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*CORNET ROBERT JONES, b. prob. in the vicinity of Reading, Berkshire Co., Eng.;
d. Hingham Nov. 17, 1691; m. 1st., perhaps at St. Mary's, Reading, June 13, 1625,
*Eliz. Seane; m. 2d Mrs. Eliz. (Alexander) Curtis, formerly of Reading, who d. in
Hingham Sept. 25, 1712.

Reading is 39 mi. w. of London, and on the Kennet river near its junction with
the Thames.

Robert came to Hingham, Mass. in 1637 and received a grant of land; he may
have been a bro. of Thos. Jones, the tailor, who came with w. Ann, from the same
vicinity in Eng. in 1638, recd. a grant of land in Hingham but res. at Hull and
Manchester. Savage in his Gen. Dict. says that Robert went to Rehoboth in 1644 but
returned to Hingham. Robert's 2d w. Eliz. had, by her 1st m., at least daus. Eliz.
and Jane Curtis. Jane m. Dec. 30, 1647, Thos. Collier.

Dec. 4, 1646, Eliz. Curtis and Jane Curtis granted unto Robert Jones of Hing-
ham, their father in law (stepfather) a power of attorney to ask etc. of the exec-
utors of the last will etc. of Jane Alexander late of Reading in Oxfordshire, decd.
their several and respective Legacies given them by the last will and testament of
the said Jane Alexander, their grandmother etc., of the receipt etc.

Apparently this mission was not completed as appears from the following:

"Thos. Collier of Hull husband of Jane the daughter of Curtes late of Reading
in Berkshire did constitute John Curtes his brother in law true and lawful Attorney
granting him power etc., to ask etc. of the Executors of Jane Alexander late of
Reading aforesaid all such legacies etc. as was bequeathed to the said Jane his
wife by the last will of the said Jane her grandmother & of the receipt to give
acquittance etc.: also to compound &c to appear in any court etc.

Robert Jones was a Cornet; res. Hingham Center, "over the river", and in his
will following called himself planter.

"In the name of God Amen, I Robert Jones of Hingham in the County of Suffolk
in this his Majesty's Territory and Dominion of New England, Planter, being weak
in body but yet of perfect mind and Memory praised be God for the same do make and
declare this my last will and Testament in manner & form following.

First and principally I comit and commend my soul into the hands of Almighty
God my Creator and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executrix
hereafter named hoping for salvation both of soul and body by the Mercies of God
in the Merits of my Savior Jesus Christ. And concerning the disposing of my tem-
poral Estate I give & bequeath it as followeth (to wit) my mind & will is that all
my Just debts which I ow to any Persons & my funeral charges and the probate of
this my will be first paid and discharged out of my Estate by my Executrix.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son Joseph Jones, three shillings. Also I give to
my son John Jones one shilling & six pence. Also I give unto my son Benj. Jones
the Elder one shilling & six pence. Also I give unto my dau. Sarah Belknap one
shilling & six pence. Also I give unto Jane Collyer my da. one shilling & six
pence. — Item I give and bequeath unto my grandchildren which are the children
of my son Robert Jones deceased to every one of them twelve pence apiece. All

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which said sums of money given in this my will to my above named children and grand-children I give them for their intire portions of my Estate, and they are to be paid by my Executrix within two months after my decease at my now dwelling house in said Hingham, or when they shall come & make demand thereof. --- Item I give & bequeathe unto my wellbeloved wife Elizabeth Jones all my whole estate of Houses & Lands, Orchards, and Gardens, and all my meadows & shares of Commons and Commonage which I now have & am possessed of in said Hingham either by gift or purchase or by Exchange or that I shall be possessed of at the day of my death for & during the term of her natural life for her comfortable livelihood and maintenance. And because my estate is but small I do hereby give my said wife full power to sell some of the said land to supply her necessities, rather than that she should want, while she live, Item I give and bequeathe unto the said Elizabeth my wife all my personal Estate (viz.) all my movable goods, Cattle & Chattles & all my household stuff and all debts due me, towards the payment of my debts. & the abovesaid legacies and the remainder thereof to dispose of for her own use, --- I give and bequeathe unto my son Bonj. Jones the younger which the said Elizabeth my wife bare unto me. All my said Estate of houses, lands, Gardens, Orchards, meadows, and shares of Commons & Commonage & personal Estate, that shall remain & be left at the death of said Elizabeth my wife & he the said Bonj. Jones the younger then to enter upon the said Estate & to have and to hold the same Estate (that shall be left) to him the said Bonj. Jones the younger & to his heirs, and Assigns for ever. And I do hereby nominate & appoint the said Elizabeth Jones my welbeloved wife to be sole Executrix of this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke renounce frustrate & make void all & every Testament & Testaments, will & Wills, heretofore by me made & declared either by word or writing. And this only to be taken for my last will & Testament & none other. In witness whereof I the said Robert Jones have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty day of April Anno Dom. Sixteen hundred Eighty & Eight & in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord James the second by the grace of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland defender of ye faith &c.

--- Memorandum. that the word (thoro) between the fourtoon and fifteen lines. was interlined before the sealing hereof in the presence of the same witnesses. 1688.

Robert Jones & a seal

Read Signed Sealed published & declared by the abovesaid Robert Jones to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us witnesses.
James Hawkes, Theophilus Cushing, Daniel Cushing Son."

In a rate made Oct. 9, 1680, by the Selectmen of Hingham, "For the building of a new Meeting-House," are included the names of Robert Jones 11b 10 s; Joseph Jones Sr. 5 lb 6 s 8 d; Joseph Jones Jr. 5 s. This church, now known as Old Ship Church, built in 1681, is the oldest place of public worship, now in use, in the U. S.; an edifice dating back to the days of Chas. the II. of Eng.

In the assignment of seats, ordered Jan. 5, 1681, were included the following: Robert Jones; the wife of Robert Jones; Joseph Jones; the wife of Joseph Jones; Joseph Jones Jr.; Bonj. Jones; and Patience Jones.

The Jones homestead was adjacent to Turkey Hill. It was from this point that the people watched the naval duel, off Scituate June, 1812, between the British Frigate "Shannon" and the American frigate "Chesapeake" commanded by Capt. Lawrence of "Dont give up the ship" fame.

On Turkey Hill Lane was "Great Rock", abt. twelve feet high (since broken up), on which was carved the following verses:

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"Thus wild in woods the naked savage ran,
Lanall, Lew, Loring, Lane, Lewis, Lincoln,
Hershey, Leavitt, Jacobs, King, Jones, and Sprague,
Stemmed the wild torrent of a barbarous age,
And were the first invaders of this country
From the Island of Great Britain, in 1635."

NOTE: For the compiler's line of descent from the above Robert Jones, see the enclosed Jones Ancestral Chart; and for the descendants of Cornet Robert Jones see the JONES-HATHAWAY-RICHARDS-GOODING Genealogy.
