

Sketch: Brief Notes on the Children of Evan Jones

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Dr Evan Jones was twice married, first to Mary Stevenson in about 1725, and secondly to Bridget Mathews. The date for the death of his first wife, and the remarriage to his second wife are uncertain, but both events probably occurred between 1745 - 1750. The date of Bridget Mathews birth remains a factor here. Evan Jones' Will was written 27 May 1753 and proved 24 May 1755. In it he names six children - John Jones, Thomas Jones, Evan Jones, James Jones, Edward Jones, and Mary Jones. As a Mathews family researcher, I have been most interested to identify the mother of Evan Jones' children. The evidence seems to point to Mary Stevenson as the mother of most, if not all, of the Jones children, but this is not certain. Family histories vary greatly in dividing out the children between the two wives. As I have taken time to study each of the children, I have focused on recognizing their mother. I have come to the conclusion, still speculative, that John Jones, Thomas Jones, Evan Jones, and James Jones are the sons of Mary Stephenson. I suspect, but don't feel certain, that Edward Jones and Mary Jones are the children of Bridget Mathews. To this list I also add Catherine Jones who was probably born to Bridget Mathews Jones around the time of Evan Jones' death and is not named in his Will.

Below I have given very brief accounts of the Jones children. Many of the dates are speculative. Like many other researchers - I am giving this my best shot, with the hope that it will be helpful to others. It remains likely that some of the references below include incorrect information!!

John Jones, 1729 - 1791

John Jones is the son of Evan Jones and his first wife Mary Stevenson. "John Jones, surgeon, born in Jamaica, New York, in 1729; died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 23 June 1791. He was a son of Dr. Evan Jones, a Welsh physician, who came to this country [New York] in 1728. He was educated professionally at the medical schools and hospitals of London, Paris, Leyden, and Edinburgh, where he became acquainted with the most eminent contemporary professors" . . . John Jones went on to a most distinguished career in New York City and Philadelphia. There is no evidence that he ever married or had children.

[Link to John Jones in the database.](#)

Thomas Jones, 1733 - 1794

Thomas Jones is the son of Evan Jones and his first wife Mary Stevenson. Thomas Jones was a doctor in New York City. There is evidence that he continued to live, at least part time, in Orange county New York after his father's death. He married 1776 Margaret Livingston, daughter of Philip Livingston and Christina Ten Broeck. They were the parents of Philip Livingston Jones, who removed to New Orleans Louisiana, and Catherine Livingston Jones who married DeWitt Clinton. Possibly other children.

[Link to Thomas Jones in the database.](#)

Evan Jones, 1739 - 1813

Evan Jones was probably the son of Evan Jones and his first wife Mary Stevenson. He "worked for a New York City mercantile house and he had contacts in Spanish Louisiana and British West Florida, during the 1760s and 1770s. After the Revolutionary War, the Confederation Congress appointed him as American consul to the Spanish colonial government in New Orleans. The Spanish in turn appointed him as commandant of the Bayou LaFourche district." Evan Jones married Marie Ponponne Verret in New Orleans and had a number of children.

[Link to Evan Jones in the database.](#)

James Jones, 1742 - 1798

James Jones is the son of Evan Jones and his first wife Mary Stevenson. His identity remains in question. Three possibilities have been proposed:

1. James Jones, the "Federalist", who lost his life in the 1798 duel with Brockholst Livingston.
2. James Jones who married Christiana Folk and removed to Ontario Canada.
3. James Jones who appears in New Orleans in the early 19th century, alongside Evan Jones, and is asserted to be his brother.

More detail on each of these possibilities is given in the notes attached to his individual record in the database.

[Link to James Jones in the database.](#)

Edward Jones, 1752 -

Edward Jones is probably the son of Evan Jones and his second wife Bridget Mathews. Edward Jones married Margaret Culliatt about 1790 in Kingston New York. They were the parents of two known children - Evan Philamon Dickinson Jones and Margaret Bridget Jones.

[Link to Edward Jones in the database.](#)

Mary Jones, 1754 - abt 1782

Mary Jones is probably the daughter of Evan Jones and his second wife Bridget Mathews. She was married in 1774 to Richard Harrison, a prominent New York attorney. It is not clear if they had children. Mary Jones Harrison died about the year 1782, and Richard Harrison was secondly married to Frances Ludlow. Note that Mary Jones' sister, Catherine, named a daughter Mary Harrison Elmendorf.

[Link to Mary Jones in the database.](#)

Catherine Jones, 1755 - 1804

Catherine Jones is probably the daughter of Evan Jones and his second wife Bridget Mathews. She is not mentioned in her father's Will, and it is thought that she was born near the time of his death - possibly posthumously. She was married in 1788 to Conrad E Elmendorf, and they resided in Kingston, Ulster county New York. They were the parents of four identified children – Edward Jones Elmendorf, Evan James Elmendorf, Catherine Elmendorf, and Mary Harrison Elmendorf.

[Link to Catherine Jones in the database.](#)

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