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Theodore Jones, Sterretts Gap, Perry County, Pa., was born in Carroll Township, August 27, 1832, son of **Robert** and **Jane (Hart) Jones**. His paternal great grandfather came from Wales to America when a young man. **Nathan Jones**, grandfather of **Theodore Jones**, was among the early settlers of Perry County, and was engaged in farming all his life. He served the township as supervisor and inspector. **Nathan Jones** was married to **Martha**, daughter of **Matthew Adams**. Their children are: **Robert**; **Elizabeth (Mrs. John Henderson)**; **Mattie (Mrs. George Sutch)**; **Sarah (Mrs. George Henderson)**; **Isaac**; and **Nancy (Mrs. William Leeds)**. **Mr. Jones** died April 11, 1855, aged seventy four years; his **wife** died April 16, 1858, aged seventy-four. **Mr. Hart**, maternal grandfather of **Theodore Jones**, was born in Ireland, came to America with his parents when five years of age, and settled in Chester County, Pa. He was a distiller and farmer. He was married to **Margaret Anderson**. They had eight children: **Martha (Mrs. Alexander Lackey)**; **Elizabeth (Mrs. Abraham Long)**; **Sarah**; **Ellen**; **Jane (Mrs. Robert Jones)**; **Margaret (Mrs. Louis Ferry)**; **David**; and **Mary (Mrs. Henry Faust)**. **Mr. Hart** died in 1830; his **wife** died in November, 1849, aged seventy-six years. They were members of the United Brethren Church.

Robert Jones was born in Perry County. All his life was spent in Carroll Township, in his occupation of farming. He served the township in the office of constable for one year, and for one term as assessor. **Robert Jones** was married to **Jane**, daughter of **David** and **Margaret (Anderson) Hart**. They had a family of thirteen children. Those surviving are: **Nathan**; **Theodore**; **Margaret (Mrs. Frederick Leiby)**; **Martha**; **Rachel (Mrs. Isaac Young)**; **Nancy** (widow of **John Baughmyer**); **Tabitha (Mrs. John Lehn)**; **Jane E. (Mrs. John Pickerel)**; **Harriet Ann (Mrs. Calvin Swander)**; and **Clara**. **Samuel** died August 7, 1852, aged eighteen; an **infant** child died in 1854; **Harrison** was killed in the battle of Cedar Creek, October 19, 1864. **Mr. Jones** died May 4, 1870, aged sixty-four; his **wife**, who was born January 19, 1812, died March 15, 1856, aged forty-four years and two months.

Theodore Jones attended the common schools only a few months of the winter term until he was seventeen years of age. He helped his father until he was twenty, when he learned stonemasonry. He served an apprenticeship of two summers, receiving the first summer twenty-five cents a day, and fifty cents per day the second summer. He then worked as a journeyman until 1854, when he went to Macon County, Ill., and was for a year engaged in farming and carpentry. He then returned home, and worked at his trade until he entered the army. **Mr. Jones** first enlisted October 16, 1862, and was assigned to Company E, One Hundred and Seventy-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served nine months; he re-enlisted September 1, 1864, in Company I, Two Hundred and Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteer's, and served until honorably discharged at Alexandria, June 1, 1865. **Mr. Jones** was in the engagements at Fort Steadman and Hatchers Run, and in the battle in front of Petersburg, April 2, 1865. His health has been much impaired by his service in the army. At the close of the war **Mr. Jones** returned home, and then removed to Carlisle, Pa., where he engaged in the restaurant and hotel business for about thirteen years. Since April 1, 1891, he has resided in Carroll Township, on the old homestead farm upon which his grandfather erected the first buildings, and cleared and cultivated the land. **Mr. Jones**

is one of the oldest residents of the township, and is highly esteemed by all who know him. He has been a member of the board of school directors for twelve years.

Theodore Jones was first married December 17, 1868, to **Mary**, daughter of **John** and **Elizabeth (Souder) Sme**e, who died in January, 1865, at the age of twenty-eight, leaving a daughter, **Mary**, who died in July, 1865, aged six months. He afterwards was married October 16, 1866, to **Susan**, daughter of **Sterrett** and **Elizabeth (Sheibley) Lightner**, who died October 3, 1873, at the age of thirty two, leaving three children: **Harry**, a clerk; **David**; and **Blanche**. **Mrs. Jones** was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church at Carlisle. **Mr. Jones** was afterwards married to **Mrs. Sherk**, daughter of **Elias** and **Catharine (Leafhard) Brownell**. They had one child, **Bertie Ann**, who died aged eighteen months.

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