

Jones County, Mississippi

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Our County Name

After formation in 1826 a name had to be chosen. The first county officials picked John Paul Jones, born Jul 6, 1747 on the southern coast of Scotland as John Paul.

At the early age of 12 years he begins his maritime career. He sailed for the first time aboard the ship called the Friendship. After numerous trips to Fredericksburg, Virginia, where he visited his brother who had settled in that area, he became very upset with all the cruelty that was shown on the slave trade ships. After settling in America he joined the newly founded Continental Navy which later on became the United States Navy.

He changed his name to John Paul Jones at the beginning of the American Revolution at his brother's suggestion due to legal trouble after he had killed a sailor involved in a mutiny.

He became a well known naval hero in the American Revolutionary and America's first. Although the predicted career never reached the heights in which he expected, he is still known to be the first genuine American Naval hero.

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THIS SURNAME LIST IS FROM THE 1830 U.S. CENSUS IS YOUR NAME ON THE LIST?

Anderson	Bankston	Bardwell	Baylis
Beavers	Bird	Blackledge	Blacklege
Blackwell	Boon	Boyett	Bridgers
Bridges	Bynum	Carroll	Collins
Comas	Compton	Cooper	Corley
Court	Cox	Craker	Craven
Crawford	Creal	Crosby	Deavers
Dosett	Dyass	Dymond	Ellis
Ellzey	Evans	Farechild	Farechilds
Ferguson	Folks	Gardner	Gigger
Gillander	Green	Hargroves	Harnsworth
Heidelberg	Hennington	Herrinton	Hicks
Hodges	Holtz	Horsey	Hosey
Hoskins	Inman	Innings	Ivy
Johnson	Jones	Kelley	Killgore
Killin	Landram	Lee	Lender
Lewis	Lightsey	Loper	Lowary
Lyons	McCormick	McDonald	McGehee
McLemore	Miles	Miles	Mitchell
Mittleton	Moffett	Morse	Mott
Moulton	Murphey	Myrick	Nelson
Nesom	Overstreet	Page	Parker
Patterson	Peoples	Pittman	Pitts
Powell	Prine	Robertson	Robinson
Runnels	Ryley	Sellers	Shows
Simpson	Sims	Smith	Snell
Snow	Stevens	Strickling	Terral
Thomas	Tisdale	Todd	Turner
Wade	Walker	Wallace	Walters
Welch	Williams	Williborn	Windham
Woods	Wright	Yates	Young/Youngblood

James and Sarah were the parents of eleven children. Their names are as follows: Arabella, born May 6, 1852; Arthur, born Aug 2, 1854; Jimmy, born Feb 27, 1856; Cora, born Nov 26, 1857; Clara, born Nov 26, 1859; Celestie, born Mar 24, 1861; Evelyn Truman, born May 3, 1864; Emma, born Apr 16, 1866; Artemis, born Mar 6, 1867; Miranda, born Jun 25, 1871 and Horace, born May 18, 1874. It would seem, according to the census records, as if all the children of James and Sarah were born in Mississippi but one, my ancestor, Horace Everett Smith.

James William Smith served in the Civil War in Company K, the 37th Mississippi Infantry as a private. The description given of him was age forty-three, brown eyes, brown hair and five feet eleven inches tall. According to a Widow's Application For Pension filled out by Sarah, James William died on or about Dec 1, 1896. The place of his burial has yet to be found. The place of death, I assume, is Arkansas as this is where the family was living at the time of his death.

Sarah Ann Bengé Smith was born Mar 12, 1832 in Alabama to parents, William R. Bengé and Melinda Sellers. William and Melinda are said to be buried at the Pisgah Church Cemetery in Jasper County, Mississippi. Sarah died on Feb 13, 1909 in Deroche Arkansas. She is buried there in the Deroche Cemetery along with some of the children.

Submitted by: **Susan Blakeney.**

L. J. Smith

L. J. Smith was born Feb 18, 1907 in Arkadelphia, Arkansas to parents Horace Everett Smith and Mattie Leona Brewer. L. J. is the third of eight children. He was never given a name other than the initials of L. J.

L. J. Smith married a total of three times in his life that I have found record of. The marriages that I know of are to my grandmother Ruthie Pearl Tisdale, Zelma Harris and Curtis Hinton. The only information that I will be giving in the narrative is on my grandparents, L. J. and Ruthie Smith. I have not done much research on the other two wives of my grandfather and at this time would not feel comfortable inserting their information in this work.

L. J. Smith married Ruthie Pearl Tisdale on Feb 23, 1924 in Jones County, Mississippi. Their marriage license indicates they were married by J. A. Meador, M. G., in the second judicial district of Jones County.

Ruthie is the only daughter of William Jephtha Tisdale and Suzanne Eulaliah Smith Tisdale. Ruthie was born on Feb 16, 1905 in Jones County, Mississippi. She has one sibling, Willis Arnold Tisdale.

L. J. and Ruthie were declared as divorced on Oct 29, 1956. Their divorce case is on file at the Chancery Clerk's office of Jones, County Mississippi.



L. J. Smith

L. J. Smith died on Jan 19, 1966 in Laurel, Jones County, Mississippi. At the time of his death, he was married to Curtis Hinton Smith, and is listed on his death certificate as living at Number 2 Marion Drive, Laurel, Mississippi. He is buried at the Hebron Cemetery in Jones County, Mississippi. Ruthie Pearl Tisdale Smith died on Feb 15, 1978 in Tylertown, Walthall County, Mississippi. She was married to Charlie Smith at the time of her death. Charlie is buried, just below her parents in the Crosby Cemetery in Jones County, Mississippi.

Starting out in married life, this couple lived in the Sanford community of Jones County next door to the parents. The couple's family grew with the birth of six children, (1)Marlon Otis Smith, born May 5, 1925, (2)M. C. Smith born, May 24, 1927, (3) Odell Smith, born Jan 1, 1929, (5)Dorothy Jean Smith, born Mar 22, 1931, (5)C. Darrel Smith, born Apr 16, 1933 and (6)Betty Faye Smith born Sep 21, 1940.

(1)Marlon Otis Smith married Ruby Smith and after their divorce, he married Iva Lee Thompson. Marlon and Ruby had two children, Marlon Hollis Smith and Curtis Smith. Marlon and Iva Lee had six children, Marvin, LaLeon, Gary, Wayne and Doris. Marlon died Nov 15, 1981 and is buried at the County Line Cemetery. Iva Lee died Nov 30, 2000 and is buried at the County Line Cemetery. I do not know about Ruby Smith.

