

## Company A, 120<sup>th</sup> OVI



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JONES, Isaiah 12 Aug 1862  
2nd Lieutenant Jones was age 32 when he entered service. He resigned 14 Jan 1863. Isaiah re-enlisted in Caldwell County, Missouri. [".....he so far recovered as to be able to re-enlist. This time in a Missouri regiment gotten up in Caldwell county, Missouri, where his parents had located during his absence. When the companies

were organized he was elected captain of Co. "B," I think, which company he commanded till the close of the war, taking an active part in the gurrilla [sic] warfare...." "In recognition of his service the governor of Missouri commissioned Captain Jones as lieutenant-colonel." see obit]

Caldwell, Clinton, Dekalb and Davies counties are all grouped together in northwest MO.

Father: John T. JONES [1850 census and family tree at Ancestry]

Mother: Elizabeth SMITH [1850 census and family tree at Ancestry]

Birth: 1829 OH

Marriage: [1] Mary MAINSON

[2] Hattie L./Esther [Ettie or Etta] Hettie L STEVENS 25 Sept 1864 in Caldwell County, MO

Death: 11 Dec 1898, Steilacoom, Pierce Co, WA ???on Vancouver Island.

Cemetery: His name is not found at Shaw Island Cemetery, San Juan, Washington [as per his wife's obit, family tree at Ancestry] But he was actually buried at Valley Cemetery, Friday Harbor, San Juan Co WA.

Newspaper article at Find a Grave, posted by Alice, says that his body was brought to Friday Harbor by the boat Discovery to the home of his son Newton. He had a GAR funeral. [The San Juan Islander, 22 Dec 1898] See [Find a Grave](#)

Not on Headstones Provided for Deceased Union Civil War Veterans, 1879-1903

Not on U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963

Pension Index: Isaiah JONES, 2nd Lt, Co A 120th OH Inf. Invalid filed 4 Oct 1895, Application 1170786, Certificate 909353, filed in Washington state; widow's pension, Ettie L. Jones, 20? Mar 1899, application 694477, Certificate 487050, filed in Washington state.

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[biography of Thomas Powers Jones, brother of Isaiah]

Thomas was born 6 Jan 1833 at Wooster, Wayne Co OH. His father John T. JONES was also born there in July 1802. The father was a merchant and banker until 1857 when he moved to Missouri where he persued agriculture until he died in 1873. Brother Thomas also served in the Union Army in the Civil War. The mother was Elizabeth SMITH. The children were Mary Ann; Isaiah "who served as captain of a company of soldiers and died on Vancouver Island"; John T JONES; Thomas Powers JONES; Elizabeth Gorrell; Mrs. Eleanor JOHNSON; Deborah; James F; Isaac Newton who was also a soldier; Belinda C, died age 35; Martha; and Nathan.

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF NORTH MISSOURI,  
*Saint Joseph, Mo., June 23, 1864.*

Capt. ISAIAH W. JONES,  
*Enrolled Missouri Militia, Cameron, Mo. :*

You are hereby authorized to organize, from your own company and from persons not attached to any company, a small force for the purpose of protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Cameron and vicinity from the marauders who threaten the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. This force will not be armed, sub-

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sisted, or paid by the State or the United States. All reasonable aid that can be afforded by the Government to any citizen will be extended to this organization. Let good order and the best of discipline be maintained when the force is on duty. Respect the rights and property of all. Let swift vengeance be visited upon the guerillas and thieves who may be found in their hellish work. Let there be unity in action and spirit. Let all labor to uphold and maintain law and good order, and put down wrong in anybody. Life and property are a common interest ; any good man should aid in protecting them.

By order of Brig. Gen. Clinton B. Fisk :

W. T. CLARKE,  
*First Lieutenant and Aide-de-Camp.*

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF NORTH MISSOURI,  
*Saint Joseph, Mo., June 24, 1864.*

Capt. ISAIAH W. JONES,  
*Cameron, Mo. :*

**CAPTAIN :** I yesterday gave you authority to organize a small force for home defense at Cameron and vicinity. I hear much from your neighborhood that leads me to the conclusion that there is too much dissension and strife among the people, and this in itself greatly increases the difficulty. You must use all your influence to put down disorder, and in making up your force gather in good men from both parties. Consult freely with Lieutenant-Colonel Parrott, who lives near you and is your neighbor, and has nothing but the good of the country at heart, I hope. Confide in him.

Trusting that you may be successful in restoring quiet and security to your section, I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
CLINTON B. FISK,  
*Brigadier-General.*

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF NORTH MISSOURI,  
*Saint Joseph, Mo., June 24, 1864.*

Lieut. Col. ELIAS PARROTT,  
*Eighty-First Regt. Enrolled Mo. Mil., Cameron, Mo. :*

**COLONEL :** I am greatly pained to hear of the disturbances and outrages committed in your neighborhood. I have authorized **Captain Jones** to organize a small force of citizens for local defense. They will be neither armed, subsisted, or paid by the State or National Government. He will need to be very cautious in both organizing and conducting this force, and I will thank you to see him and give him such advice as your good judgment and position may prompt. Don't allow divisions among the people to come into this organization and destroy the good that can be brought out of it by properly uniting the citizens who have the good of the country at heart.

Let your influence be promptly and constantly thrown on the side of good order, subordination to law, and the vigorously putting

down of lawlessness. I know that you will cheerfully do this. It may become necessary to put a few troops into active service at Cameron, but I hope not. I very much regret to hear of outrages committed by some of the veteran Sixth Cavalry, **Missouri State Militia**, on furlough. I should dislike very much to arrest and punish these brave boys, but I shall do so unless the complaints cease. I hope you will give your good influence against their conduct. Let all the neighbors unite in saving life and property, and not waste their energies in foolish bickerings. Let us save the country if possible, and it is.

I am, colonel, very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
CLINTON B. FISK,  
*Brigadier-General.*

1850 Census, Prairie Twp, Holmes Co OH, Dwelling 818, Family 834: John JONES, age 48 PA, farmer; Elizabeth, age 43 PA; Isaiah, age 20 OH, farmer; Thomas, age 16 OH, farmer; Elizabeth, age 14 OH; Ellenor, age 11 OH; Rebecca, age 10 OH; James, age 9 OH; Newton I, age 7 OH; Malinda, age 6 OH; Lake [male], age 5 OH; Martha, age 3 OH; Thomas BULL, age 17 England, laborer.

Wayne County Probate Records: Isaiah JONES married Mary MAINSON on 1 Apr 1852 in Wayne County OH.

1860 Census Clinton Township, Wayne County OH: Isaiah JONES, age 30 OH, a farmer; Mary, age 29 OH; Ella H, age 5 OH; Ezra, age 3 Missouri; Elizabeth, age 1 OH.

Caldwell County Missouri Probate Court: Isaiah JONES married Hettie L STEVENS 25 Sept 1864 in Caldwell County, MO.

1870 Rockford Township, Caldwell County, MO: Isaiah JONES, age 40 OH, a farmer; Ester, age 25 OH; Ezra, age 13 MO; Mary, age 11 OH; Newton, age 4 MO; Grant, age 2 MO; John, age 5 months...born in Feb 1870, MO.

1880 census Ferndale, Whatcom county, Washington, Dwelling 17, Family, 17: Isaiah JONES, 50 OH, farmer, parents born PA; Etta L., age 35 OH, wife, Father born ME, mother born NY; Ezra, son, age 23 MO; Newton, son, age 14 MO; Grant, son, age 12 MO; Ernest, son, age 10 MO; Lilly, daughter, age 4 MO.

1885 Washington Territory Census, San Juan County: Isaiah JONES, age 54 OH; Ettz, age 41 OH; Newton, age 18 MO; Grant age 17 MO; Ernest, age 15 MO; Lenu [female], age 9 MO; Garfield, age 3 WA; Bertha, age 2 months WA.

1900 Census 3rd Ward, Everett City, Snohomish County, WA: Newton JONES, age 34 MO, born May 1866, a widower, a foreman in a sawmill, parents born OH; Hattie L JONES, mother, age 55 OH, born Apr 1845, a widow, can't read # of children born but only one was living in 1900, father born OH, mother born NY.

Obituary obtained from [Shaw Island Historical Society](#). [Contributed with the help of Kari and Cherie Christensen, [Saltwater People Historical Society](#).]

San Juan Islander

Thursday 15 Dec, 1898

Captain Isaiah Jones Dead

A Brif [sic] Outline of His Life and Official Career.

Last Tuesday Sheriff Jones received a letter from the superintendent of the Western Washington hospital at Steilacoom [on coast of Puget Sound in Pierce county WA] informing him of the death of his father, Captain Isaiah Jones, who was taken there for treatment about five years ago, from Shaw island.

The death of Captain Jones takes from us a unique and somewhat remarkable character. Springing from old Virginia stock, he was born in the state of Ohio in 1829, where he grew to manhood, was married and had two children. About the breaking out of the war, his wife died and he enlisted in an Ohio regiment of volunteers and at once went to the front. During the siege of Vicksburg he was stricken with the camp disease so prevalent [sic] among the soldiers at that section, and by the order of General Grant, whose notice he had already attracted by his gallantry, he was discharged and sent home, as it was supposed, to die; but sustained by a constitution as strong and unyielding as was his own personal character, he so far recovered as to be able to re-enlist. This time in a Missouri regiment gotten up in Caldwell county, Missouri, where his parents had located during his absence. When the companies were organized he was elected captain of Co. "B," I think, which company he commanded till the close of the war, taking an active part in the gurrilla [sic] warfare that was so sanguinary in the southern and southwestern part of that state, as well as several general engagements. The notorious James and Younger boys, Bill Anderson and Quantrell were the famous leaders of the bands of bushwhackers that roamed over the country leaving a trail of blood from the forks of the Grand river on the north to Arkansas on the south and west into Kansas, celebrating their last raids into the latter state by the burning of Lawrence and murdering of large number if its citizens. It was with the prisoners here taken that report said immediately afterwards [sic] that Cole Younger tested the power of the Springfield rifle by standing a number of men up in a row and seeing how many he could shoot through, killing eight. This gurrilla [sic] warfare was carried on by small bodies of men on both sides, and like the enemy, the federal troops were forced to do much of their marching in the night, lying concealed during the daytime. In this, Captain Jones was in his element; as fearless and brave as any

of the leaders of the marauding bands he was at home around the campfire and shrank from no hardships of danger. Cole Younger and his band soon tired of facing such a foe and moved south into Arkansas, while Bill Anderson was killed and his command annihilated. In recognition of his service the governor of Missouri commissioned Captain Jones as lieutenant-colonel. Disease, however, had fastened upon him and when the war closed he located on a farm, broken in health. The James and Youngers, as soon as peace came, turned their attention to bank robbing. This was done in broad daylight by shooting down all who opposed them. One of the banks in Richmond, Ray county, which joined Caldwell on the south, was thus robbed and several of the citizens, including the deputy sheriff, being killed. The bank in Gallaton [Gallatin in Daviess County], in the county joining Caldwell on the north, was robbed, or attempted to be robbed, in the same manner, the president and cashier being shot down in cold blood and a retreat effected before the citizens could rally. This was in 1867. A reign of terror existed, every country town was in a fever of excitement and fear and men who sought the office of Sheriff, especially in Caldwell county, joining the home of the James boys, were not so plentiful as they are today. Of course, Captain Jones was the man for the place. He was nominated and elected and peace and order was enjoyed during his official career. Shortly after his election the grand jury found an indictment against a desperate character, and a warrant for his arrest was given the new sheriff. The man was known to be always armed to the teeth and the Captain's friends advised him to take a posse; but ignoring assistance and wholly unarmed, he hunted up his man, walked directly to him and laying his hand on him told him his errand and arrested him without the least difficulty. So much for his nerve.

Although an uneducated man, he was one of the best political speakers in northern Missouri and often met in public discussion with the leading politicians in the state. As a farmer he had considerable money. Strictly honest himself, he believed others to be so, sometimes to his detriment.

His second wife was Miss Etta Stevens, by whom he raised quite a family, all of whom are residents of the Sound; Newton, our present sheriff, Grant and Ernest living in San Juan county; the widow, two youngest children and one married daughter, Mrs. Carl Stewart, residing in Whatcom county. His eldest daughter is a resident of Oklahoma, and his eldest son is dead.

For several years he was a resident of this Island, but was a resident of Shaw Island when taken to the hospital, where he died on the 12th last, at the age of 69 years.

"Life's fitful fever over, he sleeps well."

Son's Death Record: Newton JONES died 23 May 1922, Everett, Snohomish, Washington, age 55 yrs, 11 m, 28dys. Born <1867>. Married to Della. Father Isiah JONES. Mother Esther STEVENS. [Listed at [Find a Grave](#) in Evergreen Cemetery, Everett, Snohomish Co Washington.] [Sheriff of San Juan County, WA.] [Wife Etta died [6 June 1899](#).] [Olympia Daily Recorder, Vol XXI, Issue 14, pg 5, Wed. 24 May 1922: "Newt Jones Dies: Everett, Wash,, May 23. -- Newton Jones, mill superintendent and mayor of Everett from 1906 to 1919, died at his home here this morning after an illness of two weeks. He was 56 years old. His widow and two sons, residents of this city, survive him."]

There is a stone for Osiah Jones of the Civil War in Oak Grove Cemetery, Shreve, Clinton Township, Wayne county, OH, but I don't know yet if this is for the same man. Is it a cenotaph for Isaiah? We know the soldier is buried in Washington.

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