit at 4:20 Went to John Yorks then Carries for evening McKaig girls called on us Campbells and Lily Falls – Emma went to Lizzies Johns baby Wilford

Mary Williams Trout Diary, 1899

The Church at Carman [by] W. Eatough

A list of meetings following show that the best available help was secured from the beginning, 1892 Brother Harding, 1892 Brother J. W. Hines (20 additions), 1893 Brother Paul Hayes, 1894 Brother E. A. Elam, 1895 Brother Madison Wright, 1897 Brother J. A. Craig, 1898 Brother A. Foster, in residence till 1903, 1900 Brother Roberts, 1964 Brother W. D. Campbell, 1906 Brother M. Watterworth, 1906 Brothers S. Jones. Among other helpers may be mentioned Brethren Hugh Rogers, 1899, Brother C. W. Petch, Brother P. Crossley, Brother C. Montgomery.

Gospel Herald, Mar. 1941, p. 10

The Beamsville Church at the Beginning of the 20th Century: a Study of one Congregation's Response to Division [by] Edwin L. Broadus

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Through Harding's influence young preachers from the Bible School began coming to Canada to preach. One of these was S. M. Jones, who was later to move to Beamsville to found a Bible School. He spent the rest of his life there. Jones first came to Meaford in 1898 and through his influence and that of Harding eight people from that church went later that year to study under Harding at Nashville Bible School. It is also significant that a year earlier, in 1897, while Samuel Keffer preached for the Beamsville church, Madison Wright, another of Harding's students, made a preaching tour in Ontario which included a stop in Beamsville. It is likely that another young Canadian, Samuel Whitfield, went to Nashville Bible School through Wright's influence. At any rate, Harding's influence in Meaford and on Samuel Keffer, as well as the subsequent influence of young preachers like Jones and Wright, led to a succession of Nashville

Bible School products in Beamsville. Others, besides Madison Wright and S. M. Jones, included Samuel Whitfield and Howard Stirling (in 1898-1899 and 1899-1900, respectively). One can be sure that these young preachers reinforced views like those set forth earlier by Stevens and Evans.

After shorter preaching visits, S. M. Jones moved to Beamsville in 1900 and two years later he founded Beamsville Bible School; he trained a considerable number of young people. In 1910 the Beamsville church divided. Jones was at the centre of the controversy and the split was not healed until after his death many years later. But this division was over personalities and had nothing to do with larger church controversies because both parties were decidedly conservative.

The Campbell-Stone movement in Ontario: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Churches of Christ, Independent Christian Churches/Churches of Christ. Edited by Claude E. Cox. Lewiston/Queenston: Edwin Mellen Press, c1995, p. 282-283

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After Sherman left, preachers of a more conservative bent came to Beamsville. Besides W. D. Campbell, these included H. F. Stevens, H. M. Evans, Samuel Keffer, Howard Stirling, Samuel Whitfield and S. M. Jones. ... Stirling, Whitfield, and Jones were all young men who had attended Nashville Bible School in Tennessee and were strongly opposed to instrumental music and missionary societies, where were subjects of great controversy in the brotherhood at that time. ... These Nashville trained preachers were also intensely evangelistic, and these were years of long and successful gospel meetings. S. M. Jones baptized 28 in a five-week meeting in Beamsville in 1898, after Madison Wright, another Nashville product, had baptized 20

in a meeting of the same length the previous year.

Prospects for the church looked very bright as the 20th century began. Membership was about 200. In 1902, with the backing of Evans and others, S. M. Jones began Beamsville Bible School in the lower level of the church building. Evans described it as "the only school in Ontario where Christian fathers and mothers can send their sons and daughters with the assurance that they will be looked after and cared for in Christian homes and where they will be free from the evil influence of sectarianism and digressionism". About 20 enrolled that fall. Madison Wright joined Jones on the teaching staff. By 1905 L. E. Huntsman had also joined the faculty. Subjects advertised that year included Bible, Vocal and Instrumental Music, English, Greek, Latin, French, German, Mathematics, Bookkeeping, Expression, Physical Culture, Philosophy, Art, and Science – quite a formidable array of subject for a small school!

But prosperity was short-lived, for in 1910 the Beamsville church divided. Charges and countercharges were made. Three-fourths of the church wanted Jones to quit preaching for the congregation and "demanded" that he "leave peaceably". He and those who sided with him accused the others of "forcing the doctrines of men" upon the church. The church's elders resigned, those members who left built a new meeting place about one-half block up the street (the present Presbyterian building) for about \$5,000, and Jones moved the school to that location. Whatever the causes of division and whoever was to blame, it was a serious setback to the cause of Christ, not only in Beamsville, but also in all Ontario, for the Beamsville church was one of the largest in the province at that time.

As these events indicate, S. M. Jones was one of the most controversial and at the

same time one of the most influential persons in the history of the Beamsville church. A Tennessean, he came to Canada by January, 1897, after completing his training at Nashville Bible School. On September 5, 1900, he married Ida Culp at Beamsville, and they made their home here for more than 20 years until her death. (Jones later remarried and remained in Beamsville until his death in 1934.) James A. Harding, president of the Nashville Bible School and one of Jones' teachers, remembered him as a young preacher of great promise. A contemporary described him as "a plain, practical speaker" who "presents the truth with great force and earnestness." He also obviously was determined and persistent, for he began and maintained the Beamsville Bible School for about 14 years, despite serious obstacles. Some of these same characteristics helped place him at the center of the controversy resulting in division, but as cooler heads later recognized, the blame for the split was shared by others.

. . . Perhaps the first evangelist to come after the division was Harold H. Hawley of Michigan. For a brief time he attempted a Bible School, perhaps in opposition to the one operated by Jones. Classes were scheduled three nights a week, with additional private studies available during the day. Ironically, Hawley, like Jones, had studied under James A. Harding, first at Nashville Bible School and then at Potter Bible School in Kentucky. He stayed for less than a year.

A Church upon the New Testament Alone: the History of the Beamsville Church of Christ, 1832-1982. Beamsville, Ont.: Beamsville Church of Christ, 1982, p. 9-11.

ANNUAL JUNE MEETING, O. E. Tallman
The Annual June Meeting of the Disciples of Christ in the Niagara District, opened at Fenwick on Saturday afternoon.

L. E. Huntsman officiated in the afternoon, and short talks were given by Bros. Geo. Gamble and J. Dean, of Fenwick; Wm. Forester, T. T. Reilly and Jas. Stewart, of Toronto; John Yake, of Stouffville; O. E. Tallman, of Smithville; Ellis Claus, Valdosta, Ga; Chas. Claus, St. Catharines; Chas. W. Petch, Selkirk; S. M. Jones, Beamsville; and W. F. Neal, Meaford.
The Bible Student, July 1904, p. 3

Evangelist S. M. Jones Gone to Reward

Evangelist S. M. Jones, of the Church of Christ Beamsville, for over 30 years, passed on to his long rest early on Friday morning, October 5th. He was in his 65th year, and was born near Nashville, Tenn., June 15th, 1870.

He resided here for 21 years, attending the Nashville Bible School for five years, preaching during the summer in different States. He moved to Gadsden, Ala., where he taught school and continued preaching. About the year 1897 he was called to Meaford, Ont., and a short time after that he came to Beamsville to do Evangelistic work, where he spent the remainder of his life with the exception of one year at Pekin, N.Y. He founded the Beamsville Bible School about the year 1900, and acted as Principal and Bible and Language Teacher for 14 years.

In September 1909, he married Ida Culp, of Beamsville, who predeceased him by thirteen years. Six children were born to them: Paul and Harding, Buffalo, N.Y.; James and Albert, Hamilton; Mrs. W. H. Picken, Miami, Fla., and Rosalie at home.

Mr. Jones married again in 1923, Ella May Johnstone, of Oakville, Ont., and she with the six children are left to mourn the loss.

A host of friends regret his passing and the entire district here suffered a great loss. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon to Mount Osborne cemetery. Mr. H. H. Adamson of Detroit, Mich., conducted

the funeral services.

Beamsville Express, October 10, 1934, p. 8

Death of Mrs. Jones

Many friends were saddened on Monday to learn of the death of Ida Culp beloved wife of Evangelist S. M. Jones, who passed away on Monday, Nov. 28th in her 46th year. Death came as a great release after weeks of suffering. The deceased was born in the city of Detroit but had lived in this district all of her life. Besides the sorrowing husband six children survive, Leila, Rosalie, Paul, Harding, James & Albert. Her father, J. W. Culp, one sister, Mrs.

W. C. Mackie, one brother, Mr. Clint Culp, all of Beamsville, also survive. The funeral is being held this afternoon, meeting at the Church of Christ for services at 3 p.m., interment in Mount Osborne cemetery. Evangelist Harding, of Toronto, conducted the services. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the family in their bereavement.

Beamsville Express, Nov. 30, 1921, p. 1

Old Beamsville Resident Died

Mrs. (Rev.) S. M. Jones Beloved in District

From Our Own Correspondent

Beamsville, Nov. 29.—Not only in the immediate circle of her family will the demise of Mrs. S. M. Jones (Ida Culp) be mourned, but over a wide district wherein dwelt the congregation of her husband, Rev. S. M. Jones, of the Disciple church. Born forty-five years ago in Detroit, Mich., she came early to Beamsville, living with her grandparents, the late Andrew and Mrs. Thompson. She acquired her education in the local schools, and at an early age married the Rev. S. Jones. Besides her husband and father, three sons, two daughters, a brother and sister survive. The funeral will be held

to-morrow afternoon.

Mrs. S M Jones

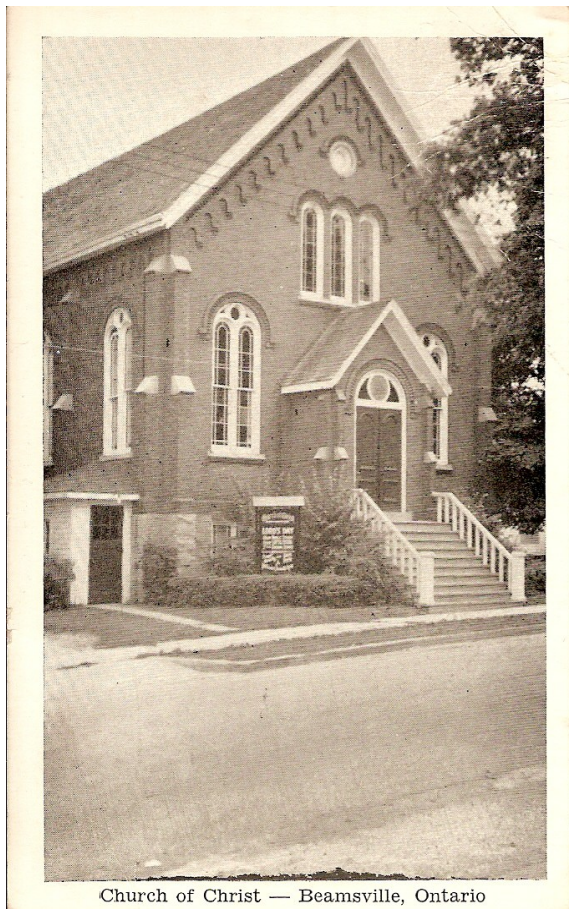
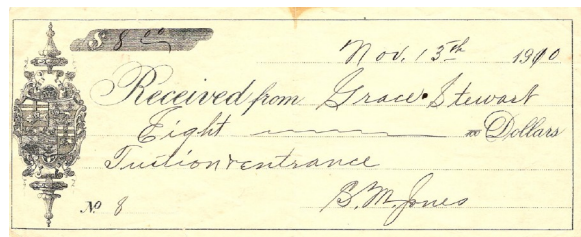
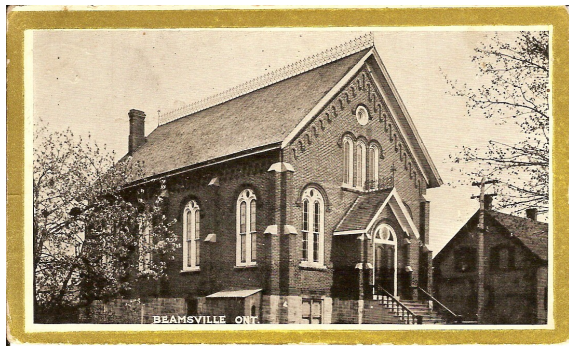
A former resident of Beamsville, Mrs. Ella May Jones, of 118 Ealem Ave., Hamilton, died at the Chedoke General Hospital on Sunday afternoon after an illness of three months.

Born in Oakville 80 years ago, the late Mrs. Jones lived in Beamsville during the time her husband, the late S M Jones was evangelist of the Church of Christ here. Mr Jones died in 1934 and two years later she moved to Hamilton.

Surviving her are one stepson, James Jones in Don Mills, two step-daughters, Mrs. W H (Leila) Picken, Miami, Florida and Miss Rosalie Jones, at home and two sisters, Mrs. Robert (Sadie) Brown, Palermo and Mrs Harriet McDuffie, Milton.

The funeral service was held at the Tallman Funeral Chapel, Beamsville on Tuesday afternoon with Mr David M Johnson of Hamilton conducting the service. Interment was in Mount Osborne Cemtery.

Ontario Marriage Registration: #012489-23
Sim Malious JONES, 53, clergyman, U.S.A., Beamsville, s/o John JONES, (b. Franklin Tennessee) & Tabitha POYNER, married Ella May **JOHNSTONE**, 33, stenographer, Canada, Trafalgar Twp, d/o William John JOHNSTONE, (b. Caledonia) & Harriet Amelia JOHNSTONE, witn: Paul JAMES, Beamsville & Sadie JOHNSTONE, Oakville, 21 June 1923 at the bride's home Trafalgar Twp



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Who have attended the Beamsville Bible School.

Bailey, T. W.	Griersville, Ont.
Bailey, T. W., Mrs.	Griersville, Ont.
Book, Inez	Vineland, Ont.
Blong, George	Concord, Ont.
Brown, Benjamin	Jura, Ont.
Claus, Ethel	St. Catharines, Ont.
Claus, Laura	St. Catharines, Ont.
Comfort, Edna	Beamsville, Ont.
Comfort, Willie	Campden, Ont.
Conn, Frank	Fenwick, Ont.
Cox, Frank	Meaford, Ont.
Cox, W. F.	Meaford, Ont.
Cox, W. F., Mrs.	Meaford, Ont.
Cox, Edna	Caperich, Ont.
Culp, Lillie	Beamsville, Ont.
Culp, Archie	Beamsville, Ont.
Culp, Milford	Niagara Falls, Ont.
Culp, Robert	Niagara Falls, Ont.
Culp, Reuben	Beamsville, Ont.
Culp, Rose	Beamsville, Ont.
Disher, Grace	St. Catharines, Ont.
Dart, J. J.	Hubbardsville, N. Y.
Dart, Harry	Hubbardsville, N. Y.
Eckhardt, Elmer	Beamsville, Ont.
Evans, H. M.	Beamsville, Ont.
Evans, H. M., Mrs.	Beamsville, Ont.
Evans, Nelson	Beamsville, Ont.
Everett, Emma	Beamsville, Ont.
Everett, Harry	Glencoe, Ont.
Foster, Eva	Jordan, Ont.
Foster, Irene	Jordan, Ont.
Giles, Lena	Beamsville, Ont.
Gedge, Herbert	Hamilton, Ont.
Graham, Morgan	
Greves, Frank	Beamsville, Ont.
Granger, Nettie	Collingwood, Ont.
Huntsman, Sidney	Tintern, Ont.
House, Bert	Beamsville, Ont.
Husband, Wm. W.	Saskatchewan
Immel, Myrtle	Jordan, Ont.
Jamieson, George	Jura, Ont.
Jones, Rose	Franklin, Tenn.
Jones, S. M., Mrs.	Beamsville, Ont.
Lane, Ella	Erin, Ont.
Lane, Hannah	Erin, Ont.
Lighthart, Willie	Hamilton, Ont.
Lumley, Clifford	Woodgreen, Ont.
Louie, Mart	Beamsville, Ont.

Mason, Robert	Carman, Man.
Matheson, Jean	Erin, Ont.
Matheson, Rosalie	Erin, Ont.
Matheson, Gordon	Erin, Ont.
McLeod, John D.	Beamsville, Ont.
McLeod, Edith	Beamsville, Ont.
McArthur, Tressa	Brisbane, Ont.
McMurchie, J. D. C.	Smithville, Ont.
Moore, Luton	Swathmore, Sask.
Morris, Edith	Beamsville, Ont.
Muntz, Christina	Beamsville, Ont.
Perry, Fred	Saskatchewan
Prudhomme, Charles	Beamsville, Ont.
Purcell, A. D.	Swan River, Man.
Purcell, A. T.	Clachan, Ont.
Richardson, H. L.	Meaford, Ont.
Richardson, Laura	Meaford, Ont.
Saunders, Garfield	Carman, Man.
Saunders, Kathleen	Carman, Man.
Saterlee, Willie	Hubbardsville, N. Y.
Schell, Ralph	
Smart, Norman	Erin, Ont.
Smart, Mary	Erin, Ont.
Smart, Frank	Erin, Ont.
Smart, Louise	Erin, Ont.
Smith, Cora	Jordan Station, Ont.
Snure, Ena	Jordan, Ont.
Snure, Cora	Jordan, Ont.
Snure, Lulu	Vineland, Ont.
Snure, Lloyd	Vineland, Ont.
Stepens, Margaret	Niagara Falls, Ont.
Stewart, Kate	Springbank, Ont.
Stewart, Jennie	Carman, Man.
Stewart, Leona	Tintern, Ont.
Stewart, Carol	Tintern, Ont.
Stewart, Stanley	Tintern, Ont.
Stirling, Stanley	Beamsville, Ont.
Stirling, Ethel	Beamsville, Ont.
Stirling, Harvey	Beamsville, Ont.
Swartz, James	Beamsville, Ont.
Tallman, Charlie	Beamsville, Ont.
Tallman, Gertrude	Beamsville, Ont.
Tallman, Goldie	Beamsville, Ont.
Tallman, O. H.	Smithville, Ont.
Tinlin, George	Beamsville, Ont.
Thompson, Eva	Edmonton, Alta.
Thompson, Florence	Edmonton, Alta.
Walker, Fred	Beamsville, Ont.
Wright, M., Mrs.	Beamsville, Ont.
Wardell, Bert	Beamsville, Ont.
Waterworth, M.	Woodgreen, Ont.
Waterworth, C. C.	Woodgreen, Ont.
Waterworth, Roy	Woodgreen, Ont.