

## Items in genealogy files of Ann Arnold Hennings

Transcription of two letters to David Rogers Jones. The first dated 24 April 1928 by Clara Jones, wife of William Waller Jones, brother to David; photocopy of original complete letter; the second on 11 November 1884, perhaps authored by a sister. Material sent to Ann Arnold Hennings by Marie Kelly – unknown date.

Robert Stoy 10 November 2020

Notes from #1003  
Letter to David Rogers Jones

FROM MARIE  
KELLY

Colonial Beach, Virginia  
April 24, 1928

Aunt Lucy Edwards died in <sup>April</sup> 1926.

<sup>Edwards</sup> Cousin Billy died January 1927. One of his boys lives in Washington, D.C.  
<sup>Edwards</sup> Byrd (sister to Billy) has 2 boys, Lewis & Bain living on old home place.  
Cousin Jimmy Edwards still living but feeble.

<sup>Jones #1006</sup> Cousin Clay's wife, Alice, has been dead several years. All of their children except Harold live in Washington D.C. Harold was in Connecticut.  
<sup>#1001</sup> Cousin Emma King's children, <sup>#175</sup> Theo, <sup>#175</sup> Wardie, and <sup>#175</sup> Annie all live in Wash. D.C.  
Theo has 3 married and 1 grandson. Wardie has 3 married and 1 grand daughter.  
Annie has 3 married and 4 grandchildren.

<sup>1005</sup> Weston Jones lives in Wash.

Uncle Edward Jones' boy lost his wife in April 1928. She is buried in Shiloh Church Cemetery by Weston's mother. Wes has 5 boys.

Cousin Billy and Aunt Lucy were buried in Union Church Yard at Union. Weney, Cousin Emma's youngest girl, lives in Ellicott City, Va. She had a little girl about 10 years who died. Only child she ever had.

<sup>#999</sup> <sup>ml?</sup> MeDora's \* children, Dorsey and Ventura and Sallie live in Wash. Sallie's daughter married and has 2 children, live in Wash. D.C. at old home place near Oak Grove. Eddie still lives near Oak Grove, he has 5 children. His daughter Thelma teaches school. Dorsey & Ventura live together. Ventura has a married son and 1 grandson.

<sup>1002</sup> Cousin Sue King's children live in Wash. Irene (Sue's daughter) has a large family. Sue's oldest child, Frank King has been dead for a couple of years, left a large family. Two of them are married. Henry and Willie King are 2 youngest sons of Sue. All of our people live in Washington.

<sup>1033</sup> Our boy, Lewis, lives there but Willie and I both prefer to live in the country.

Byrd Edwards went to Washington with me last Thanksgiving.

\* not legible

(signed) Clara Jones #1733

(she was wife of David's bro, W.W.)

#1008

Notes from

Another letter to

David Rogers Jones before he married

Not signed but could be from a sister

November 11, 1884

It was so good to get the letter but sorry about your hurting your ankle. You must of suffered a great deal. Who was there to nurse you and wait on you if you had no mother to wait on you. Did your unkle Lee Simones family tend to you? You wrote you were going to get married I have no objection if she is not poor like yourself. It is bad to marry poor these hard times. Cannie says she would like to be there to see you married. This leaves all well except your Pa and myself. Lewis Jones died 2 weeks ago. Luly Jones is sick and Mat Jones has pneumonia. Clay is working at Billy Baker's. He finds he can do better at his trade. I have heard your Aunt Luly is dying. She has two doctors with her.

(This letter very hard to read. It has ink blobs all over it. I have given all the names in the above notes)

Colonial Beach Va - April 24th 1928

Dear Brother <sup>and</sup> Sister.

We received

Your welcome letter yesterday  
So glad to hear from you, and that  
all were well. We are as well as  
Usual, Willie seems much better than  
he was last year has done a good  
bit of work this Winter. Still has  
right much on hand. I am so  
glad he seems to feel better. We have  
had a heavy rain here the last 3  
days, but Sun is shining today.  
The Beach is building up all the  
time. We have 4 churches here  
besides Colored churches, a large  
School building - a Masonic Hall.  
Well there have been many changes  
Aunt Lucy Edwards died two  
years ago this April. Cousin  
Billy died a year ago last January  
one of the boys live in Washington  
the daughter Byrd and two boys  
are at the old home place. About  
two weeks ago Byrd was paralyzed  
but she is getting along very nicely

has more use of herself. now do  
hope she may entirely recover  
for the boys Lewis and Bain are  
at a loss without <sup>her</sup> they are all  
hard working, have a plenty  
of everything around them.

Cousin Jimmie Edwards is still  
living: but right feeble. Miss Sue  
Talley I guess you knew her is dead  
Bird Talley is in right bad health.  
I guess you knew them. Cousin Clays  
wife Alice has been dead several  
years all of their children except  
one Harold live in Washington  
D.C. all married except the youngest  
boy. do not know whether Harold  
is married or not. last we heard of  
him he was in Connecticut.

Cousin Emma Kings children three  
of them Theo. Wardie and Annie  
all live in Washington. have  
large families of children Theo.  
has three married one grand son.  
Wardie has 3 married one  
grand daughter. Annie has 3  
married and 4 grand children I think

Wenez - the youngest girl (Cousin  
Emmas youngest girl I mean)  
lives in Warrenton Ellicott City  
Va. I believe it is, she is in very  
poor health she had a little girl  
about 10 yrs of age she died. only  
child she ever had. Cousin McDoras  
Children Dorsey Veturia, and  
Lallie live in Washington Lallie's  
daughter is married has two  
children a boy and a girl. they  
all live together in Washington  
rent the old home place out over  
near Oak Grove. Eddie still lives  
over near Oak Grove he has 5  
children his daughter Thelma  
teaches school - has been for 3  
years. is a nice girl and thought  
a good deal of by the patrons  
of the school. Dorsey and Veturia  
live together Veturia has a married  
son, and one grand child a boy.  
Veturia is in much better health than  
she was. Cousin Sue Kings Children

live in Washington Irene has a  
large family - Frank King Cousin  
I nes oldest Child has been dead  
about a couple of years. left a  
right-large family two of them  
I think were married. Henry and  
Willie King the two youngest are  
married with families getting  
along very nicely. all of our  
people nearly live in Washington  
I have three Sisters there and  
Lewis our boy lives there. but  
Willie and I both prefer the  
Country. this is City enough for  
me. I like to go to Washington on  
a visit to see my people and  
see the new improvements once  
in awhile. Byrd Edwards went  
to Washington with me last  
November <sup>Frank going</sup> she had not been up  
there for 35 years or more she  
sure enjoyed the trip for she had  
been so close at home waiting on  
her Mother and father she was a  
faithful daughter. Lewis our boy

took us around a good deal  
 in his Automobile. Showed her  
 lots of places she had never seen  
 or she was too young to remember  
 when she was there. and there  
 are so many new buildings of  
 note anyway Byrd did sure  
 enjoy it. so did J. Lewis is a  
 good one to take you around for  
 he can explain so much about  
 the public buildings to you.

Western Jones lives in Washington  
 too. you know your Uncle Edward  
Jones boy he lost his wife about  
 two weeks ago - she was buried at  
Shiloh Church Cemetery by Wes-  
Mother Wes has 5-boys Cousin  
Billy and Aunt Lucy were  
 buried at Union in Union  
 Church yard - only two there.  
 Children have put a tomb-  
 Stone at their grave. the grave-  
 yard is right at the right hand  
 side of Mr Norman Gravatts  
 place as you go in. ~~as you go in~~  
 they started the graveyard

I guess you knew Watson Payne  
Mr Bueh Paynes 2<sup>nd</sup> son. he  
died last fall Well I do not  
like to tire you out with such  
a long letter so will close for  
this time wish you were both here  
and we would talk instead of  
write you all write when you  
can. always glad to hear. I cannot  
raise anything on the Bench. <sup>we</sup> have  
a cottage on same lot of this cottage  
we live in, and rent out by the  
year, so two cottages on same lot  
does not give you room for fowls  
I have some right-pretty flowers  
kept some box flowers in the house  
during winter. Remember us to  
Cousin Charlie and Lettie when  
you see them. also remember  
us to your girls, and accept a  
large share for your two selves  
From your Loving sister  
Clara Jones.