

JONES, HIRAM H

Hiram H. JONES, M. D., a veteran of the World war, former coroner of Jay county and one of the best known physicians and surgeons in this county, with offices at Salamonia, where he has been engaged in practice ever since he entered upon his professional work, with the exception of the period spent in the service of the army during the time of America's participation in the World war, is a native son of Jay county and is a member of one of the real pioneer families of this county. Doctor JONES was born on a farm in Penn township on September 15, 1885, and is a son of Hiram G. and Rebecca (SULLIVAN) JONES, both of whom were born in that same township, the latter a daughter of James A. and Rachel (McBRIDE) SULLIVAN, pioneers of that township. James A. SULLIVAN was a native of North Carolina. He died at his home in this county in 1874. His wife was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, and died in 1891.

Hiram G. JONES, who died at his home in this county in 1915, was born in Penn township on June 30, 1842, and was the last born of the ten children born to John D. and Lydia (VORE) JONES, pioneers of this county and further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. Both John D. JONES and his wife were Pennsylvanians, the former born in York county in 1793, and the latter, in Bedford county in 1797. She died in February, 1870, and he survived for nearly six years, his death occurring in January, 1876. They were married in Pennsylvania and not long afterward moved to Ohio and settled in Clinton county, later coming over into Indiana and locating at Richmond, where they remained until they came to Jay county about the time this county was formally organized in 1836. John D. JONES entered from the Government a quarter section of timber land in Penn township, the patent for which bears date of August 1, 1837, and on this place established his home. He also entered other lands in this county and early became recognized as one of the influential pioneers of that neighborhood. The title to that original quarter section of the old JONES farm still remains in the family, now held by Francis L. CROWE, who married Alida JONES, a sister of Doctor JONES and a granddaughter of the pioneer.

Hiram G. JONES grew to manhood on that pioneer farm, the place where he was born, and after his marriage established his home there, presently buying from the other heirs 100 acres of the original tract. It was on December 19, 1866, that he was united in marriage to Rebecca SULLIVAN, who was born in Penn township in 1845. To that union were born eight children, all of whom are living save two, Minnie L., who was teaching school at the age of seventeen years at the time of her death in 1885, and Mrs. Lydia V. EMMONS, who also was a teacher in the schools of this county for some years before her marriage to E. E. EMMONS, who then was a teacher in the Pennville schools. The other members of this family besides Doctor JONES are Edna J., Mrs. CROWE (mentioned above), Warren W., Chella M. and Dewie H. Reared on the home farm in Penn township, Doctor JONES received his elementary schooling in the old JONES school house (district No. 7) and then entered the Pennville high school, from which he was graduated in 1903. The next year he took a post-graduate course in the Portland high school and received a diploma from that school in 1904. During the two following winters he taught school in Penn township and then entered Indiana University at Bloomington, his studies there being directed with a view to furthering his study of medicine, he early having devoted himself to the medical profession. His studies at the university were carried on

during the years 1906-8, after which he resumed teaching for a period and was thus engaged for four years, teaching one term in Jackson township, one term in Penn township and two terms in Madison township. In 1912, he entered the Medical College of Indiana University at Indianapolis and in 1915, was graduated from that institution. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor JONES returned to Jay county and on December 1, 1915, opened an office for the practice of his profession at Salamonia, where he has since been located with the exception of the time spent in army service.

On June 18, 1918, Dr. Hiram H. JONES received a commission as a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the United States army; on July 7 was sent to Camp Beauregard, where he remained until September 1, when he was transferred to Camp Hancock and attached to Base Hospital 98 as a surgeon. From that camp this unit presently was transferred to Camp Merrit for intensive training for overseas service and on November 12, the Doctor with this detail sailed for France, landing at Brest on November 22. A week later he went to Paris with Base Hospital 98 and three weeks later was assigned to the station at Lourdes. A month later this unit was sent to Limoges to relieve Base Hospital 32 and from that station Doctor JONES was sent on special detail to Bordeaux. Two weeks later he rejoined his detail at Limoges and there remained until May 12, 1919, when he was sent back to Boudreaux as medical officer of the 32nd Engineers. With this command the Doctor remained until May 27, when he sailed for the United States, arriving here on June 9. From Newport News he was detailed to Camp Taylor and there received his discharge on June 17, 1919.

Upon completing his military service Doctor JONES returned to Salamonia and resumed his practice. The Doctor has taken an earnest interest in the promotion of soldier welfare movements, was a helpful factor in the organization of the David Whipple Post, No. 279, of the American Legion and is the present (1921) commander of that post. He is a Republican and in 1916, was elected coroner of Jay county and in 1918 was re-elected to that office, thus serving two terms. The Doctor is a member of the local and state medical societies and of the American Medical Association and is a Freemason, a member of Pennville Lodge No. 212, Free and Accepted Masons. He also is affiliated with the local lodge of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics at Boundary. On November 17, 1915, not long after his graduation from medical college.

Dr. Hiram H. JONES was united in marriage to Zillah P. HAWKINS, of Portland, a daughter of the Hon. Nathan B. and Geneva (JAQUA) HAWKINS, concerning whom further and fitting mention is made elsewhere in this volume under the head of "The Hawkins Family," and to this union one child has been born, a son, Howard H., born on May 31, 1919. Mrs. JONES was graduated from the Portland high school with the class of 1904. She and the Doctor have a pleasant home at Salamonia and take an interested part in the general social activities of that delightful neighborhood.

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