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JONES, CHURCHILL (1805–1869). **CHURCHILL JONES**, early settler and landowner, was born on January 25, 1805, in Caroline County, Virginia, the son of **JOHN** and **MARY (SANFORD) JONES**. He graduated from Rappahannock Academy and settled in Evergreen, Alabama, as a planter. In the late 1820s he married **SUSAN TOMLINSON**; they had eight children. Jones taught school for a time and was elected to the Alabama legislature as a Whig. In 1849 he made a trip to Texas and purchased a large tract of land in Falls County. When the title was cleared, he sent a nephew to Texas to oversee the property until he arrived with his family in 1853. Jones settled near old Viesca on Rush Springs (renamed Jones Springs). He opposed secession but supported the Confederacy and was disfranchised after the Civil War; he applied to President Andrew Johnson for a pardon. Jones died in Falls County on October 25, 1869, and was buried in the family cemetery. At the time of his death he was said to have owned 50,000 acres.

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