

## CASS COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY: Newsletter, February 2020

### Join on Zoom for “Coming to Iowa: Global Migration to the United States Thursday, February 25, 1 pm.

Iowa’s history has been deeply shaped by the history of immigration to the United States. This talk explores distinct waves of migration to Iowa and how they have been shaped by immigration policy. The presenter, Dr. Debra DeLaet is Professor of Political Science at Drake University. She has published three books and many articles about immigration, global concerns and human rights. She is also the Executive Director of the Iowa United Nations Association.

Michelle Andersen is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Time: Feb 25, 2021 01:00 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82773577008?pwd=VytJV2doaFRvSDlDdjI5VXU5czkwUT09>

Here are some simple instructions for using Zoom based on my limited experience. We hope you can join the presentation on Thursday, February 25 at 1 pm.

Your computer is likely to have a camera and microphone/speaker. If not available, you can listen to the presentation on your computer.

If you have not previously been on a Zoom meeting on a computer or mobile device, it may appear automatically when you click on the link. If not, you can download the Zoom app from the Zoom Download Center or you will be prompted to download and install Zoom when you click on the link. It will ask if it is OK to make changes to your computer. Yes.

>You see the Zoom link above. It will be sent again the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> by email.

>Click on the link a few minutes before 1 pm.

>You should see some action on your screen. Click “Join a meeting”

>Join computer audio.

>Join computer video.

>Select full screen

>Scroll to the bottom of the Zoom screen to see a tool bar.

> There is a tiny microphone drawing on the left side. If there is a red diagonal line through it, you are muted. It is best to leave it muted unless you want to communicate. Other participants don’t need to hear your dog barking or your comment if you drop your pen. After the presentation, click on the microphone to unmute to ask a question or make a comment.

>To the right of the microphone is an image that looks like a camera. If there is a red line through it, your video is off so other people can’t see you. Click again to turn video on.

>Look for a symbol labeled chat. Click on it to type in a question.

>In the top right corner click view and then view gallery to see all the participants.

>Click on Leave Meeting at the end of the presentation.

Michelle Andersen, Library Director, has scheduled the Zoom meeting so is the host. She will turn it over to the speaker to be host. The host can mute everyone. This is a wonderful opportunity to attend from afar and stay warm and safe at home while connecting with others. Cass County Genealogy Society members from other states and non-members are encouraged to join this Zoom. Invite your friends.

# Ode to My Grandfather John Edward Jones (1891-1958)

By Robert D. "Bob" Anderson

In the old sitcom, Father Knows Best, the Andersons lived at 607 South Maple Street in Springfield. I'm an Anderson who lived at 1002 (South) Maple Street in Atlantic, Iowa. Not only did I enjoy being three blocks to Lincoln School but also three blocks to Atlantic Jr. & Sr. High Schools.

But my most favorite part of living there was because our house was smack dab between my two sets of grandparents: Grandma/Grandpa Jones on the corner (1000 Maple) and Grandma/Grandpa Anderson the 3rd house (1004). I can still almost smell the freshly baked bread in Grandma Anderson's house and taste the cookies galore in Grandma Joneses'.

A couple of years ago I was going through some photos in my mom's collections and this one dropped down.



Mom had written on top, "When pa was courting ma." This is my grandfather John Edward Jones (1891-1958). He and Tena (Christina Johanna Henrietta KNOP) were married on Christmas Day, 1920, so this must have been between 1918 and 1920. Sure would like to know what kind and year that car is. Is it a Ford?



Grandpa was a short, wiry guy and a farmer west of Atlantic. I know we went out there on 2nd Street a couple of miles. There was a country school about a half mile west of the house where my mom and her brothers attended.

Grandpa served in WWI and one of the family stories I remember is that he served in France and rode a bicycle, motor bike or motorcycle going from troops to troops with messages about the war. Not sure about this, but I recently found an Application for Headstone or Marker which one of his sons prepared and it lists his service number, his Branch, Company, Regiment and Division (although this line is so cluttered it's hard to read) and also a Pension or

VA Claim No. So I will now begin to research these. He served from 26 July 1918 to 29 Apr 1919 and in May, 1919, an article appeared in the *Atlantic News Telegraph*:

## "HONOR RETURNED BOYS

The ladies of district No. 5 Washington township, gave a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Winston, Friday evening in honor of three soldier boys of the district. The boys were Tom Coughlin, John Jones and Albert Zellmer. Jones and Coughlin had served overseas. A dainty supper was served to nearly eighty guests and an enjoyable time was had by all."

Grandpa owned our house at 1002 Maple in Atlantic and there was a vacant corner lot to the north of it. Some time in the late '40s he dug a basement on the lot and had the farm house moved to it. Not sure what year as I was pretty young, probably 4 or 5, but I sure do remember the move. Everything had to stop several times to clear tree limbs so the house could pass.

Eventually Grandpa developed liver problems and went to the VA Hospital in Des Moines in December 1956 and he died there on 7 Feb 1958 at the age of 66. I was 15 when he died and was the oldest of my and my brother's Jones cousins, so unfortunately many of our cousins never knew him nor experienced his great smile. He was a great pinochle player, too!



I am so blessed to have had such loving parents and four wonderful grandparents in my life. May God bless them all!

1958 - Article in the *Atlantic News Telegraph*, Atlantic, Cass Co., Iowa, February 8, 1958

## Rites For John E. Jones To Be Held Monday

Funeral services for John E. Jones, 66, of 1000 Maple street, have been set tentatively for Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Zion Lutheran church, with the Rev. R. G. Dohrmann officiating. The remains will be taken from the Meyer funeral home to the church at noon Monday and interment will be in the Atlantic cemetery. Mr. Jones died at 8:35 Friday morning, at the Veterans Hospital in Des Moines after being in failing health ten years. He entered the Atlantic Memorial Hospital Jan. 30 and was transferred to the Des Moines hospital Monday.

The son of William S. and Sarah A. Thayer Jones, he was born at Oakland, June 2, 1891 and served in France during World war I. He was married to Tena Knop in Atlantic Dec. 25, 1920 and they farmed west of Atlantic until moving to their present home in 1942. He was a member of Zion Lutheran church.

Surviving are his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Gladys Anderson of Atlantic; three sons, John W. Jones of Cumberland, Frank E. Jones of Atlantic and Lt. (j.g.) Glenn G. Jones, stationed at Pearl Harbor; four sisters, Mrs. Retta Strong, Mrs. Eva Castle, Mrs. Jennie Thomas and Mrs. Opal Linn, all of Council Bluffs; two brothers, Walter Jones of Grand Junction and Harvey Jones of Council Bluffs and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

