

The German Origins of Charles Jones, aka Johann Carl Schantz, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Monckton, New Brunswick

Another member of the group of Monckton settlers from Philadelphia in 1766 is traced back to Germany.

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Moncton traces its origins back to the city founded in 1890, the town incorporated in 1855, Moncton Parish formed in 1786 and Monckton Township established in 1765. Among the earliest English-speaking settlers of Monckton Township were five families who came from Philadelphia in 1766. Four of these families had German-sounding names: Lutz/Lutes, Sommer/Summers, Steeves and Trites. Les Bowser successfully traced the Steeves family back to Germany where the progenitor Henry Steeves was known as Heinrich Stief. But the origins of the family headed by Charles and Margaret Jones stumped him. With the most common last name in Wales, the family was assumed to be of Welsh origin. Researching a family with a common name like Jones is a daunting task and extensive research in Pennsylvania and Welsh resources turned up nothing.

But Les persevered and made an exciting discovery. As it turned out, Charles Jones had changed his name—and so dramatically that the connection would elude most people. On April 27, 1766, the same day they would leave for Moncton, Jacob Stief and Catharina Lutz witnessed the baptisms of Anna Margretha and Catharina Elisabeth Schantz, daughters of Carl and Margretha Schantz, in St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. Comparing the Schantz and Jones families, Les found several parallels, including matching years of birth for the Schantz and Jones daughters. Closer inspection revealed that the Schantz family of Pennsylvania became the Jones family in New Brunswick. The parents Carl and Margretha became Charles and Margaret and their daughters Anna Margretha and Catharina Elisabeth became Margaret and Catherine. For details of Les's crack detective work, see his book, *The Search for Heinrich Stief: A Genealogist on the Loose* (Halifax, N.S.: Nimbus Publ. Ltd., 2001).

With the revelation that Charles Jones was originally Carl Schantz, I set out to trace his likely German origins. Passenger lists show the arrival in Philadelphia of Carl and Jacob Schantz on the ship *Lydia* on or not long before 9 October 1749. Under Captain John Randolph, the ship came from Rotterdam via Cowes, England, and carried more than 150 passengers, mostly Palatines from southwest Germany. Men over age sixteen took an oath at the courthouse, vowing fidelity to King George II of England and

revoking their allegiance to other rulers. On 13 October 1749, Jacob Schantz signed his name, while Carl Schantz signed with his mark.^{1, 2, 3}

The International Genealogical Index (IGI) on FamilySearch, www.familysearch.org, indexes many German births and marriages. Among them are several entries for the name Carl Schantz or Shanz in Gondelsheim, Baden. Just 14.5 miles from Karlsruhe and 43 miles from Stuttgart, Gondelsheim is located in a hilly region dotted with lakes. It's a predominately Protestant village dating back to at least the year 1257. Referring to the original Lutheran church records from Gondelsheim for more details, here's what I found on Jacob and Carl Schantz:

- Johann Jacob Schantz, born or baptized 2 September 1718, a son of Johann Schantz and Margaretha
- Johann Carl Schantz, born (Oct.?) 1721, a son of Johannes Schantz and Anna Margaretha
- Hanß Carl Schantz, born 19 October 1721, died 7 March 1795, a son of Johann Georg (Jörg) Schantz and Anna Rüdi
- Johann Carl Schantz, married 27 November 1742, Maria Catharina Engelhard

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¹ William Henry Egle, ed., *Names of Foreigners Who Took the Oath of Allegiance to the Province and State of Pennsylvania, 1727-1775* (Harrisburg, Pa.: E. K. Meyers, state printer, 1890), pp. 302-303.

² Ralph Beaver Strassburger and William John Hinke, eds., *Pennsylvania German Pioneers* (Norristown, Penna.: Pennsylvania German Society, 1934), vol. 1, pp. 420-422.

³ I. Daniel Rupp, *A Collection of Upwards of Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and Other Immigrants in Pennsylvania* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publ. Co., 1985), pp. 218-219.

- Johann Carl Schanz, widower, married 24 January 1747, to Maria Catharina Retzen

Apparently there were two people named Carl Schantz born in the same year in Gondelsheim. One stayed there, married twice and died in 1795. The other Carl emigrated with his brother Jacob in 1749, settled near Philadelphia and moved with his family to Moncton in 1766. They were part of a wave of Protestants who left the Palatinate area of southwest Germany in the eighteenth century seeking religious freedom and better economic conditions.



GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

Generation One

1. Johannes^A (or Johann) Schantz (or Schanz), married, 16 November 1717, Gondelsheim, Baden, Germany, **Anna Margaretha Voltz**. The registers of the Lutheran church of Gondelsheim record their marriage and the births or baptisms of these children:⁴

⁴ Evangelische Kirche Gondelsheim, Kirchenbuch (Gondelsheim Lutheran Church, church register), 1689-1961, Family History Library microfilm 1,192,069.

- + 2 i. JOHANN^I JACOB SCHANTZ, born or baptized 2 September 1718.
- ii. ANNA MARIA SCHANTZ, born or baptized 12 March 1720.
- + 3 iii. JOHANN CARL SCHANTZ, born 1721.
- iv. JÖRG PHILIPP SCHANTZ, born or baptized 22 January 1724.
- v. ANNA CATHARINA SCHANTZ, born or baptized (??) January 1727.

Generation Two

2. Johann Jacob^I Schantz (Johannes^A), born or baptized 2 September 1718, Gondelsheim.⁵ He came to Pennsylvania with his brother Carl in 1749. A Jacob Schantz was naturalized, apparently in 1750, in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.⁶ He could also be the Jacob Schantz who was an executor of the will of Henry Groob of New Hanover, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, on 15 February 1782.⁷ And he could be the Jacob Schantz of Berwick Township, York County, Pennsylvania, whose will, dated 13 August 1790, was proved 25 March 1795. The will names a wife Susanna and children Henry, Peter, Jacob, Juliana and Elizabeth.⁸

3. Johann Carl Schantz, born 1721, Gondelsheim.⁹ The emigrant Johann Carl Schantz married, 6 December 1752, Philadelphia, **Margretha Lintz**.¹⁰ She was probably related to Matthias Lentz, one of the nine signers of the Articles in Agreement in Philadelphia on 27 January 1766.¹¹ The signers agreed to move to Monckton Township, Nova Scotia (now New Brunswick) and live there for at least four years. However, Matthias Lentz was one of four signers who ended up not going.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, vol. 2, www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/pa/1pa/paarchivesseries/serie s2/vol2/pass2-10.html.

⁷ *Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania Wills, 1682-1819* (Philadelphia: Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1900). Will bk. S, p. 73.

⁸ *York County, Pennsylvania Wills 1749-1819* (Ancestry.com).

⁹ Evangelische Kirche Gondelsheim.

¹⁰ Julius Friedrich Sachse, "The Records of St. Michaelis and Zion Lutheran Congregation of Philadelphia," in *Pennsylvania German Church Records of Births, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, Etc. from the Pennsylvania German Society Proceedings and Addresses* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publ. Co., 1983), vol. 1, p. 610. Witnesses, Christoph Weber, Michael Lintz and Maria Barbara Copin.

¹¹ John Hughes Papers, Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

“The History of Moncton Township,” by A. C. Pincomb, tells about Charles Jones’s agreement to settle in Moncton (then usually spelled Monckton):

A Yeoman, Charles Jones, his wife; 2 sons—Henry, John; daughter Margaret arrived 20 June 1766 with Captain Hall at Hall’s Creek. Jones had signed an agreement with John Hughes on 27 January 1766 and set sail in April of that year.

Upon ending his agreement with the proprietors and receiving the title to his grant, his heirs received 55 pounds in damages; 7 pounds / 17 shillings / 3d in costs. The grant began at Island Creek joining Mr. Stief from then extending down river to the westerly boundary of lands granted to Charles Baker and extending back to form an equal square containing 2,163 acres of marsh and uplands.

Charles Jones may have died in about 1774 in Moncton.¹²

Johann Carl Schantz and Margretha had four known children. Sometime after moving to Moncton Township in 1766, members of the family took Anglicized versions of their names.

- + 4 i. JOHANNES² SCHANTZ, aka JOHN JONES, was born 23 August 1753,¹³ and died in 1810.
- + 5 ii. HENRY JONES was born in about 1758 and died 20 January 1840.¹⁵

¹² Stephen Millidge, “Survey of Township of Monkton, 18 March 1788,” in Cleadie Barnett, *We Lived*, issue 13, Feb. 1982, pp. 153-154. Online at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nbwestmo/cen1788.htm. “Charles Jones died about 14 years since, and left his family unsettled, the proprietor not having performed his agreement with him.”

¹³ Frederick S. Weiser and Debra D. Smith, *St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Germantown (Now Part of Philadelphia) Pennsylvania 1741-1841* (Rockport, Maine: Picton Press, c. 1998), vol. 1, p. 33. “1754. Johannes, son of Carl and Margaretha Schantz, b. 23 Aug 1753, bp. 16 Dec 1754. Sponsors: Sam Mimo.”

¹⁴ John T. Humphrey, *Pennsylvania Births, Philadelphia County, 1644-1765* (Washington, D.C.: Humphrey Publications, 1994), p. 429.

¹⁵ Pioneer Cemetery, Salisbury, Westmorland County, New Brunswick, viewed by Rick Crume, 6 May 1993. “In Memory of Henry Jones, Died Jan. 20, 1840 [it looks like 1810], Aged 82 [?] years.”

+ 6 iii. ANNA MARGRETHA SCHANTZ, aka MARGARET JONES, was born in about December 1760, baptized 27 April 1766 at Philadelphia¹⁶ and died 15 or 16 April 1806.

+ 7 iv. CATHARINA ELISABETH SCHANTZ, aka CATHERINE ELIZABETH JONES, was born in about July 1765, baptized 27 April 1766 at Philadelphia¹⁷ and died 1 April 1854.

Generation Three

4. Johannes² Schantz, aka John Jones (Johann Carl¹, Johannes^A), was born 23 August 1753 and died in 1810. As Johannes Schantz, he was baptized 16 December 1754 at St. Michael’s Lutheran Church, Germantown, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, a son of Carl and Margaretha Schantz.^{18, 19} He was known as John Jones in New Brunswick, married **Dimas Daniels**, a daughter of William Daniels Sr. and his wife Martha.²⁰

The 1788 survey of Moncton says that John and Henry Jones had been living there for eight years. They had fourteen acres of cleared upland, 60 ½ acres of

¹⁶ *St. Michaelis & Zion [Lutheran Church], Philadelphia* (Philadelphia: Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1898), vol. 36, p. 361. Entry of 26/27 April 1766 in the Taufbuch (Register of Baptisms): “Leute die heute abreisen nach Neuschottland [People who leave today for Nova Scotia]. [Parents:] Carl Schantz u[und] s[eine] Fr[au] [and his wife] Margretha. [Children:] Anna Margretha ist 5 Jahr u[nd] 4 Monath alt [5 years and 4 months old], Catharina Elisabeth ist 9 Monath alt [9 months old]. [Witnesses:] Jacob Stief und Anna Catharina Lutzin.”

¹⁷ *Ibid.*

¹⁸ Humphrey, *Pennsylvania Births, Philadelphia County, 1644-1765*, p. 429.

¹⁹ Weiser and Smith, *St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Germantown*, vol. 1, p. 33.

²⁰ Death record of Margaret (Jones) Mills, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia death records, 1877, bk. 1805, p. 139, no. 38. It identifies her parents as John and Dimas Jones. Also, John Jones and wife “Dimmis” made out an indenture to their sons Aaron and Asa Jones on 27 October 1836 (Westmorland County, N.B., deed bk., vol. T-1, p. 109, dated 10 September 1841, as cited in Rainer L. Hempel, *New Voices on the Shores: Early Pennsylvania German Settlements in New Brunswick* (Toronto: German-Canadian Historical Assoc., 2000), p. 382).

diked marsh and one horse each. John had six cows, two oxen, five young cattle and fourteen sheep.²¹

John and his brother Henry brought lawsuits claiming that John Hughes, the merchant of Philadelphia, failed to fulfill the terms of his agreement with their father Charles. John and Henry obtained a sheriff's deed for "2263 acres of Marsh and upland, Beginning at Island Creek, joining to Mr. Steef from thence extending down the River to a pine tree marked NO. 4, to extend back to an equal square to take in the number of acres above mentioned." Apparently, the brothers also recovered a debt of 68 pounds 10 shillings from Hughes.²²

John Jones and Dimas had ten children.

i. EDWARD ROBERT JONES was born in 1791 in N.B. and died after 1851. He was married in Westmorland County, New Brunswick on 12 June 1812²³ to Prudence Milton or Mitton.

ii. ANN C. (NANCY) JONES was born in about 1792²⁴ and died in July 1880.²⁵ She married Samuel Steeves.

iii. MARGARET JONES was born between 1788 and 1793 in Moncton Parish, Westmorland County, N.B., and died 20 January 1877 in Goose River, Cumberland Co., N.S.²⁶ She was married in Westmorland County, New Brunswick on 30 December 1812 to Samuel Mills.

iv. ROBERT JONES. He married Mary Beck.

vi. BARBARA JONES was born in about 1795 in Moncton, Westmorland County, N.B., and died 14 May

1883 in Lenden, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia.²⁷ She is listed in the 1881 census of Amherst Shore, Cumberland County, N.S.²⁸ She was married on 4 February 1824 in Westmorland County, New Brunswick²⁹ to Sherwood Mills. They are both buried in the Linden to Northport Cemetery, Cumberland County, N.S.

v. JOHN JONES was born in about 1796 in New Brunswick and died after 1871. He is listed in the 1851,³⁰ 1861³¹ and 1871³² censuses of Moncton, Westmorland County, N.B. He was married on 28 October 1824 in Westmorland County³³ to Barbara Trites.

vii. WILLIAM JONES was born in about 1802 in N.B.³⁴ and died 9 August 1854 in Moncton Parish, Westmorland County, N.B.³⁵ He was married on 22 September 1825 in Moncton, N.B.,³⁶ to Lydia McLeod. William's will was dated 29 July 1854 and proved 4 September 1854.³⁷

viii. AARON JONES was born in about 1803 in N.B. and died 7 July 1895 in Moncton, Westmorland

²¹ Cleadie Barnett, "We Lived," issue #13 (Feb 1982), p. 154.

²² Ibid, p. 153.

²³ Westmorland County, New Brunswick, marriage register; Provincial Archives of New Brunswick microfilm M-828.

²⁴ Robert F. Fellows, ed., *The New Brunswick Census of 1851: Albert County* (Fredericton, N.B., Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, 1972). Hillsborough parish, p. 41. Ann Steeves, age 59, so born about 1792.

²⁵ Esther Clark Wright, *The Steeves Descendants* (Wolfville, Nova Scotia: ca. 1965).

²⁶ Cumberland County, Nova Scotia death records, 1877, bk. 1805, p. 139, no. 38. Margaret Mills, female, age 89, born Pennsylvania, d/o John & Dimas Jones, Farmer, died 20 Jan 1877 in Goose River. Cause of death: old age. Informant: Simon P. Mills. Death registered in Goose River.

²⁷ *Chignecto Post*, Sackville, New Brunswick, 31 May 1883, p. 3. "[Died] At Linden, on the 14th, Barbara, wife of Sherwood Mills, aged 89 years."

²⁸ Barbary Mills, married, female, English, age 86, born in Nova Scotia, Baptist.

²⁹ Ken Kanner and V. Bing Geldart, *Index to Marriage Register, Westmorland County, Part I, 1790-1856* (1985), A 163 0563, Sherwood Mills, Goose River, N.S., and Barbara Jones, Moncton Parish.

³⁰ Wayne A. Gillcash, ed., *1851 Census, Westmorland County, N.B.* (Fredericton: Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, 1981), vol. 1, p. 33.

³¹ Kenneth E. Kanner, *1861 Census, Westmorland County, New Brunswick* (Moncton: 1997), p. 181.

³² Ken Kanner, *1871 Census, Westmorland County, New Brunswick* (1999), p. 210.

³³ Kanner and Geldart, vol. A, p. 177.

³⁴ Gillcash (ed.), *1851 Census, Westmorland County, N.B.*; Parish of Moncton, vol. 1, p. 34. William, age 49, Dutch, farmer.

³⁵ Lutes Mountain Historical Society, Tombstone Transcriptions, May 1978, Provincial Archives of New Brunswick microfilm F8498. William Jones died 9 August 1856, age 54.

³⁶ Kanner and Geldart, A 203 0683. The original record is in Westmorland County marriage register on microfilm M-828 at the National Archives. William Jones of Moncton Parish and Lydia McLeod of the same place.

³⁷ *Westmorland County Probate Records*, RS 74, Provincial Archives of New Brunswick microfilm F11544. William left his personal estate to his wife Lydia, his real estate to his son William and 25 pounds to each of his daughters.

County, N.B.³⁸ He is listed in the 1861,³⁹ 1871⁴⁰ and 1891⁴¹ censuses of Moncton. He was married on 3 January 1838 in Shediac, Westmorland County, N.B.⁴² to Caroline Bennett. They are buried in Wilson Cemetery, Salisbury Road, Westmorland County, N.B.⁴³

Aaron was mentioned in *The Times*, 19 June 1889:⁴⁴

Aaron Jones, who is one of the very oldest citizens of Moncton, lately took a drive through the western part of the town. Mr. Jones is 82 years old and a native of Moncton, having been born on the Salisbury road only six miles from town. In early youth he determined to be a merchant. In the year 1843 he moved to Moncton, built the first two-storey house ever erected in this town and started a general store. Tobacco, tea, sugar, flour, pork, etc. was his stock and Mr. Jones also sold a little of the 'ardent' by the way of a change...

Aaron's obituary appeared in *The Daily Sun*, Moncton, 8 July 1895:^{45, 46}

Aaron Jones, one of the old landmarks in Moncton, died yesterday after an illness of about two months. Deceased was born on the Salisbury Road, some eight miles from what is now the town of Moncton and remained there all his life, up to within 15 years, since which time he has lived in town. He owned considerable real estate, at one

³⁸ Lutes Mountain Historical Society, Tombstone Transcriptions. "In memory of Aaron Jones, Died July 7, 1895, Aged 88 years."

³⁹ Kanner, *1861 Census, Westmorland County, New Brunswick*.

⁴⁰ Kanner, *1871 Census, Westmorland County, New Brunswick*. Parish of Moncton, p. 209.

⁴¹ Ken Kanner, *Lutes Mountain Census, Westmorland County, N.B.* (Moncton, 1993). Town of Moncton, p. 580.

⁴² Kanner and Geldart. B 058 1860.

⁴³ Lutes Mountain Historical Society, Tombstone Transcriptions.

⁴⁴ Daniel F. Johnson, *Vital Statistics from New Brunswick Newspapers*, vol. 74, #3644.

⁴⁵ Johnson, *Vital Statistics from New Brunswick Newspapers*, vol. 100, #1082.

⁴⁶ Johnson, *Vital Statistics from New Brunswick Newspapers*, vol. e 7, #802 and 811. *St. Andrews Standard*, 3 Feb. 1838. "m. 3rd ult., Parish Church, Shediac, Westmorland Co., by Rector, Aaron JONES / Miss Caroline BENNETT, both Moncton parish."

time holding several acres in what is now the business centre of town and the possession of some of which he retained up to the time of death. Deceased was 89 years of age.

ix. LIONEL JONES.

x. ASA JONES.

5. Henry Jones was born in 1758, died 20 January 1840 and is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery, Salisbury Parish, Westmorland County, N.B.⁴⁷ He married **Christenah Somers**, who was born in about 1762 and died after 1851. She was a daughter of Matthias Sommer and his wife Maria Christiana Null.

A Westmorland County, New Brunswick, survey taken by Stephen Millidge, dated 18 March 1788,⁴⁸ tells how the brothers John and Henry Jones tried to take possession of the land their father Charles had settled.

Two sons, the only male heirs of Charles Jones, who came to this country about 20 years ago, in order to settle lands under John Hughes, Merc.[hant] of Philadelphia. Charles Jones died about 14 years since, and left his family unsettled, the proprietor not having performed his agreement with him. At the time the present and principal occupants of this Township, commenced lawsuits, the present John and Henry Jones being of the number obtained a Sheriff's deed of 2263 acres of marsh and upland, beginning at Island Creek joining to Mr. Steef, from thence extending down the River to a pine tree marked No. 4 to extend back to an equal square to take in the number of acres above mentioned. The debt recovered was for the sum of 68" 10. The boundaries as above described and the improvement are marked on the plan.

The 1788 survey also says that John and Henry Jones had lived on the Monkton lands for eight years and had fourteen acres of cleared upland, 60 ½ acres of diked marsh and one horse each. John had six cows, two oxen, five young cattle and fourteen sheep, while Henry had seven cows, four oxen, seven young cattle and fourteen sheep.

⁴⁷ "In Memory of Henry Jones, Died Jan. 20, 1840, Aged 82 [?] years." Viewed by Rick Crume, 6 May 1993.

⁴⁸ Millidge, "Survey of Township of Monkton," 18 March 1788, pp. 153-154.

By his will, dated May 23, 1829, Henry Jones left his house and all his land, buildings, stock, and farming implements to his youngest son, Moses, and £16 yearly to his wife Christenah, plus the use of his house. He also left £10, paid in two installments, to each of his other sons and daughters and the heirs of his daughter Mariah, deceased. His son Henry received 20 shillings, in addition what he had already received. His wife, Christenah, oldest son Charles and “trusty friend” Solomon Trites were named executors.⁴⁹

The 1851 census of Moncton, Westmorland County, N.B.⁵⁰ shows that “Christener Jones,” a widow, age 89 and a native of New Brunswick of Dutch descent, was living with the family of her son Moses.

Henry Jones and Christina Somers had nine children.

i. CATHERINE JONES was married, 29 February 1816 in Westmorland County, N.B.,⁵¹ to Job Steeves.

ii. CHARLES JONES was born in 1781 in N.B., died 23 October 1850 in Salisbury, Westmorland County, N.B.⁵² and is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery in Salisbury. His gravestone says, “In Memory of Mr. Charles Jones Who Died Oct. 23, 1850, in the 69 year of his age. My flesh shall slumber in the ground Til the last trumpets joyfull sound, Then burst the chains with sweet surprise, And like my saviour’s image rise.”⁵³ He was married on 19 November 1805 in Westmorland County, N.B.,^{54, 55} to Deborah Somers. The will of Charles Jones of the parish of Salisbury, dated 7 March 1849, mentions his wife Deborah, daughter Clarisy Jones, sons Charles and Jacob Jones and nephew Titus

⁴⁹ Westmorland County, New Brunswick, probate records, PANB microfilm 11,541.

⁵⁰ Gillcash, ed., *1851 Census, Westmorland County, N.B.* Parish of Moncton, vol. 1, p. 33.

⁵¹ Kanner and Geldart, vol. A, p. 49, no. 127. Joab Steeves & Catharine Jones, both of Moncton Parish.

⁵² Lutes Mountain Historical Society, Tombstone Transcriptions. “In memory of Mr. Charles Jones who died Oct. 23, 1850 in the 69 year of his age.”

⁵³ Viewed by Rick Crume, 6 May 1993.

⁵⁴ Kanner and Geldart, A 004 0034, A 008 0077. Charles Jones and Deborah Summers, both of Moncton.

⁵⁵ Marriage bond between Charles Jones and Deborah Somers. Canadian Programme for Loyalist Studies and Publications papers, Family History Library microfilm 1,429,803.

Steeves (a son of his sister Lydia (Jones) and Charles Steeves).⁵⁶

iii. JACOB JONES was born in Salisbury Parish, Westmorland County, New Brunswick in about 1784 and died 10 May 1868 at Petitcodiac, Westmorland County. A member of the First Salisbury Baptist Church, “he was not a man of many words, but sound in principle.”⁵⁷ He was married 8 Dec. 1804⁵⁸ to Hannah Corey, widow of Edmund Price, Jr. “They first settled at New Canaan [Queens County, N.B.], where a grant of land was issued to them in 1809.⁵⁹ About the year 1820, they exchanged their New Canaan farm for one on the North River, owned by Rev. Charles Lewis, but seem to have settled on the Petitcodiac, some three miles downstream from the village of Petitcodiac.”⁶⁰ Jacob is listed in the 1851⁶¹ and 1861⁶² censuses of Salisbury Parish. Jacob and Hannah are buried in the Second Salisbury Baptist Church Burial Ground.⁶³

iv. MARIAH (MIRIAM) JONES was born in 1786 and died 11 December 1823. She was married 16 January 1806 in Westmorland County, N.B.,⁶⁴ to Ralph Colpitts.

v. ELIZABETH JONES was born in about 1788 in N.B. and died 29 March 1869.^{65 66} She is listed in the

⁵⁶ Westmorland County, N.B., wills, RS74, 1849-1854, PANB microfilm F11543.

⁵⁷ Obituary of Jacob Jones, *The Christian Visitor*, Saint John, New Brunswick, 21 May 1868, p. 3.

⁵⁸ Marriage bond between Jacob Jones and the widow Price. Canadian Programme for Loyalist Studies and Publications papers, FHL microfilm 1,429,803.

⁵⁹ Jacob Jones was conveyed lot #37 in the New Canaan settlement by grant #510 of 2 Oct 1809.

⁶⁰ J. E. Humphreys, “Pioneers at ‘Head of Petitcodiac:’ The Jones Family,” manuscript collection #1, Jones #6, Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, Fredericton.

⁶¹ Page 40.

⁶² Page 60.

⁶³ J. E. Humphreys, “Second Salisbury Baptist Church Burial Ground: Records copied from tombstones,” May 1917, typed manuscript, PANB cemetery inscriptions vertical file.

⁶⁴ Kanner and Geldart, A 004 0036, A 008 0079. Ralph Colpitts of Salisbury and Miriam Jones of Moncton.

⁶⁵ Lutes Mountain Historical Society, Tombstone Transcriptions. “Elizabeth, wife of Matthias Sommers, Died Mar. 29, 1869, Aged 83 years.”

⁶⁶ Johnson, *Vital Statistics from New Brunswick Newspapers*, vol. 28. #999; *Christian Visitor*, 15 Mar. 1869. “d. 29th March, at residence of her son-in-law, Solomon TRITES, Esq., Mrs. Elizabeth SUMMERS, age 82. The departed was the

1851⁶⁷ and 1861⁶⁸ censuses of the parish of Moncton, Westmorland County, N.B. She was married, first, before 1805, to Christian Trites, and, second, before 1813, to Matthias Somers. Elizabeth is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery at Lutes Mountain, Westmorland County, N. B.⁶⁹

vi. LYDIA JONES was born in 1795 and died 15 January 1840. She was married, 3 June 1819,⁷⁰ to John Steeves.

vii. HENRY JONES was born in about 1801 in Moncton, Westmorland County, N. B., died 26 February 1864 in Cedar Township, Mahaska County, Iowa, and is buried in Kirksville, Wapello County, Iowa. He was married in Moncton on 31 October 1822 in Westmorland County, N. B.,⁷¹ to Mary Ann Steeves.

viii. SOLOMON JONES was born 27 January 1804 in N. B. and died 25 March 1875 in Moncton. He is listed in the 1851⁷² and 1861⁷³ censuses of Moncton Parish, Westmorland County, N. B. He was married, 8 December 1825 in Westmorland County, N. B.,⁷⁴ to Margaret Ann Lutz. They are buried in the Boundary Creek Cemetery, Upper Mountain Road, Westmorland County, N. B.⁷⁵ Solomon's will, dated 3 February 1869, leaves \$4 to each of his sons, Abel and Solomon, land

subject of early religious impressions; and many years ago professed faith in Christ, and was immerced [sic] by the late Joseph Crandal into the fellowship of the Moncton Baptist Church." (see verse).

⁶⁷ Gillcash, ed., *1851 Census, Westmorland County, N.B.*, vol. 1, p. 64. Elizabeth, age 64, Dutch, housekeeper, birth [born in N.B.], in the household of her son Malcolm.

⁶⁸ Kanner, *1861 Census, Westmorland County, New Brunswick*. Parish of Moncton, p. 201. Age 72, in household of son Andrew.

⁶⁹ Lutes Mountain Historical Society, Tombstone Transcriptions.

⁷⁰ Kanner and Geldart, A 081 0254. John Steves of Hillsboro Parish and Lydia Jones of Moncton Parish.

⁷¹ Kanner and Geldart, A 130 0453. Henry Jones, Jr. of Moncton Parish and Mary Steves of Hillsboro Parish.

⁷² Gillcash, ed., *1851 Census, Westmorland County, N.B.*, vol. 1. p. 34. Solomon Jones, age 47, Dutch, farmer, birth [born in N. B.].

⁷³ Kanner, *1861 Census, Westmorland County, New Brunswick*. Parish of Moncton, p. 181. Solomon Jones, age 60.

⁷⁴ Kanner and Geldart, A 212 0710. Solomon Jones of Moncton Parish and Margaret Lutz of the same place.

⁷⁵ Lutes Mountain Historical Society, Tombstone Transcriptions. "In memory of Solomon Jones who died March 25, 1875, Aged 72 years. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

to his son Morton, and \$4 to each of his daughters, Pamela Smith, Elizabeth Steeves, Christiana (illegible), Maria Nichol, Margaret Lutz, Catherine Jones, Matilda Lutz and Rosannah Jones. Also, "To my wife Margaret, 1/3 part of the house, including cellar and chambers, the stock which is at present in my swine, ... (illegible) ... notes, money and papers in my possession, also the bedding, furniture and cooking utensils including stoves." Solomon's estate was probated 22 April 1875 and the inventory by Dickey Steeves and James Brown lists these items: cow (\$30), horse (\$35), wagon (\$30), sleigh (\$2), pair steers (\$60), hay (\$32), cooking stove (\$10), thirty bushels oats (\$15), twelve bushels potatoes (\$6), close stove (\$4), notes of hand (\$643), money (\$323) and farm (\$3000).⁷⁶

ix. MOSES JONES was born in 1806 in N. B., died 4 August 1887 in Moncton⁷⁷ and is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery on Lutes Mountain.⁷⁸ He was married in Westmorland County, New Brunswick, 19 February 1831,⁷⁹ to Barbara Mitton. He is listed in the 1851,⁸⁰ 1861⁸¹ and 1871⁸² censuses of Moncton Parish. This account of his fatal accident appeared in *The Times*, 5 August 1887:⁸³

The town was shocked yesterday by the intelligence that Moses JONES an old citizen had been suddenly killed. The accident occurred between 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Jones was engaged at his farm on the Salisbury Road in binding a load of hay to bring into the city. He was on top of the wagon, and after

⁷⁶ Westmorland County, New Brunswick Probate Files, 1875 (Co-Z) through 1878, PANB microfilm F11551.

⁷⁷ Johnson, *Vital Statistics from New Brunswick Newspapers*, vol. 67, #1376. 8 August 1887, *The Daily Telegraph*. "d. Moncton (West. Co.) 4th inst., Moses JONES, 81st year."

⁷⁸ Lutes Mountain Historical Society, Tombstone Transcriptions. "In memory of Moses Jones who died Aug. 4, 1887, Aged 81 Years."

⁷⁹ Kanner and Geldart.

⁸⁰ Gillcash, ed., *1851 Census, Westmorland County, N.B.*, vol. 1. Parish of Moncton, p. 33. Moses, age 44, Dutch, Farmer, Birth [born in N.B.].

⁸¹ Kanner, *1861 Census, Westmorland County, New Brunswick*. Parish of Moncton, p. 181. Moses Jones, age 55.

⁸² Kanner, *1871 Census, Westmorland County, New Brunswick*. Parish of Moncton, p. 209. Moses Jones, age 64, married, born N.B., Baptist, German, farmer.

⁸³ Johnson, *Vital Statistics from New Brunswick Newspapers*, vol. 69, #556.

binding the poles at the front of the wagon, was pressing down on the other end when the treacherous pole snapped at the middle and he was precipitated head foremost to the earth. The man with him sprang to intercept his fall, but was too late. His forehead struck the ground and his neck was broken. Mr. Jones was in his 81st year. He leaves four daughters and two sons. The funeral will take place Saturday, leaving his son's residence, Salisbury Road for Boundary Creek at 9 a.m. Moses Jones was son of the late Henry Jones and the youngest of five brothers, one of whom was Jacob Jones, father of Oliver Jones, Esq., Moncton. The family originally came from Germany and the connections in this country are numerous. The deceased took great delight in agricultural pursuits and had accumulated a considerable fortune. Deceased was 40 years a Magistrate.

6. Anna Margretha Schantz, aka Margaret

Jones, was born in about December 1760,⁸⁴ baptized 26/27 April 1766 in Philadelphia⁸⁵ and died 15 April 1806. She married **Abraham Treitz (Trites)**, who was born in about 1751 in Pennsylvania, was a member of the party who went from Pennsylvania to Moncton in 1766, and died 29 November 1810 in Moncton.⁸⁶ He was a son of Jacob Treitz (Trites) and his wife Rosanna. Abraham married, second, Experience, widow of Abel Gore.

The 1788 survey of Moncton Township says Abraham Trites had lived there for fourteen years and his property consisted of 33 acres of cleared upland, 55 acres of diked marsh, one horse, eight cows, six oxen, eleven young cattle and 37 sheep.⁸⁷

Abraham's will, dated 26 November 1810 and proved 17 December 1810, bequeaths property to his wife and children and calls on his sons Solomon and Charles to give his son John "Schooling fit for a Farmer," to teach his youngest daughter "to read and

⁸⁴ Humphrey, *Pennsylvania Births, Philadelphia County, 1644-1765*, p. 429.

⁸⁵ *Taufbuch, St. Michaelis & Zion, Philadelphia* (Philadelphia: Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1898), vol. 36, p. 361. Anna Margretha was 5 years and 4 months old when she was baptized on 26/27 April 1766. Jacob Stief and Anna Catharina Lutz witnessed the baptism.

⁸⁶ Edward W. Larracey, *The First Hundred* (Moncton: Moncton Publ. Co. Ltd., 1970), p. 242. Abraham Trites died 29 Nov. 1810 in his 59th year.

⁸⁷ Millidge, "Survey of Township of Monkton," 18 March 1788, p. 154.

write intelligibly" and "to teach ... my son Abraham fit to qualify him to be bound an apprentice to a merchant at age 16 and to give him two suits of clothes." The final inventory valued Abraham's estate at 3,772 pounds.⁸⁸ Abraham and Margaret are buried in the Wilson Cemetery, Salisbury Road, Moncton Parish, Westmorland County, N. B.⁸⁹

Margaret Jones and Abraham Trites had eleven children.

i. SOLOMON TRITES was born in 1777 and died 13 May 1851 in Moncton.⁹⁰ He married, first, Miss Horsman, and, second, Delia Watson Trites. He is buried in the Free Meeting House Cemetery, Moncton Parish, Westmorland County, N.B.⁹¹

ii. HANNAH TRITES was born in 1778.

iii. JACOB TRITES was born in 1781 and died 27 May 1867. He is buried in the Coverdale United Church Cemetery. He was married, 14 December 1805, to Ann Taylor.

iv. CHARLES TRITES was born in about 1783 in N.B. and died 3 June 1856 in Moncton.⁹² He was married in about 1815 to Elizabeth Somers. He is listed in the 1851 census of Moncton Parish.⁹³

v. JANE TRITES was born in 1788. She was married on 2 November 1809 to David Mills.

⁸⁸ R. Wallace Hale, *Early New Brunswick Probate Records, 1785-1835* (Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1989), pp. 460-461.

⁸⁹ Cleadie Barnett, ed., *Wilson Cemetery, Transcription*, Westmorland County GenWeb, www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nbwestmo/cem-wilson.htm. "Trites. Abraham d. 29 Nov 1810 in his 59th yr. Margaret, w/o Abraham d. 15 Apr 1806 in her 46th yr. This is the oldest stone in the cemetery."

⁹⁰ Johnson, *Vital Statistics from New Brunswick Newspapers*, vol. 13, #1177. *New Brunswick Courier*, 24 May 1851. "D.[ied] Moncton (West. Co.) 13th inst., Solomon TRITES, age 75."

⁹¹ Cleadie Barnett, ed., *Free Meeting House Cemetery—Transcription*, Westmorland County GenWeb, www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nbwestmo/cem-freemeeting.htm. "Solomon d. 13 May 1851, b. 1777 ae 74 yrs."

⁹² Johnson, *Vital Statistics from New Brunswick Newspapers*, vol. 16, #209. *New Brunswick Courier*, 7 June 1856. "d. Moncton (West. Co.) 3rd inst., Charles TRITES, age 72."

⁹³ Gillcash, ed., *1851 Census, Westmorland County, N.B.*, vol. 1, p. 71. Charles, age 68, Dutch, Farmer, Birth [born in N.B.].

vi. ELIZABETH HELEN TRITES was born in 1789 and died 12 October 1855. She was married on 17 October 1809 in Westmorland County, N.B.⁹⁴ to Lewis Steeves. She is listed in the 1851 census of Albert County, N.B.⁹⁵

vii. CATHERINE TRITES was born in 1790 and died before 1851. She was married, 3 February 1807 in Westmorland County, N.B., to Ralph Blakely Johnson Mitton.

viii. LYDIA TRITES was born in 1794 and is buried in the Fairhaven Cemetery on Salisbury Road. She was married on 23 December 1813 to Reuben (Preston) Steeves.

ix. ABRAHAM TRITES was born in 1796 and died, 7 September 1811, at age fifteen.

x. SARAH TRITES was born in 1797. She was married, 12 June 1817, to Martin Somers.

xi. JOHN FRANCIS TRITES was born in 1798 and died 17 October 1884. He was married on 27 November 1827 in Westmorland County, N.B.⁹⁶ to his first cousin, Jane Trites, daughter of Christian Trites and Catherine Jones. He is listed in the 1851 census of Moncton Parish.⁹⁷

7. Catharina Elisabeth Schantz, aka Catherine Elizabeth Jones, was born in about July 1765 and died 1 April 1854.⁹⁸ She and her sister Anna Margretha were baptized at the same time on 27 April 1766 in Philadelphia,^{99, 100} just before the family departed for Nova Scotia (now New Brunswick). She married

⁹⁴ Kanner and Geldart, A 009 0088. Lewis Steeve of Moncton & Elizabeth Trites, of the same place.

⁹⁵ Robert F. Fellows, ed., *The New Brunswick Census of 1851: Albert County*, (Fredericton: PANB, 1972). Coverdale parish, p. 23.

⁹⁶ Kanner and Geldart, A 256 0839. John Trites and Jane Trites, both of Moncton Parish.

⁹⁷ Gillcash, ed., *1851 Census, Westmorland County, N.B.*, vol. 1. Parish of Moncton, p. 72. John Trites, age 53, Dutch. Keeps Boarding House. Birth [born in N.B.].

⁹⁸ Westmorland County Genealogies MC2, "Sackville NB, births, deaths and marriages from the first settlement to the early 1800's, as transcribed from a photostatic copy of the Sackville Town Book in the New Brunswick Museum, St. John."

⁹⁹ Humphrey, *Pennsylvania Births, Philadelphia County, 1644-1765*, p. 429.

¹⁰⁰ *Taufbuch, St. Michaelis & Zion [Lutheran Church], Philadelphia* (Philadelphia: Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1898) vol. 36, p. 361. Catharina Elisabeth was nine months old when she was baptized on 26/27 April 1766.

Christian Treitz (Trites), who was born 12 June 1759 and died 22 June 1836 in Moncton, a son of Jacob Trites and his wife Elisina. Catherine and Christian are buried in the Free Meeting House cemetery in Moncton.¹⁰¹

The 1788 survey of Moncton Township notes that Christian Trites had lived there for 22 years and lists his property: six acres cleared upland, 87 acres diked marsh, one horse, eight cows, five oxen, eleven young cattle and 24 sheep.¹⁰² Christian and Catherine had a fine home:

Christian [Trites] had by [1811] replaced his log house with a fine new brick home, the bricks made from marsh clay at his doorstep. [Col. Joseph] Gubbins found the house most impressive, for it was the first brick house he had seen in New Brunswick. The site of the house is now the corner of Euston and Albert Streets near the Gunningsville bridge.¹⁰³

Christian Trites was a large landowner:

Christian Trites built his first house of logs near where the Intercolonial Railway round house now stands. He afterwards built a frame house which was burned down and then a brick house which is believed to have occupied a site on the property purchased by Mr. Steeves on Bridge street. Bricks for this were made on the marsh near where the bridge now crosses. Christian Trites had two sons and seven daughters and as they grew up, he gave a farm to each. Mrs. John Jones got land next to the homestead and the other daughters, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Gesner, Mrs. James Robertson, sr., Mrs. Steeves and Mrs. Steadman received lots in their order. Several residents of Moncton still remember Christian Trites when an old man and his only surviving son died here a few years ago. Jacob Trites, jr. got the land next in a westerly direction, taking up an immense tract, with a frontage of over half a mile on the river and

¹⁰¹ Westmorland County Genealogies MC2. Also, Brenda Parsons, "Moncton's Civic Treasure: The Free Meeting House," and Free Meeting House Cemetery Records, RS 419C, Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, Fredericton. According to their gravestones, Christian Trites died 22 June 1836, age 77, and Catharine, wife of Christian Trites, died 1 April 1854, age 88.

¹⁰² Millidge, "Survey of Township of Monkton," 18 March 1788, p. 154.

¹⁰³ Shirley A. Dobson, *The Word and the Music: The Story of Moncton's Central United Church and Its Methodist Roots* (Moncton, N.B.: The Church, 1994), p. 30.

running away back in the mountains, a distance of upwards of 100 chains or more than five miles, his tract containing 1,900 acres.¹⁰⁴

Christian and Catherine (Jones) Trites had nine children.¹⁰⁵

i. WILLIAM TRITES was born in 1779 in Moncton, Westmorland County, N.B., and died 7 March 1869 in Cedar Township, Van Buren County, Iowa.¹⁰⁶ He was married on 5 March 1819 in Sussex, Kings County, N.B. to Mary Parlee.

ii. HANNAH TRITES was born in about 1782 in N.B. and died 15 February 1862. She is listed in the 1851 census of Moncton Parish¹⁰⁷ and the 1861 census of the town of Moncton.¹⁰⁸ She married William Steadman, Sr. and they are buried on the grounds of the Moncton Free Meeting House.

iii. LEWIS TRITES was born 12 November 1785 in N.B. and died 25 February 1863. He was married, 4 January 1811 in Westmorland County, N.B.,¹⁰⁹ to Deborah Gore. They are listed in the 1851¹¹⁰ and 1861¹¹¹ censuses of Salisbury Parish, Westmorland County, N.B. Lewis is buried in Wright Island Cemetery, Salisbury Parish, Westmorland County, N.B.¹¹²

¹⁰⁴ Johnson, *Vital Statistics from New Brunswick Newspapers*, vol. 75, #279. *The Times*, 11 Dec. 1889.

¹⁰⁵ John Edward Belliveau, *The Monctonians: Citizens, Saints and Scoundrels* (Hantsport, N.S.: Lancelot Press, 1981), vol. 1, p. 24.

¹⁰⁶ Johnson, *Vital Statistics from New Brunswick Newspapers*, vol. 27, #1097. *Morning News*, 7 Apr. 1869.

¹⁰⁷ Gillcash, ed., *1851 Census, Westmorland County, N.B.*, vol. 1. Parish of Moncton, p. 65. Hannah, 68, Dutch, Birth.

¹⁰⁸ Kanner, *1861 Census, Westmorland County, New Brunswick* (Moncton, 1997). Town of Moncton, p. 241. Hannah Steadman, female, widow, room by herself, 79, native, infirm, Baptist.

¹⁰⁹ Kanner and Geldart, A 011 0107, Lodowick Trites of Moncton and Deborah Gore, late of Westmorland Parish.

¹¹⁰ Gillcash, ed., *1851 Census, Westmorland County, N.B.*, vol. 2, (Fredericton: PANB, 1981). Salisbury Parish, p. 37. Lewis Trites, 65.

¹¹¹ Kanner, *1861 Census, Westmorland County, New Brunswick* (Moncton, 1997). Salisbury Parish, p. 337. Lewis Trites, 74, father-in-law of William Patterson.

¹¹² New Brunswick Cemeteries, Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, www.archives.gnb.ca. Lewis Trites, 1785-1863, born at Moncton.

iv. NANCY or MARY ANN TRITES was born 12 May 1787 in Moncton and died 21 February 1848. She was married, 11 December 1806 in Westmorland County, N.B.,¹¹³ to John (Cupboard) Steeves.

v. JANE TRITES was born in about 1788 in N.B. She was married on 2 November 1809 in Westmorland County, N.B.,¹¹⁴ to David Mills. They are listed in the 1851 census of Salisbury Parish, Westmorland County, N.B.¹¹⁵

vi. MARY (MARIA) TRITES was born in 1789 and died at age 92 in August 1881 in Moncton, when she was the oldest living native of the city.¹¹⁶ She was married, 2 January 1813 in Westmorland County, N.B.,¹¹⁷ to James Robertson. She is listed in the 1851 census of Moncton Parish¹¹⁸ and the 1861 census of the town of Moncton.¹¹⁹

vii. ELIZABETH "BETSY" TRITES was born in 1797. She was married, 16 May 1816 in Westmorland County, N.B.,¹²⁰ to Jacob Gesner.

viii. ALICE ELIZA TRITES was born in 1800. She was married, 2 August 1816, to Edward Grant.

ix. BARBARA TRITES died before October 1851.¹²¹ She was married, 28 October 1824 in Westmorland County, N.B.,¹²² to John Jones.

¹¹³ *Register of Marriages for the County of Westmorland*, National Archives microfilm M-828. John Steeves and Ann Trites, married 11 Dec. 1806.

¹¹⁴ Kanner and Geldart, A 009 0089. David Mills of Dorchester and Jane Trites of Moncton.

¹¹⁵ Gillcash, ed. *1851 Census, Westmorland County, N.B.*, vol. II, Salisbury parish, p. 31. Jane Mills, female, wife of David Mills, age 63, German, Birth.

¹¹⁶ *Moncton Times*, 11 August 1881.

¹¹⁷ Kanner and Geldart, A 021 0017. James Robertson and Maria Trites, both of Moncton Parish.

¹¹⁸ Gillcash, ed., *1851 Census, Westmorland County, N.B.*, vol. 1. Parish of Moncton, p. 61. Mary, widow, age 61, Dutch, Birth.

¹¹⁹ Kanner, *1861 Census, Westmorland County, New Brunswick*. Town of Moncton, p. 238, age 72.

¹²⁰ Kanner and Geldart, A 050 0132. Jacob Gesner and Elizabeth Trites, both of Moncton Parish.

¹²¹ Gillcash, ed., *1851 Census, Westmorland County, N.B.*, vol. 1. Parish of Moncton, p. 33. John Jones, widower.

¹²² Kanner and Geldart. A 177 0604. John Jones, Jr. and Barbara Trites, both of Moncton Parish.