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## Thornton Jones, Hardeman County, Tennessee

Contributed by Genevieve Campbell

Thornton Jones was born on March 24, 1783, in South Carolina, according to his tombstone. However, the 1850 census states that he was born in Virginia. Perhaps all of this can be interpreted to mean that he was possibly born in Virginia and then moved to South Carolina when he was a child. The names of his parents are unknown. He was married to a woman named Nancy, born March 2, 1788, and by 1814 they were living in Robertson County, Tennessee, where he is found in the 1820 census records. Soon after 1820 he moved with his family to Hardeman County, Tennessee, as he is found on the first tax list for the county 1824, one year after the county was created.

He was a second lieutenant in the War of 1812, in Captain Crunk's Company, Colonel John Cocks's Second Regiment, West Virginia Militia. He entered service in late November, 1814, at Nashville, Tennessee, and was honorably discharged on May 15, 1815, Nashville, at the close of the war.

Thornton and Nancy were the parents of at least nine children: James M., born about 1810; John T., date of birth unknown, Caroline, born about 1813, who was married to Mumford Stokes Marsh; Harriet Wilson, born about 1815, who was married to William Brooks Ruffin; Olivia, date of birth unknown, who was married to Joseph Short; W. T., a son whose name was possibly William Thornton, born March 9, 1820, who was married to a woman named Martha; Lemuel H., born about 1824, who was married to Elizabeth Young; Rose Anna, born about 1828, who was married to Robert S. Carter; and Nancy, born about 1830, who was married to James Winchester Deming.

Thornton Jones died in Hardeman County, Tennessee, on June 8, 1858, and he is buried in a family cemetery, the Jones-Marsh Cemetery, near Toone. He left an estate of land and slaves.

In Hardeman County he lived in the old Civil District #14, about seven miles north of Bolivar and the Hatchie River and several miles south of Toone.