

Subject: The James Jones Family Association

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**Dear James Jones Cousin,**

As a cousin, you are a descendant (or spouse of a descendant) of James Jones (1804-1895) who was a pioneer settler in Meade, Michigan. The James Jones Family Association continues to hold family reunions in Southeast Michigan each year on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We held our 171st reunion in 2024 with only one reunion missed since 1853. Reunion information is posted on the TJJFA website, the Facebook group, and emailed to addresses we have on file.

Due to the size of the association, postal mailing of newsletters and reunion notifications is no longer practical. The association will emphasize the use of email, Facebook and website-based communication going forward. Of the approximate 550 postal addresses we have on file, we only have about 130 valid email addresses, so we still have a lot of work to do getting cousin's email addresses. If you would like to stay informed, we need your preferred email address. We would appreciate it if you would send an email with your full name, maiden name, Jones branch and ID# (if known), and (optional) postal address to [info@tjjfa.org](mailto:info@tjjfa.org). If we can't find you in the family tree, we will follow-up with you to help correct the tree.

**TJJFA.ORG Website:**

We have made significant progress in establishing an online presence for the association with a new website ([www.tjjfa.org](http://www.tjjfa.org)) which currently provides access to association information, a photo gallery, and an interactive family tree. We hope to complete the development of the main website soon. Feel free to visit!

Certain sections of the website are considered "private" with access allowed to only James Jones cousins. Association documents, newsletter archive(s), the family tree, and some sections of the photo gallery are considered private. If you share your email address with us, and you are verified as a Jones descendant, we can provide you with the login information required to access the more private information.

**Facebook Group:**

The association's Facebook group is another way to stay informed and share memories; cousins can request to join this private group using the link on the website or use the following link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/www.tjjfa.org> .

**Family Tree:**

The James Jones family tree was rebuilt in 2020 and presented online using the "Webtrees" application on the website. There are currently over **2640** individuals and **960** families documented in the family tree. The family tree is considered "private" so you will need to login to browse it. We do need help with tree updates. If you would like to update your family information, please indicate so in your email reply and we can provide you with some reports to show the current tree information. We are also looking for volunteers to be "genealogy" contacts within the Jones branches; if you are interested in being a contact, please specify an ancestor whose descendants you could help maintain in the family tree.

Looking forward to hearing from you, and keeping the Jones tradition alive,

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