

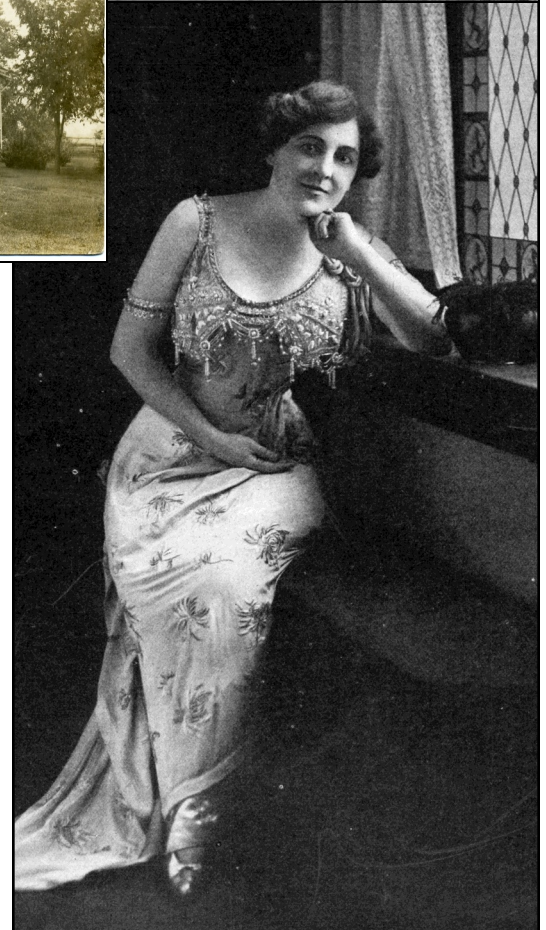
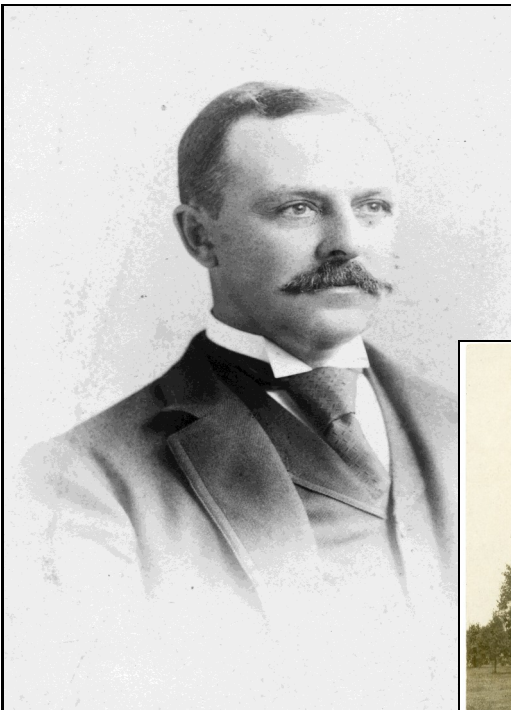
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A PICTORIAL SALUTE TO Congressman William Atkinson Jones on the 100th Anniversary of the Jones Act of 1916 for Philippine Independence



The only Richmond County native to achieve international fame, Congressman Jones is memorialized in a bust of white marble beneath a great bronze American eagle at St. John's Episcopal Church in Warsaw; across the world in Manila, a bridge bears his name: both evidence of the high esteem of the Philippine people. During sixteen of his twenty-eight years as representative of Virginia's First Congressional District, Jones worked diligently to assure that the Philippine people would eventually enjoy the freedom, autonomy and democratic government that is also the legacy of Americans. The Jones Act was signed into law on August 29th, 1916.

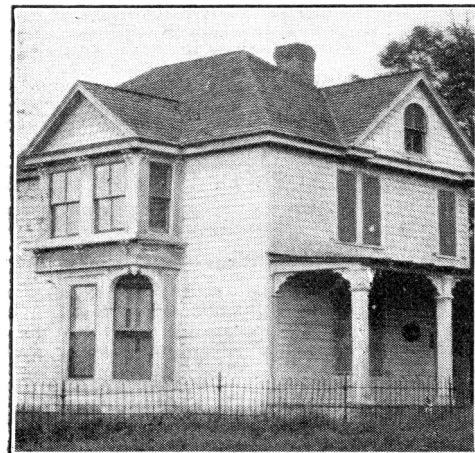
On this page, Jones and wife, Claude Douglas Motley Jones flank their Warsaw home designed by a Baltimore architect and built in 1889 on the site where his father, Judge Thomas Jones settled before the Civil War. The Joneses had a son, William A. Jones, Jr. and a daughter, Anne Seymour Jones. Above right, the center of Warsaw about 1910. The old courthouse and clerk's office are on the right.



Claude Motley Jones, fourth from left, holds a bottle of Champagne in readiness to christen a ship with Congressman Jones on her left. Jones is pictured below center as Chairman of the House Committee on Insular Affairs, surrounded by committee members.



Not just a champion of the Philippines, Congressman Jones also worked to improve life in Warsaw and the Northern Neck of Virginia. He served for many years on the vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church in Warsaw, above, where he is buried.

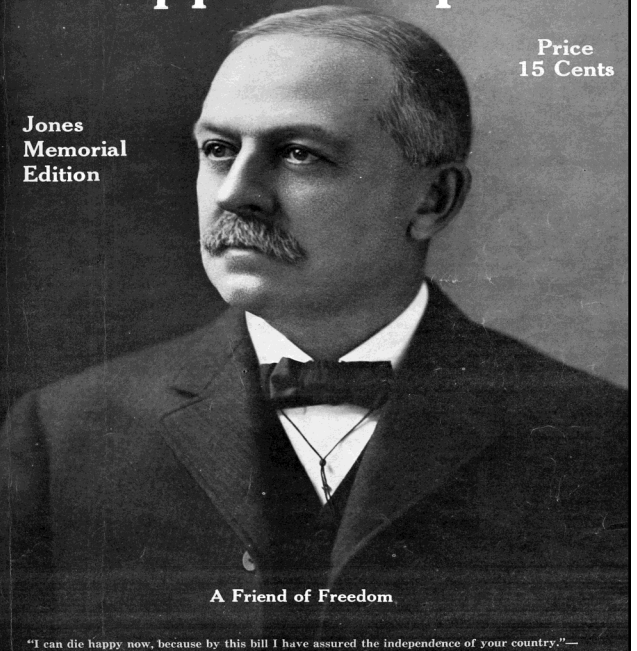


Commonwealth's Attorney for 17 years Jones had a law office, left, next to his home in Warsaw. He sold a lot to L.E. Mumford Banking Company which built this bank in 1902, right.

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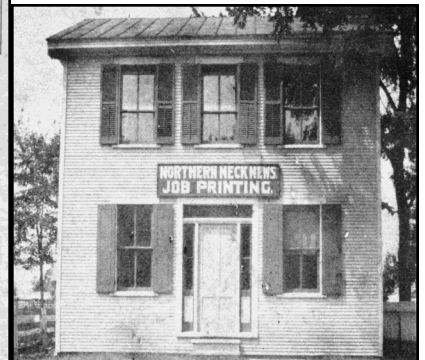
Jones
Memorial
Edition



A Friend of Freedom

"I can die happy now, because by this bill I have assured the independence of your country."—

Jones died in 1918 at the age of 69. His memorial was dedicated in Warsaw in 1926, a gift of the Philippines.



Jones was a founder of the first newspaper in Warsaw, the *Northern Neck News* in 1879. He also served as president of the first local telephone company, founded in Heathsville in 1887.





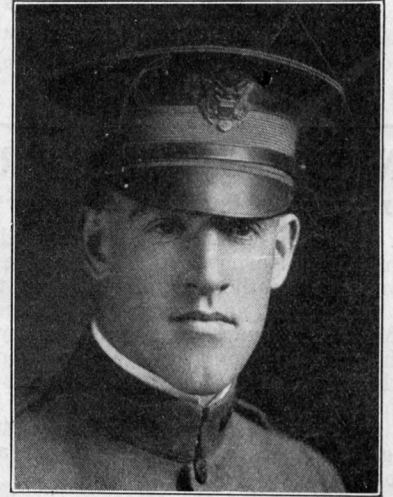
SON OF MR. JONES PLEADS FOR PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE

There comes an epoch in the intellectual, economic and political development of every nation when further progress demands that it must stand alone and exercise, unrestricted, the right of self-government.

I believe that this period has been reached by the people of the Philippine Islands.

To deny them this right any longer is to discredit the fundamental principles of democracy, to blight the ideals and shackle the growth of a nation.

W.A. Jones



WILLIAM A. JONES



Son William A. Jones, Jr. (above) served in the U.S Army Signal Corps in World War I. Grandson Lt. Col. William Atkinson Jones III, United States Air Force, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously in 1970, below. Philippine First Lady Amelita Martinez Ramos and great-great grandchildren of Congressman Jones place a wreath at the Jones Memorial on April 9, 1998 to mark the 100th anniversary of Philippine Independence from Spain, bottom.



Bust of Congressman Jones in Warsaw created by Spanish sculptor Mariano Benlliure, top, and the Jones Memorial Bridge in Manila, above. The young Filipino woman in the memorial represents the Philippines giving homage to Jones, below.

All photographs courtesy of the Jones Family and Richmond County Museum.





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