

LEONA FRANCES VOIGHT JONES FAMILY STORY

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(Leona's chapter was added to the Voight Roots February 2014.)

What was her name?

She was the oldest daughter of John and Nancy Voight to survive into the Twentieth Century. We know for sure that her middle name was Frances and her first name began with the letter "L."

We first met her as "Frances," one-year-old daughter of John and Nancy Voight in the 1860 census for the Cypress Magisterial District of Suffolk, VA.

Then in 1870 she was "Le??a" F. Voight." In cursive writing the "r" and the "w" can be confusing. So can all the round vowels. A sloppy "e," "o," "a" or "u" can easily be mistaken. An undotted "v" can look like a skinny "e." Look at the records copied here and see for yourself.

It was her daughter Annie's obituary, a portion shown here, which was the clue that led to a trail of information about Leona Frances Voight Jones and her family. Thanks go to our cousin-in-law Janie Evans, whose genealogy research has unearthed so much amazing information.

Her Name in the Public Records

August, 1860 census – "Frances," age one

John J. Voight	27	M	
Nancy J. Voight	21	F	
William "	4	M	
Frances "	1	F	

July, 1870 census – "Leara F"? "Leana F"? "Leora F"? "Leona F"? age eleven

John J. Voight	38	M	
Nancy J.	31	F	
William H.	14	M	
Leara J.	11	F	

June, 1880 census – "Leroah F"? "Leorah F"? age 20

John J. Voight	W	M	48	
Nancy J.	W	F	38	wife
Leroah J.	W	F	20	daughter

June, 1900 census – "Leora F"? "Leona F"? DOB "Mar 1858"

John J. Voight	7-1	50. IS. 18.	4	M	Mar 1858
Nancy J.	7-1	47	4	F	Mar 1858

January 1910 – "L.F. Jones" age 52

Lawrence E.	son	51	20	14	0
Jones, J. J.	Head	51	11	17	
Wife		48	11	17	

In her daughter Annie's 1971 obituary, she's "Mrs. Leona Voight Jones"

Mrs. Annie J. Baines
 WHALEYVILLE — Mrs. Annie Jones Baines, 75, died Tuesday morning in Louise Obici Memorial Hospital, Suffolk, after illness of six weeks.
 A native of Nansemond County, she was the wife of Lawrence Otis Baines and a daughter of James M. and Mrs. Leona Voight Jones

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There was another Voight daughter called Laura or Leora who was born “about 1858” and who died in Feb. 1859, age one year. Were these girls twins with alike-sounding names? In 1900 the surviving sister said her birth date was in March, 1858. There have been other sets of twins in the family, so twins are a definite possibility - in spite of minor inconsistencies with her age as reported on other records. Age in those days was often an approximate thing.

For expedience sake I will arbitrarily call our subject “Leona,” in accordance with the only printed version of her name, knowing newspapers also make mistakes and that it still might not be her correct name.

Virginia, Deaths and Burials Index, 1853-1917 about	
Name:	Leora Voight
Birth Date:	abt 1858
Birth Place:	Nansemond County, Virginia
Death Date:	9 Feb 1859
Death Place:	Nansemond, County, Virginia
Death Age:	1
Race:	White
Gender:	Female
Father Name:	J... T. Voight
Mother Name:	Nancy Voight
FHL Film Number:	2048578

Leona Frances Voight

Birth Mar 1858 in Nansemond County, Virginia,
Death between 1910-1920

Leona and her children stayed close to Cherry Grove Farm, the Voight family home in Whaleyville, VA, which was in the Cypress Magisterial District of Nansemond County (now Suffolk). All records in this chapter are from Whaleyville/Cypress Chapel unless otherwise noted.

Spouse & Children	
	James M Jones 1858 – 1930
	unknown #1 Jones – 1900
	unknown #2 Jones – 1900
	Jas R Jones 1883 – 1910
	Sallie L Jones 1889 –
	Dempsey Robert Jones 1891 – 1975
	Annie L Jones 1895 – 1971
	Fannie May Jones 1897 – 1965

1900 census

In the June 1900 census James and Leona Jones reported being married for 17 years. Since their son James R. Jones was born in August of 1883, the math suggests that Leona and James M. Jones were married some time during the last six months of 1882.

James M Jones	7-1	50. 15. 18.	H	Mar	Feb 1885	12	Mar	17		
Leona Jones	8-7	Wife	W	Mar	Mar 1858	42	Mar	17	7	25
James R Jones		Son	H	Mar	Aug 1883	16	Mar	17		
Sallie L Jones		Daughter	W	Mar	Sept 1887	13	Mar	17		
Dempsey Robert Jones		Son	H	Mar	Sept 1891	9	Mar	17		
Annie L Jones		Daughter	W	Mar	Jan 1895	5	Mar	17		
Fannie May Jones		Daughter	W	Mar	May 1897	3	Mar	17		
Wendell Jones		Boarder	W	Mar	Apr 1872	28	Mar	17		
William Jones		Servant	B	Mar	Jan 1870	30	Mar	17		
Robert Jones	8-1	Head	H	Mar	Aug 1858	41	Mar	17		
Sallie Jones	8-8	Wife	W	Mar	Apr 1855	45	Mar	17	7	25

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Notice in that census record we can see the Jones family was living next door to the family of Leona's sister Ella (Voight) and Ella's husband Gus B. Corbett. In the record James M. Jones was listed as a farmer. Sallie, Dempsey and Annie were "at school." Leona reported having 7 children of whom 5 were living. We have no information about the two children who were born and died before this census record. This is the last record we have for the oldest child, son James R. Jones. Alice Brinkley was a boarder in the home and there is a black servant Edward, whose surname is indecipherable.

In the January 1910 census J.M. Jones describes his as a "general farm." The son James R., who would have been 26, was missing from the family group. There is a daughter-in-law named Rosa who was a widow and a 2-month old granddaughter Eunice. Apparently James R. Jones died during the previous 11 months – that would be sometime during 1909. Leona again reported giving birth to 7 children, but only 4 were still living. Alice Brinkley was now described as a servant in their home. This is the last record we have found for Sallie as well as for Rosa and Eunice Jones.

1910 census

321	Jones, J. M.	Head	M	W	52	M	27		
	L. J.	Wife	F	W	52	M	27	7	4
	Sallie	Daughter	F	W	22	S			
	Dempsey	Son	M	W	18	S			
	Annie M.	Daughter	F	W	15	S			
	Fannie M.	Daughter	F	W	13	S			
	Rosa	Daughter in law	F	W	21	Wid		1	1
	Eunice	Grand Daughter	F	W	2 1/2	S			
	Brinkley, Alice	Servant	F	W	38	S			

(Note for later that the Jones family is number 321 here in 1910.)

The 1920 census finds James M. Jones a widower, living next door to Alice Voight, who was the widow of Leona's youngest brother Oscar Leroy Voight. James Jones, age 62, was a truck farmer. Dempsey, Annie and Fannie were all in their 20s, still single and living at home. Sallie, who would have been about 32 years old in 1920, was missing from the group and there are no more records for her to be found online. Did she die? Alice Brinkley still lived with the family.

1920 census

	Voight, Alice E	Head	1	F	F	W	46	W	D
	Oscar E	son			M	W	16	S	
	Jessie J.	son			M	W	14	W	
	J. Howard	son			M	W	6	S	
	Jones, James M	Head	1	F	M	W	62	W	D
	Dempsey	son			M	W	28	S	
	Annie	Daughter			F	W	25	S	
	Fannie	Daughter			F	W	22	S	
	Brinkley, Alice	Servant			F	W	43	S	


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Dempsey Robert Jones

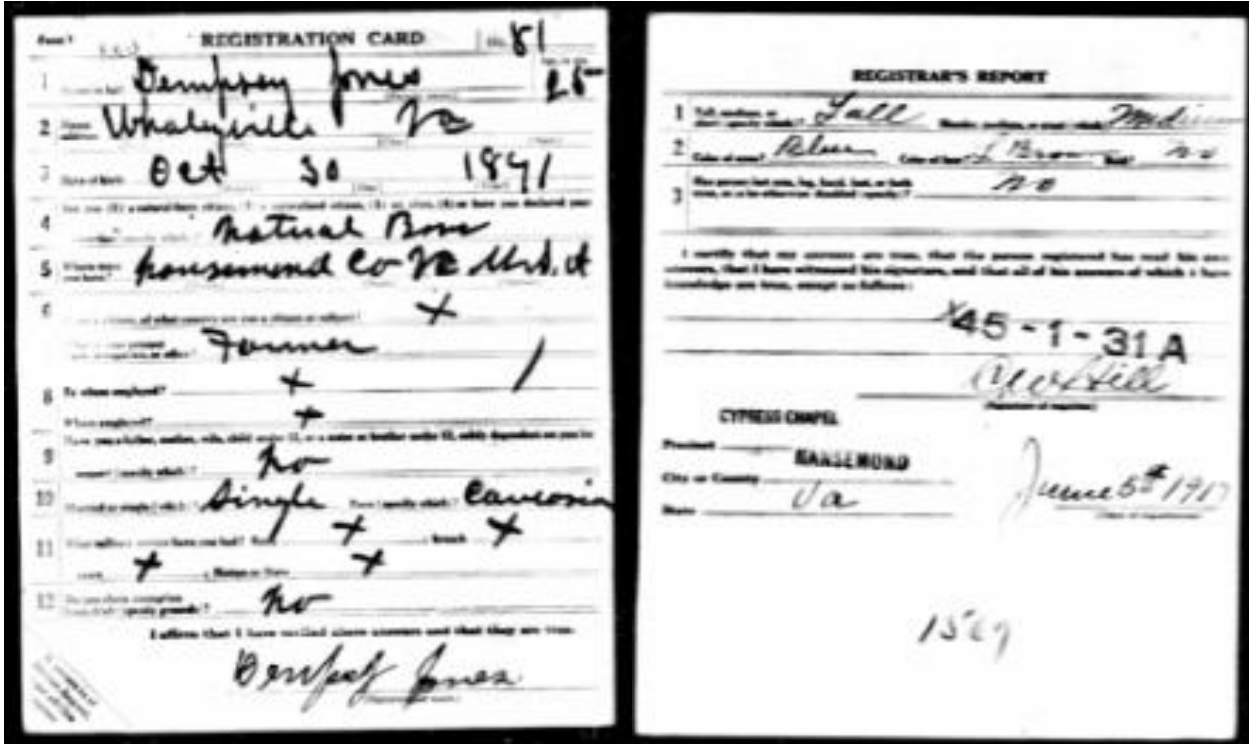
Birth 30 Oct 1891 in Whaleyville, Nansemond County, VA
 Death Dec 20, 1975 in Newport News, Virginia

Dempsey Jones was about 26 when he registered for the draft during World War I. He was described as tall, of medium build, with blue eyes and light brown hair.

Spouse & Children

 **Elsie M Rodgers**
1898 – 1986

 **William Rodgers Jones**
1934 –



In the 1930 census Dempsey Jones was a 38 year old bachelor peanut farmer. He lived on New Road in Whaleyville. His sister Fannie lived in his household along with the servant Alice Brinkley and a young boarder named Raleigh Russell. (Was Raleigh related?) It's possible, even likely, that Dempsey and Fannie are in the very same house that belonged to their parents. They did not own a radio. Dempsey's sister Annie and her husband Lawrence O. Baines lived next door.

1930 census

13	Jones, Dempsey R.	Head	0		4/11	M	W	38	8	
	Jannie	Sister #			X	F	W	31	8	
	Brinkley, Alice	Servant			X	F	W	60	8	
	Russell, Raleigh	Boarder			X	M	W	25	8	
14	Baines, Lawrence O.	Head	0		4/11	M	W	32	M	27
	Annie	Wife #			X	F	W	31	M	26

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The 1940 census finds Dempsey married to Elsie (Rodgers) and with a 6 year-old son, William R Jones. Dempsey's farm was valued at \$4,000.

We learn that both Dempsey and his sister Fannie, who still lived in the home, finished seven years of school. Elsie had one year of college. Fannie "helps with housework." Alice Brinkley was described as "our housekeeper before she became so feeble." Again, Dempsey's sister Annie and her husband Lawrence O. Baines are listed on the same page of this census. Dempsey's family was number 81; Annie and Lawrence are household number 84, three families further along on Route 678.

1940 census

4000	yes	Jones, Dempsey R	Head	0	M	W	47	M	No	7
		—, Elsie R (D)	wife	1	F	W	42	M	No	1
		—, William R	son	2	M	W	6	S	No	
		—, Fannie	sister	2	F	W	42	S	No	7
		Brinkley, Alice	None	6	F	W	64	S	No	5

our housekeeper before she became so feeble

At some point not long after 1940 Fannie moved from Dempsey's home to live with their sister Annie and Annie's husband. Then Fannie lived with Annie for the rest of her life. Apparently she never married.

Dempsey registered for "the old man's draft" in World War II. Almost fifty, he was six feet tall and 148 pounds. He had blue eyes, brown hair and a ruddy complexion. His card also tells us that they didn't have a telephone yet in 1942.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1897 and on or before February 16, 1942)

SERIAL NUMBER: 126 NAME (FIRST): Dempsey Robert Jones ORDER NUMBER:

2. PLACE OF BIRTH (Point): R.F.D. #1, Whaleyville, Nansemond, Virginia

3. MARITAL STATUS: Same as #2

4. TELEPHONE: none

5. AGE IN YEARS: 48 DATE OF BIRTH: Oct 30 1893 PLACE OF BIRTH: Virginia

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS: Mrs. R. R. Jones, Whaleyville, Va

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Self

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: Same as #2

I AGREE THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

Dempsey Jones

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White	6'	148	Ruddy
Height	Blue	Dark	Light
Complexion	Gray	Red	Dark
Indian	Green	Brown	Dark
Other	Brown	Black	Light brown
Other	Black	Gray	Dark brown
Other	Black	Black	Black

Other of these physical characteristics that will aid in identification: NONE TO TRY KNOWLEDGE

I certify that my answers are true that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Madeline S. Watkins
 Registrar for Local Board, 1, Nansemond, Va

Date of registration: April 27, 1942

Local Board No. 1 33
 Nansemond County 121
 APR 27 1942 00

Jones, Robert, Nansemond, Va

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Miss Fannie Jones
 WHALEYVILLE — A funeral service for Miss Fannie May Jones will be held today at 4 p.m. in Hill Funeral Home by the Rev. Emil A. Mialik. Burial will be in Great Fork Baptist Church cemetery.

When Fannie Jones died on July 8, 1965, she was buried in the Great Fork Baptist Cemetery in Whaleyville.



Dempsey R. Jones
 SUFFOLK—Dempsey Robert Jones, 84, of 1600 Cherry Grove Road, Whaleyville Station, died Tuesday morning in Riverside Hospital, Newport News.
 A native of Namsemond County, he was the husband of Mrs. Elsie Rodgers Jones. He was born and reared here.
 He was a retired farmer and a member of Great Fork Baptist Church and its Men's Bible Class 2, and a former deacon.
 Other survivors include a son, William Rodgers Jones of Tabb; and three grandsons.
 A funeral service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in Great Fork Baptist Church by the Rev. Thomas M. Mishoe Sr. Burial will be in the Church Cemetery. The body will be taken from I. O. Hill & Co. Funeral Home to the church at 1 p.m. Friday.

Dempsey died December 30, 1975. He was also buried at the Great Fork Baptist Church where he was a former deacon. (See "Addenda" at the end of this chapter for more about the Voight connection to the Great Fork Baptist Church.) Dempsey's obituary tells us that he was survived by his wife Elsie and his son William Rodgers Jones, who then lived in Tabb, VA; William and his wife had three sons.

Eventually Dempsey's widow Elsie went to live with her son in York, VA, and she died in a hospital in Williamsburg in 1986. Though Elsie is not listed in the burials at the Great Fork Baptist Church, the family remembers that she was buried there with Dempsey in the Rodgers family plot.

U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-Current	
Name:	Elsie Jones
SSN:	225-62-4807
Last Residence:	23185 Williamsburg, James City, Virginia, USA
Born:	11 Oct 1898
Died:	Aug 1986
State (Year) SSN	Virginia (1963)

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Annie L Jones

Birth Oct 1, 1895 in Whaleyville, Nansemond County, VA

Death Jan 26, 1971 in Suffolk, Nansemond Co, Virginia

Spouse



Lawrence Otis Baines

1896 – 1977

In the 1910 census record for Leona and James Jones, seen earlier on page 3, the Jones household was family number 321. On the very next page of the census, we discover family number 334 is that of J.T. and Lizzie Baines. Annie married their son Lawrence O. Baines. Annie and Lawrence were acquainted since childhood. They probably went to school together

1910 census

334	Baines, J.T.	Head	M	W	34	M	14		
	Lizzie J.	Wife	F	W	32	M	14	3	3
	Lawrence O.	Son	M	W	14	S			
	Elsie	Daughter	F	W	11	S			
	Mary	Daughter	F	W	5	S			

We already saw Annie and Lawrence living next to Dempsey and Fannie in the 1930 census. Lawrence was also a peanut farmer. For “age at first marriage,” he was 27 and she was 26, which suggests that they were wed in 1925 because they are 32 and 31, respectively, in 1930. They did not own a radio either.

1930 census

14	Baines, Lawrence O.	Head	O			42	M	W	32	M	27
	Annie	Wife				X	F	W	31	M	26

In 1940 Lawrence called himself a “farmer and storekeeper on own farm.” (In 2014 there are some people who can still remember his store on Greenway Road.) The farm was valued at \$2,000. Lawrence finished 5 years of school. Annie finished 7 years.

Annie and Lawrence had no children of their own, but a thirteen year old boy named Bruce Bryant lived in their home in 1940. Bruce had no familial relationship to the Head of the Household Lawrence Baines. There is no known connection between him and the extended Voight family either. Perhaps he was connected through the Jones relatives. He is not listed as a boarder, a servant or a laborer. At age 13, he has finished 7 years of school and it is likely that he is still attending school. Who was Bruce Bryant? Where did he come from? Why was he living here? Was he a foster child? What happened to him? These are questions for another research project...

1940 census

2000	Baines, Lawrence O.	Head	0	M	W	42	M	No	4
	Annie	Wife	1	F	W	42	M	No	7
	Bryant, Bruce	None	6	M	W	13	S	4	7

Farmer & storekeeper on own farm

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When Lawrence registered for the WWII draft, he listed Annie as the “person who will always know your address,” and he indicated that they did not have a telephone yet.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER U 81	1. NAME (Print) Lawrence Otis Baines (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) R.F.D. Whaleyville Nanssmond Va. (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)		
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same		
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)		
4. TELEPHONE None	5. AGE IN YEARS 45	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Nanssmond Co. Va.
(Exchange) (Number)	DATE OF BIRTH Oct. 19 1896 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	(County) (State or country)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Annie L. Baines R.F.D. Whaleyville, Nanssmond Co. Va.		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Self		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS		
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 4-1-42)	16-51230-2	L. O. Baines (Registrant's signature)

Annie and Lawrence were listed in the Portsmouth section of the 1954 Norfolk City Directory. The entry suggests that this is a business listing, that they sold meat at stall number 30 in a market on Middle Street. Cousin Janie Evans has observed, “... Middle St. was the big shopping area of Portsmouth in the old days. All I could think of was how long did it take them to get back and forth between Whaleyville and Portsmouth? It takes an hour now with four lane highways. Maybe they just went there on weekends or maybe they stayed overnight with relatives in Portsmouth. ...”

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RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
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Mrs. Annie J. Baines
WHALEYVILLE — Mrs. Annie Jones Baines, 75, died Tuesday morning in Louise Obici Memorial Hospital, Suffolk, after illness of six weeks.
A native of Nansemond County, she was the wife of Lawrence Otis Baines and a daughter of James M. and Mrs. Leona Voight Jones.
She was a member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Franklin.
Besides her husband, surviving is a brother, Dempsey R. Jones of Whaleyville.
A funeral service will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in R. W. Baker & Co. Funeral Home by James E. Smith and the Rev. Ellis N. Clark, a Christian minister of Portsmouth. Burial will be in Holly Lawn Cemetery.

The next record we have for Annie is her 1971 obituary, which is also the document that established Leona Jones, aka Mrs. James M. Jones, as our Leona Frances Voight. Annie was survived by her husband and her brother Dempsey. There is no mention of any children or her sister Sallie L. Jones. It is interesting to note that Annie was a member of the Latter Day Saints Church in Franklin, VA, about 30 miles from Whaleyville.

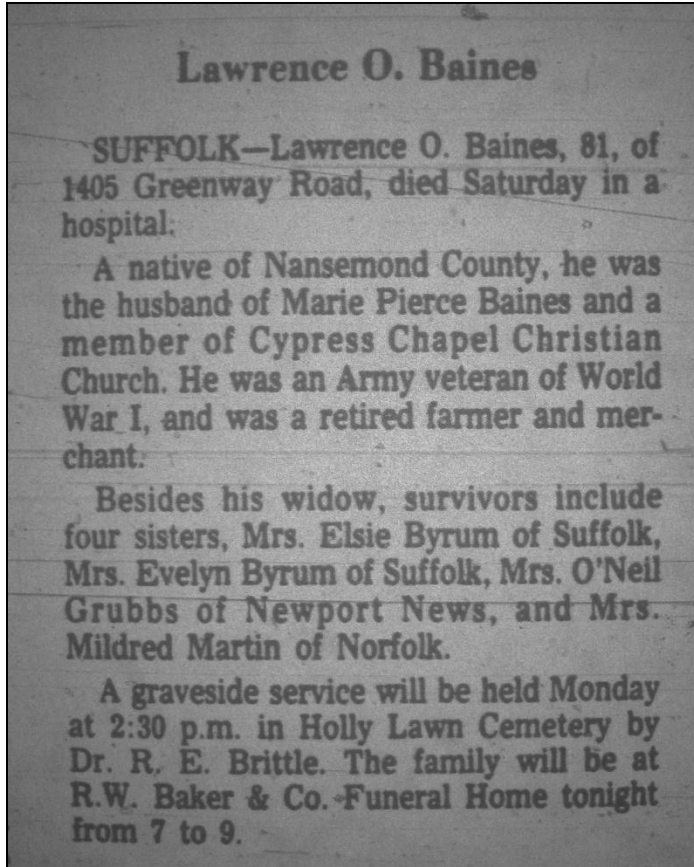


Annie was buried in the Holly Lawn Cemetery in Suffolk.

Lawrence O Baines was also buried in Holly Lawn when he died in 1977. His gravestone tells us he was an Army veteran of World War I.



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The 1977 obituary for Lawrence O. Baines reveals that he remarried after Annie died. Again, there is no mention that he had any children.

The aerial map below shows the last address for Lawrence Baines, 1404 Greenway Road, marked as "A." The home of Dempsey Jones, 1600 Cherry Grove Rd, is 0.4 miles away, at point "B." The cluster of farm buildings between the two homes is on the site of the original Voight land they called Cherry Grove Farm. Leona's father is buried in the old Voight family cemetery located in the middle of the buildings, near the silos. It seems that Leona and her children stayed very close to their roots.



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Leona Voight and James Jones had only two grandchildren. Eunice Jones, the daughter of James R. and Rosa Jones, disappeared from online records along with her mother after the 1910 census. The other grandchild, Dempsey's son William Rodgers Jones, moved away from Suffolk. He married Anne Nickerson and they had three sons: William Rodgers Jones Jr., Gary Robert Jones, and Anthony Wescott Jones. The family continues.



William Rodgers "Billy" Jones Sr.

Whaleyville High School
Class of '51 (left)

Class reunion photo,
October 2012 (right)



ADDENDA

Is this the same
Bruce Bryant
who lived with
Annie Jones
and Lawrence
Baines in the
1940 census?
If so, he was a
veteran of the
Korean War and
he was buried in
Suffolk in 1960.
That's all I could
find online.

Bruce Owen Bryant

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Death: Dec. 10, 1960

Burial:
[Cedar Hill Cemetery](#)
Suffolk
Suffolk City
Virginia, USA
Plot: Section 1

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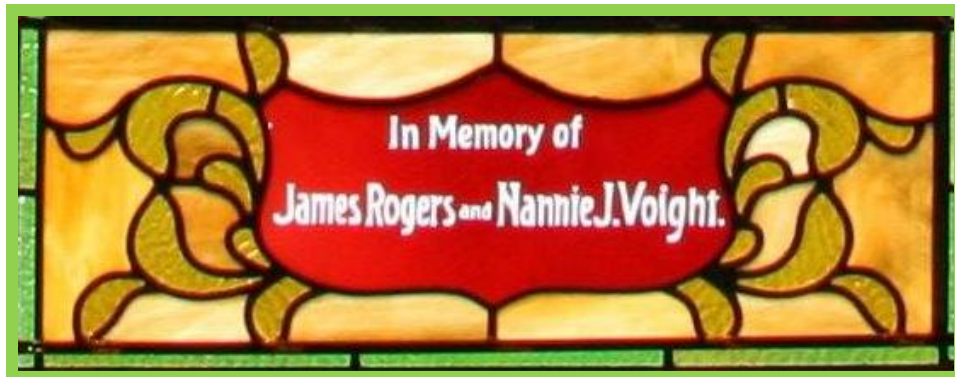
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Great Fork Baptist Church
Whaleyville, Virginia

There was a stained glass window in memory of Leona's mother and grandfather placed in the Great Fork Baptist Church circa 1911. Along with the other stained glass in the church, it was restored in 2013. The restoration of the Voight Window was sponsored "In Memory of Wallace L. Hobbs Sponsored by Estelle Hobbs, Susan H., James N., Virginia B. & Meredith P. Burroughs."



Detail from the "Voight window" at Great Fork Baptist Church Whaleyville, VA.

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WHAT ABOUT SALLIE JONES? SOME VERY, VERY WILD SPECULATION...

There was no mention of the sister Sallie L. Jones as a survivor in Fannie's, Annie's or Dempsey's obituaries. Family lore is that Sallie died young, and maybe that she had a baby. Or maybe the baby that was remembered was Eunice, the little daughter of James R. Jones and his wife Rosa. There is no record that Sallie ever married.

The Great Fork Baptist Church cemetery records show that, besides Fannie and Dempsey, there is a Sallie L Jones who was buried there in 1988. Investigation has revealed that she was **Mrs.** Sallie Jones, the wife of Aubrey Jones who is also buried there, and not our **Miss** Sallie Jones. It is likely that our Sallie died between the 1910 and 1920 census records. She might have been taken in the flu epidemic of 1918. We just don't know what happened to her.

But what if Sallie was headstrong and just left home for some reason, with or without a baby in tow? Her family could have written her off as "dead." Stranger things have happened. There are some census records that might fit her.

In February, 1920 there is a Sallie Jones, a single white female, age 30, Virginia-born, who worked as a cook for the Cousins family in Danville, VA.

1920 census

Cousins Walter det	Head	10	7	M	W	31	M
Manie	wife			F	W	26	M
Jones Sallie	Servant			F	W	30	S

In April, 1930, there is a Sallie Lee Jones, single white female, age 41, living in a boarding house in "part of Shelby Town," Cleveland County, NC. She was born in Virginia and she worked as a weaver in a silk mill.

1930 census

Jones Sallie Lee	boarder					✓	F	W	41	5	no	40
weaver		silk mill										

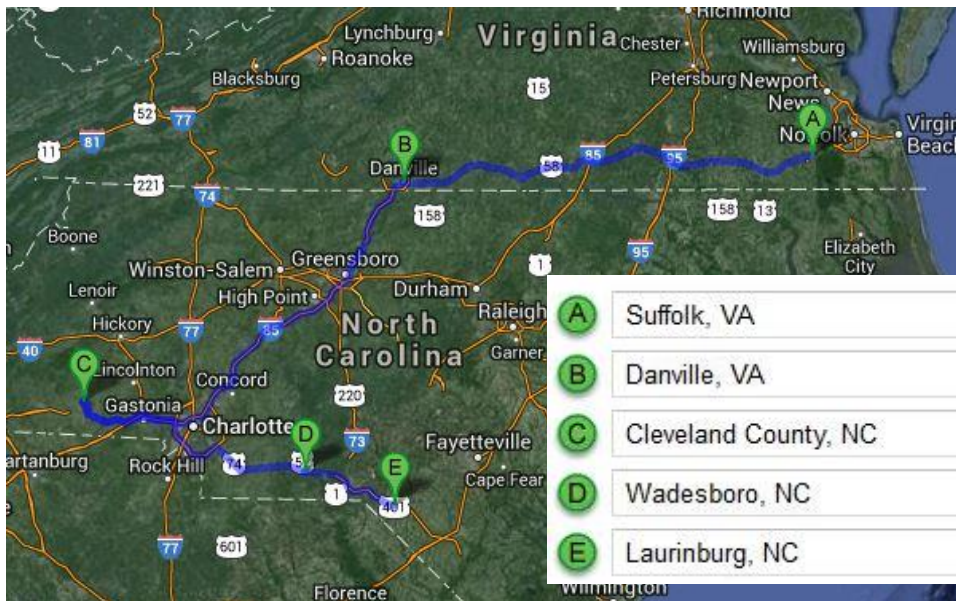
The April 1940 census for Laurinberg, NC (next page) finds another Sallie Jones, single white female, age 52, living with a widow and her family. The widow was a dressmaker and Sallie worked for her as a dressmaker's helper. This Sallie Jones reported that five years previously, in 1935, she had lived in Wadesboro, NC. She finished seven years of school.

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1940 census

Alford, Ida Ⓢ	Head	0	F	W	51	4rd	No 7
— Hazel	Daughter	7	F	W	23	3	No C1
— Frank	Son	7	M	W	21	3	No 74
— Rufus	Son	7	M	W	17	3	No 74
— Mary Fannie	Daughter	7	F	W	14	3	No 71
— Wilson	Son	7	M	W	12	3	No 74
Jones, Sallie	Helper	X	F	W	52	3	No 7

Sallie's age is off by a year in this record and her birthplace is recorded as North Carolina. BUT - the Head of Household, Ida Alford, gave the information to the census taker and she could have been guessing about where Sallie was born - after all Sallie might have been living in North Carolina for at least a decade by 1940. Both Ida and Sallie were ladies past fifty, so age starts to get vague anyway – one year is nothing. Perhaps our Sallie Jones, unlike her homebound siblings, moved around a bit, finding work and lodging where she could.



These addresses from 1920, 1930, 1935 and 1940 seem to move in a consistent direction, even turning back towards Suffolk. There's no record of Sallie in Suffolk after that 1910 census. Without her death information, she still has an air of mystery...

This is probably not our Sallie Jones, but I think it's the same person from census to census. She was somebody's Sallie Jones, a woman making her way alone in a world where it was not easy to be a woman alone. Bless her heart. Where did she go and what did she do after 1940?