

RICHARD H. JONES

TO THE EVINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

An American Story

Richard H. Jones & Mary L. Jones

Richard H. Jones lived with his parents Dr. Joel Watkins Haden and Roberta Jones and siblings Charlie (half brother), Louise, and James. They lived in Flat Creek, Evington, Virginia.

In 1913 Richard married Mary Claiborne. By age 25 Richard owned his own farm, was a husband and father. Mary's parents were George Washington Claiborne, who drove a mule train from Lawrenceville, Virginia to Richmond, Virginia. Laura McKanzie, Mary's mother was a Powatan Indian, who was a mid-wife and herbalist.

Richard was the foreman of Dr. Joel's land properties until his father's death in 1926. Richard and Mary had eight children: Massey, Marion, Bayles, Richard, Jr., Mary Anna, James, Calvin, and Viola. Dr. Charles Watts Haden (Joel's first cousin) delivered seven of Richard and Mary's children.

One evening Dr. W.E.B. DuBois stopped in Evington. Richard and Mary invited him to dinner. Dr. DuBois was very impressed with their home and table setting - china, crystal, silver, and cotton napkins. Also, he was moved how the entire family dined together and the young children showed such fine table manners.

All four of the sons served in World War II. Massey and Calvin were in the Navy. James and Richard, Jr. were in the Army. Also, their son-in-law, Enoch B. Smith served in the Marines. Richard, Jr. was among the troops who landed in Normandy on D-Day. The family was blessed by the safe return of all their sons.

Richard attended Chapel Grove Church, and Mary attended Mt. Evergreen. The involvement of each was unselfish dedication to their churches. Both Richard and Mary with their children that have followed them to eternity are buried at Chapel Grove Cemetery.

RICHARD H. JONES
1888—1980

MARY L. JONES
1881—1980

Submitted in loving memory by JoAnn Smith-Skinner & Jennifer Smith-Funn