

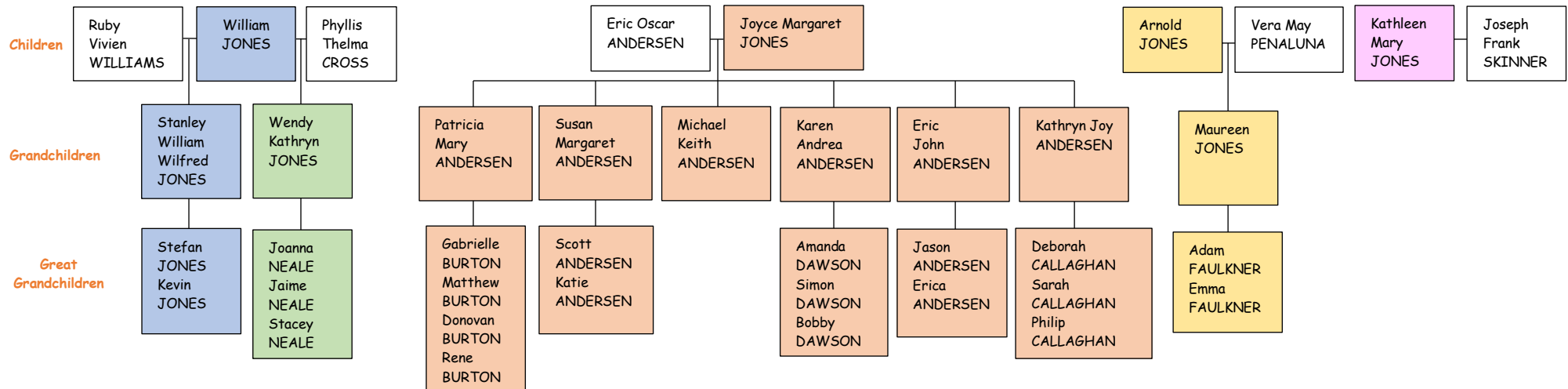
The life and family of
John William (Jack) JONES
and
Eleanor Orr (Nell) ASKEW



Jack and Nell Jones on their 60th wedding anniversary (1975)

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Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of John William JONES and Eleanor Orr ASKEW



This document is written primarily for the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of John William (Jack) JONES and Eleanor Orr (Nell) ASKEW. The document provides a narrative record of the lives of Jack and Nell and their descendants, but focuses on direct descendants only. Partners of children and grandchildren are mentioned by name, but only basic detail is provided. Great-grandchildren are named and there are photos where possible, but basic details only are recorded. Hopefully, in the future someone will take on the task of recording this generation in detail.

Knowing where we come from and the challenges earlier generations faced can give insight into who we are. Certainly world events and decisions made by previous generations have significantly shaped our destiny. It is hoped that this document will give the descendants of Jack and Nell Jones a greater appreciation of the lives of those who have gone before.

All attempts have been made to ensure accuracy of the data in the document and where possible original documents are shown or referenced. Many thanks to Patsy Burton for her input into this research and to Ross Callaghan for his editing expertise. I am very grateful to Bill Jones, my only surviving first cousin of the Jones family, for his input with regard to both facts and memories.

Kathy Callaghan, 2021

Eleanor Orr Askew (known as Nell) was born 25 June 1892 at 46 Bank Terrace, Millom, Cumberland, England. She was the illegitimate daughter of Mary Askew, a domestic servant. Nell's father's name and occupation are not recorded on her birth certificate.



REGISTRATION DISTRICT Bootle										
1892 BIRTH in the Sub-district of Bootle					in the County of Cumberland					
Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
	County South June 1892 46 Bank Terrace Millom	Eleanor Orr	girl	Mary Askew a Domestic Servant	Mary Askew Mother 46 Bank Terrace Millom		Mary Askew Mother 46 Bank Terrace Millom	25th June 1892	Henry Frankland Registrar	

Nell knew she was illegitimate. When her daughter Joyce asked if she knew her father, Nell said she only knew he was a railway worker. Nell told Joyce that she did not know why she had the middle-name Orr, but it is now known that Orr was the surname of her father.

Nell was baptised on August 10th 1892 at the Holy Trinity Church, Millom. Her father's name is recorded on the baptism certificate - William George Orr - along with his occupation: signalman. The address is Main Street. It is not known if Mary Askew and William Orr were both living at that address, but given the norms of the day, it was unlikely.

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <i>Millom</i> in the County of <i>Cumberland</i> in the year One thousand eight hundred and eighty <i>ninety-two</i> .						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Names.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1892 August 10 th No. 617	Eleanor Orr	William George Orr	Orr	Main Street	Signalman	W.P. Bylles
		Mary Askew	Askew			

A Bastardy Order was issued on 19 November 1892 against William George Orr. This means he was required to pay maintenance to Mary Askew for Nell.

- QCPBO - Bootle Petty Sessions - 1861-1922
 - 2 - Court Files and Papers - 1863-1920
 - 2 - Orders by Bootle Petty Sessions - 1870-1920
 - 1 - Bastardy Orders - 1870-1908

Archive centre	Whitehaven
Reference	QCPBO/2/2/1/82
Title	Bastardy Order: Mary Askew of Millom against William George Orr, signalman, of Cark-in-Cartmel
Date	19 Nov 1892
Catalogue level	File

It is not known why Mary Askew and William Orr did not marry, as both were of legal age. William's father was having serious financial problems around this time, but it is only speculation as to whether this had any bearing on the couple not marrying.

Although Nell said she did not know who her father was, it seems she may have known more than she was willing to admit. On her marriage certificate in 1915 it is recorded that Nell's father was *William George Askew (deceased)*. Clearly, this was incorrect as the surname Askew was her mother's maiden name, which Nell herself used up until her marriage. It seems too much of a coincidence that Nell would state correctly both the forenames of her birth father if she had never known his name. William George Orr continued to work as a signaller and stationmaster, and was still alive at the time of Nell's marriage. Whether she had any contact with her father is not known. It is unlikely, as William George Orr married Rose Ann Turner on 21 December 1896, 4 years after Nell's birth. William and Rose Ann had 6 children, half siblings to Nell, but it is most unlikely they ever met.

Nell's mother, Mary Askew, was the eldest of nine children. By age two years, Mary was living in Ravenglass, Muncaster with her great uncles and aunts, rather than with her parents and siblings in Askam, Lancashire. Mary's mother died in Askam aged 32 after the miscarriage of her 10th child. After Nell's birth Mary Askew returned to her home in Ravenglass, and that was where Nell was raised.



Left is believed to be the earliest photo of Nell. It was found in Nell's belongings after her death in 1976. The photo has been professionally dated to have been taken in the 1890's. Nell looks to be around three or four years old, so the year was 1896 or 1897. It is unclear who the old lady is, but it is definitely not Nell's grandmother as she died in 1876. Most likely it is Nell's elderly great aunt Mary Askew, with whom Nell lived.

The photo has a person cut out. A woman's right arm can be seen behind the left shoulder of the old lady.

The address of the photographer has been cut off, but research discovered it was taken by M Davis, Sunny Hill, Whitehaven.

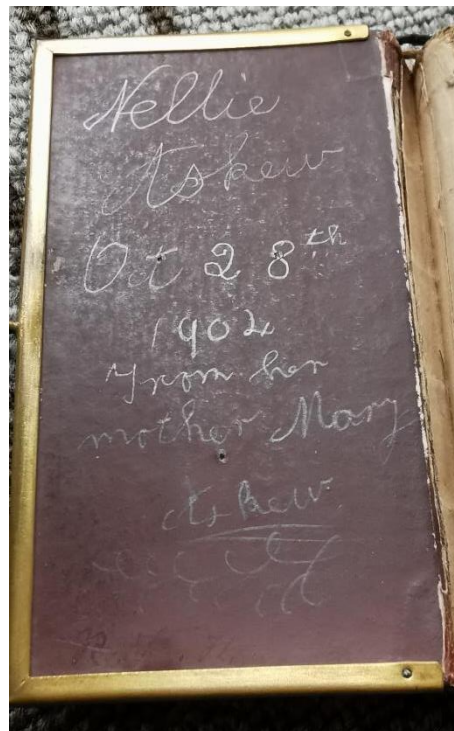


1901 is the first census in which Nell appears. She is recorded as being 8 years old and living at Wells Cottages, Muncaster with her mother Mary Askew, who is 32 years old. Also living at the same address are her great uncles William Askew aged 59 and Richard Askew aged 65 and her great aunt Ann Askew aged 68. It was a full household as also living there was Nell's cousin Violet Steele Askew aged 14, the granddaughter of Ann Askew. Violet's mother was Ann's daughter Mary Askew (born 1862). It is very easy to get confused as to who is who with so many named Mary Askew! (Repeating of names down through generations was common place). To add to the confusion Violet was known as Nellie! She and Nell were good friends. Nell said Nellie was like a sister to her.

Little is known of Nell's childhood. She most likely attended the local school at Muncaster, which is opposite Muncaster Castle. In 1903/1904 Nell received an Education Medal, with a bar attached. This was issued by the Cumberland Education Committee. It states '*With head and heart and hand we work for Cumberland. Never Late Never absent*'. The engraving has her name as Ellen Askew.



Nell's mother Mary Askew gave Nell a prayer book on 28 October 1904. It is possible it was given to Nell on her confirmation which normally took place around 12 years old. The inscription says 'Nellie Askew Oct 28th 1904, from her mother Mary Askew'.



The male adults in Nell's family were agricultural labourers and many worked on the Muncaster Estate. Nell would never have been short of company with four adults and four children living together in the same dwelling!

In 1910, aged 18, Nell is recorded as working as a still-room maid at Harewood House, Leeds, Yorkshire. A still-room maid is a female servant who works in a still room, which is where drinks and jams are made. The still-room maid is a junior servant, and reports to both the housekeeper and the cook.



Harewood House, Leeds

ASKEW, ELEANOR ORR

EMPLOYED
c.1910

ROLE(S)
Maid
Still Room Maid

In 1911 Nell was 19 and working as a domestic cook in the home of sisters Agnes and Elizabeth Macdougall, at 28 Scarisbrick New Road, Southport.

Later, Nell worked as a cook in Blackburn, Lancashire. It was here that a fellow worker, Maggie Jones, introduced Nell to her soldier brother Jack Jones, Nell's future husband.

Nell married John (Jack) William Jones in the Register Office, Blackburn, Lancashire on 27 May 1915.



Eleanor (Nell) as a young girl

Certified Copy of an Entry of Marriage.
Pursuant to the Births, Deaths, and Marriages Registration Acts, 1836 to 1898.

Registration District of **BLACKBURN.**

1915 Marriage solemnized at the Register Office
in the District of **BLACKBURN**, in the Counties of Lancaster and Blackburn C.B.

Column No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
132	Twenty seventh May 1915.	John William Jones	24 years	Bachelor	Sergeant, 13th Lancashire Fusiliers - Coal Miner.	26 Poplar Street Blackburn	Maurice Jones	Coal Miner (Hewer)
		Eleanor Orr Askew	22 years	Spinster	General Servant (Domestic)	Rose Bank Westhoughton	William George Askew (deceased)	Railway Clerk

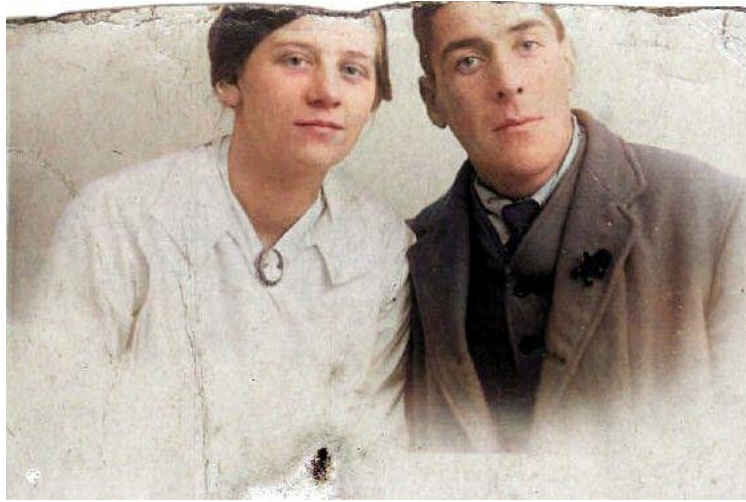
Married in the Register Office according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the _____ by licence before me.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, J. W. Jones in the Presence of us, Maud L. Jones and Margaret E. Jones by Thomas H. Cross Registrar and John Birch Superintendent Registrar.

I, **THOMAS HUGH CROSS**, Registrar of Marriages for the District of **BLACKBURN**, in the Counties of Lancaster and Blackburn C.B., do hereby Certify that this is a true Copy of the Entry No. 132 in the Register Book of Marriages for the said District, and that such Register Book is now legally in my custody.

Witness my hand this twenty seventh day of May 1915. Thomas H. Cross Registrar.

Marriage certificate: The Register Office, Blackburn, Counties of Lancaster and Blackburn. by licence, 27 May 1915. John William Jones, age 24, bachelor, Sergeant, 13th Lancashire Fusiliers. Coal miner, hewer. Address: 26 Poplar Street, Blackburn. Father Maurice Jones, coal miner hewer. Eleanor Orr Jones, age 22, spinster, general servant (domestic). Address: Rose Bank, Westhoughton. Father: William George Askew (deceased), railway clerk. Witnesses: Maud L Jones and Margaret E Jones (sisters of John William Jones). Married by Thomas Hugh Cross, Registrar. Signed John Birch, Superintendent Registrar.

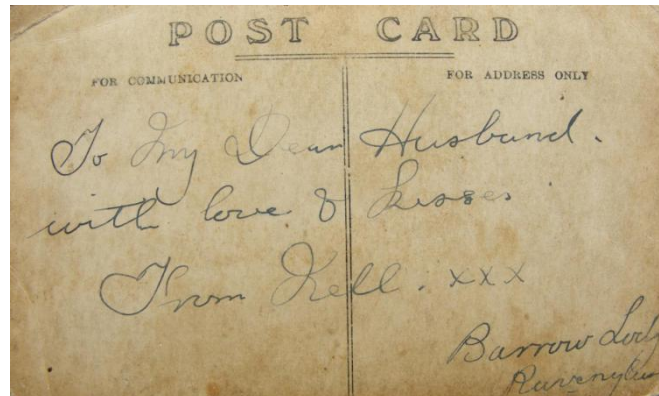
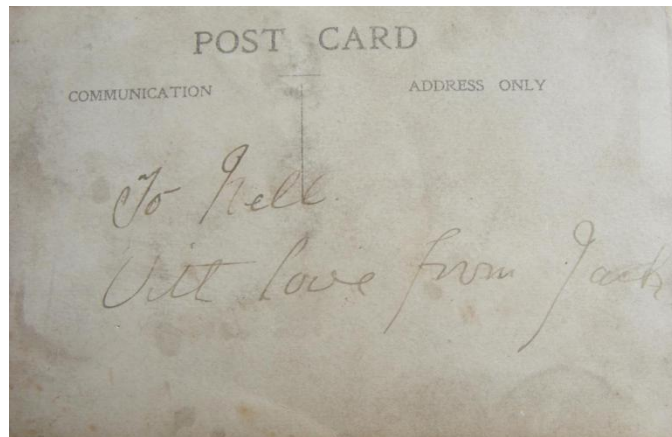


Eleanor (Nell) and John (Jack) Jones

WW1 had been going for one year when Jack and Nell married. Jack was in the Lancashire Fusiliers and the couple were not able to set up house together for about five years, due to Jack's war service. A family story passed through the generations states that after their marriage Jack begged Nell to pour boiling water on his feet so he would not have to go back to war - and she did. This only delayed Jack's return to war. Jack is quoted as saying that he came out of fighting in the Dardanelles without a scratch. However he was badly wounded in France in 1917 or 1918, when a shell exploded in his hands. He lost his left forearm, three fingers on his left hand and had multiple wounds on his legs, resulting in one leg being shorter than the other.



This photo of Jack was taken before he was wounded.



It appears that Nell was living with her mother and step-father while Jack was serving in WW1. The address on the back of this photo is Barrow Lodge, Ravenglass, which is the address of Mary and Joseph Dixon in the 1911 census.



The clothing and hairstyles in these two beautiful photos of Nell indicate that they were taken before her marriage in 1915.

When Jack had recovered from his war injuries, the family set up a home in Blackburn, Lancashire. Jack and Nell's first child, William (Bill) Jones, was born on 23 January 1920 while they were living in Blackburn. Their second child, Joyce Margaret Jones, was born on 21 January 1922 while they were living in Poole Lane, Burton Salmon, Yorkshire.

Work was hard to come by for Jack because of his disabilities. He worked as a poultry farmer and had a pedlar's licence. He also grew vegetables for the family in a local allotment.



Jack Jones with his poultry.



Jack Jones, Bill Jones aged 2, Nell Jones and baby Joyce Jones. At this time the family were living in Burton Salmon, Yorkshire.

The family lived at 7 Poole Lane in Burton Salmon between 1921 and 1938.

Poole Lane was a row of houses on the outskirts of Burton Salmon. No 7 was the end house.



7 Poole Lane (in 2007).

Jack and Nell's eldest daughter Joyce, recalls living conditions in Poole Lane as being very basic. There was no electricity or tap water, and the family had large barrels to catch rain water for washing and bathing etc. There was a pump opposite 1 Poole Lane where Jack could get buckets of drinking water. There was a coal range for heating with a boiler on the side for hot water. The floors were stone and Nell would scrub them all, including the stairs. Laundry was done in a copper in the back yard and there was a 'very smelly loo' out the back.



Nell Jones with Joyce circa 1923.

The back garden had apple and pear trees, gooseberries and black and red currant bushes. A hawker would sell meat, fish and oil for the lamps, and with the vegetables that Jack grew in the allotment the family was never short of fresh food.

Arnold Jones was born 8 December 1923 and Kathleen Mary Jones was born 14 March 1928. Kathleen was born with congenital hip displacement. From the age of two her hips were in plaster for three years and she had to be carried everywhere until she could walk. Kathleen had a life-long 'waddle'.



Joyce and Bill circa 1925.



Joyce, Bill and Arnold circa 1926.



Joyce, Bill holding Kathleen and Arnold circa 1930.

The UK Electoral Roll records that Nell's mother Mary Dixon (nee Askew) and her step-father Joseph Dixon also lived at 7 Poole Lane with Jack and Nell from 1921 - 1926.

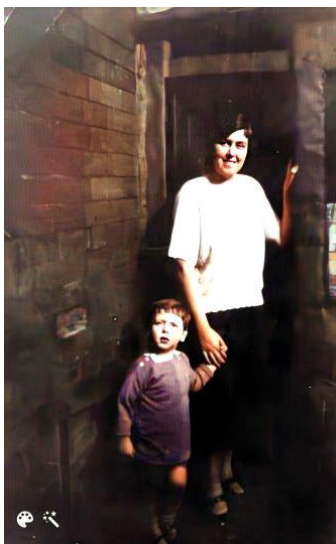
Jack's mother, Margaret Jones (nee Rawlinson), his sister Maud Jones/McKnight/Hughes, and Maud's son John (Jack) Jones lived two doors down at number 5 Poole Lane.

Cousins Betty and Fred Jones and Margaret (Maggie) Glynn, (nieces and nephew of Jack and Nell) all recall staying with their grandmother Margaret Jones, aunt Maud and cousin Jack Jones at 5 Poole Lane.



7 Poole Lane and 5 Poole Lane. 2007

Family visits to Poole Lane, Burton Salmon



Maggie Jones/Glynn and nephew Jack Jones (Maud's son), circa 1926.



Maggie Jones/Glynn, daughter Margaret Glynn/Beaumont and nephew Arnold Jones circa 1936.



Maggie Jones/Glynn, Maurice Hughes, Maud Hughes Margaret Jones (nee Rawlinson), Margaret Glynn/Beaumont and daughter Susan, 1953.

The children all went to Burton Salmon School. To get to school at 9.00am they would walk up Poole Lane to the school. They then had to walk home at noon for a cooked dinner and then back to school till 4.00pm. The school had just two classrooms, one for infants up to Standard 1 and the other Standard 2 to Standard 7. Play areas for the boys and girls were separated by a brick wall.

The track to school was at times very muddy. In January 1930 a letter from the School Inspector was sent to Nell and Jack (and other parents of Poole Lane), insisting that they send the children to school regardless of weather, unless they were sick. The letter states that it is the law, and the excuse that it was 'too muddy' is insufficient reason for the children not to attend school. If the children did not attend the parents would be issued with a summons.

The head teacher at Burton Salmon School was Florence Brayshaw. The Jones children called her 'the witch'.



Burton Salmon school pupils in the early 1930s.

In 1933 electricity was brought to the school and twenty four electric lights were fitted. In 1938 running water was installed. Prior to that, all water had to be carried in buckets. There were open fires and stoves for heating but these proved 'troublesome', especially when the wind was blowing in the wrong direction.

In 1935 to commemorate the King's Silver Jubilee, celebrations were held and the children were each presented with a jubilee mug.



1935 Silver Jubilee celebrations. Each child received a jubilee mug. Joyce Jones has her mug on the ground in front of her.

Nell's daughter Joyce describes Nell as a thin, very quiet, hardworking woman. Their home had an 'open door' and their friends were always welcomed. Joyce said at times Nell would come downstairs in the mornings, do a head count and prepare food for the number who happened to be there that day! Nell did not have the best of health. She had a bleeding stomach ulcer for many years, but it healed after a strict diet for 2 years. She had uterine cancer when she was aged 70, which resulted in a large operation.

Nell's husband Jack is described as the opposite of Nell! He was strict, very bad tempered and when he drank too much could become violent. This behavior was not uncommon in returned servicemen. Many suffered from what was called 'shell shock', and which today is called Post Trauma Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Nell protected the children from Jack's behavior as much as she was able. As time went by it became less of a problem and Nell and Jack enjoyed many years together in retirement.

The children were involved in community events and celebrations, especially Empire Day.



Empire Day celebrations in the 1930s.

The delightful photo below is of workers 'pulling peas' in Burton Salmon, which was somewhat of a community activity. Payment for the peas was by weight and young children were able to earn pocket money by pulling peas. Unfortunately, the identity of those in the photo is not known. It is thought the lady on the right may be Nell's mother Mary Askew/Dixon, who with her husband Joe Dixon, lived with Nell and Jack at 7 Poole Lane from 1921 - 1926. The photo was found among Nell's belongings after her death and the fact that she kept it all her life meant it must have been significant to her.



In 1938 Jack, Nell and Kathleen moved to Biggin Hill in Kent.

Arnold had an apprenticeship in Kent working for Morphy Richards and he told Jack that he would have a better chance of finding a job in Kent. Bill had already left home aged 15 to join the navy and Joyce left home aged 14 and moved to Leeds to look after children, as well as working in Woolworths.

Jack managed to get work as a watchman in Biggin Hill.

Around the same time, Jack's sister Maud Hughes (Jones) told Joyce that she was moving back to Poole Lane in Burton Salmon and suggested Joyce move back with her. Nell was not happy about this, so she sent Joyce the money to get to Biggin Hill and Joyce moved there.

From the 10th of July 1940 to the 31st of October 1940, the Germans fought to gain the airspace over Great Britain. This battle was later to be called the *Battle of Britain*. The army camp where Jack worked was bombed, so he lost his job. That's when the family moved to 7 The Avenue, Tonbridge, Kent.



Joyce and Arnold got jobs at Wisdens, a shop that made and sold sporting equipment. Arnold made cricket bats and Joyce strung tennis racquets. Joyce was also employed making barrage balloons - large unmanned tethered kite balloons that were used to defend ground targets against aircraft attack. The balloons raised steel cables posed a severe collision risk to aircraft, making the attacker's approach more difficult. In 1941 Joyce joined the ATS (British Army).

Nell, Jack and Kath continued to live at 7 The Avenue for many years before moving to 23 Shakespeare Rd in Tonbridge, which was where Nell died. Kathleen did not marry until after the death of both her parents. Nell took care of all the housework and cooking until her death. Jack, Nell and Kath enjoyed holidays at the beach and generally had a calm and peaceful life.

Vera Jones and Kathy outside 7 The Ave, Tonbridge. 2007.



Jack and Nell had nine grandchildren:

- Bill had two children: Bill and Wendy.
- Arnold had one daughter: Maureen.
- Joyce had six children: Patsy, Sue, Mike, Karen, John and Kathy.

Joyce married a New Zealand soldier, Eric Andersen, in 1943 and Patricia (Patsy) was born in 1944 at 7 The Avenue.

It was a very big sadness to Nell when Joyce sailed to New Zealand in December 1944 with Patsy.

Joyce remembers vividly the sad parting.

Nell did not see Patsy again and only met one other of the Andersen children (Sue) in 1974.



Nell with Bill and Patsy, 1944.



Kathleen and Patsy, 1944.

Eric and Joyce lived in Hamilton, New Zealand. Communication with Joyce's family was primarily via letters. Joyce was very good at making sure her parents saw their grandchildren grow up as many photos were included in the exchange of letters. The Andersen children were expected to write letters to England regularly. Every few years Joyce would save up £10 so she could ring her parents on Christmas Day. This was always looked forward to by both Nell and Joyce. Each year a huge parcel would arrive in Hamilton from England at Christmas time with presents for the children.



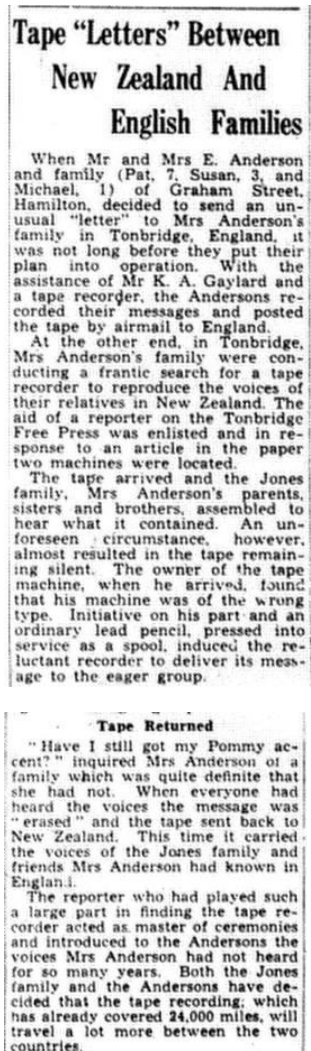
Jack, Nell and Kath talking to Joyce in New Zealand

Another way of keeping connected was when the family exchanged reel to reel tapes. The recordings took a lot of organisation to set up and there were often problems playing the tapes, but with a lot of resourcefulness these were overcome! The very earliest tapes were paper, but eventually became plastic. In the late 1960 and early 1970's the recordings were done on cassette tapes.



Kathy recording, 1971.

This type of communication was unusual for its day and was worthy of being reported in both the Hamilton and Tonbridge newspapers.



Jones family recording in Tonbridge. Nell, Vera, Maureen, Jack (leaning), Kath and Joyce's friend 'Pussy', who died soon after this recording made (as reported in the newspaper article). Note the photos on the wall of Patsy as a baby with a NZ serviceman, and on the dresser of Patsy and Sue.

Nell's eldest grandson Bill (Billy) did not live in Tonbridge, so Nell did not see much of him as he grew up. Both Maureen and Wendy grew up in Tonbridge so Nell saw a lot of them.



Nell, Maureen, Vera, Arnold and Jack (standing at the back). 1950s.



Christmas in the Jones household in the 1960s. Back: Bill, Phyllis (Wendy's mother), Vera, Jack Front: Nell, Wendy, Maureen, Arnold.

In 1974 Jack and Nell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. This was a very big occasion made more exciting because Joyce flew from New Zealand to be with her parents - the first time they had seen her in 30 years. A big family celebration took place.



Joyce and Nell together for the first time in 30 years. 1975.



Jones family, 1975.
Back: Arnold, Kathleen, Tony Neale (Wendy's husband), Geoff Faulkner (Maureen's husband)
Middle: Vera, Jack, Nell (with baby Joanna, Wendy's daughter)
Front: Maureen, Joyce, Wendy.



Joyce, Nell and Jack with Ann Jones and sons Stefan and Kevin. 1975.

ELEVEN

John's 'good old days'



Wounded and on the dole - at 30s a week

MR JOHN JONES, 84, and his wife, Eleanor, 82, of Shakespeare Road, Tonbridge, 60 years married on Tuesday, can tell you about the "good old days."

Mr Jones lost a hand in the First World War, and for a time had to live on 30 shillings a week dole, from which 26 shillings was stopped because of his disability pension.

Before that war Mr Jones, born at St. Helen's, Lancashire, worked as a miner, progressing from 1s 6d a shift as a boy to 5s a shift, until he joined the Lancashire Fusiliers.

Mrs Jones, born in Ravenglass, Cumberland, was in private service with Mr Jones's sister and met her husband when she went to the family home.

Mr and Mrs John Jones, for their diamond anniversary, are visited by their daughter, Mrs Joyce Anderson, after 30 years in New Zealand.

A TOUGH START TO 60 HAPPY YEARS

IF ADVERSITY binds a marriage, then John and Eleanor Jones got off to a promising start on their wedding day in 1915—for it was not until five years later that they were able to set up a home.

They spent the first two months of married life apart, John under canvas at an Army camp in Staffordshire and Eleanor in lodgings nearby. Then he went off to fight in the Dardanelles and it was not until 1920 that they found their first house together in Blackburn.

On Tuesday the couple—John, 84, and Eleanor, 82—celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary at their home for the last 16 years, 23 Shakespeare Road, Tonbridge. Tomorrow (Saturday) there will be a bigger celebration at the home of their son, Arnold Jones, Labour leader on Tonbridge and Malling Council, in Coventry Road. Some of their children and seven great-grandchildren will be there, including their eldest daughter, Joyce, who returned to England from New Zealand for the first time in 30 years for the occasion.

Arnold Jones persuaded his parents to come to Tonbridge in 1939 because his father, a former miner, was more likely to find employment there than in the depressed North.

John Jones was partially disabled during the 1914-18 war and came to Tonbridge to live in 'The Slade' and take "any job I could manage."

One good reason among many for the couple's long and happy marriage: Mrs Jones's home-baked bread—which she still makes.

WOUNDED

Six weeks after their wedding in Blackburn in 1915, Mr Jones landed in the Dardanelles. He saw bitter fighting there without getting a scratch. His crippling wound came later in France.

Afterwards he ran a poultry farm, but after several years it failed.

His younger son, Arnold, now leader of the Labour group on Tonbridge and Malling Council, urged his father to go south for a job and the family moved to Tonbridge.

Mr and Mrs Jones have two sons, two daughters, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, four in New Zealand. Most of them will be at tomorrow's celebration party at Councillor Arnold Jones's home.



Nell died on 3 February 1976, after a stroke. She was aged 83. The funeral was held at Christ Church, Tonbridge.

CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF DEATH		Entry No. 26
<small>Issued at a fee of 2/- in pursuance of and for the purposes of the First Schedule to the INDUSTRIAL ASSURANCE AND FRIENDLY SOCIETIES ACT 1948</small>		
DEATH		
Registration district Tonbridge	Administrative area	
Sub-district Sevenoaks and Tonbridge	County of Kent	
1. Date and place of death Third February 1976 23 Shakespeare Road Tonbridge		
2. Name and surname Eleanor Orr JONES	3. Sex Female	4. Maiden surname of woman who has married ASKEW
5. Date and place of birth 26th June 1892 Millom Cumberland		
6. Occupation and usual address Wife of John William JONES Watchman (retired) 23 Shakespeare Road Tonbridge		
7. (a) Name and surname of informant Arnold Jones	(b) Qualification Son	
(c) Usual address 44 Coventry Road Tonbridge		
8. Cause of death 1a Cerebral Haemorrhage Certified by John Barlas M.B.		
9. I certify that the particulars given by me above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief A. Jones Signature of informant		
10. Date of registration Fifth February 1976	11. Signature of registrar D.R.H. Beeny Registrar	

Death certificate: Eleanor Orr Jones, maiden name Askew.

Died 23 Feb 1976 at 23 Shakespeare Rd, Tonbridge, Kent.

Date of birth 26 June 1892, Millom, Cumberland. Wife of John William Jones, Watchman (retired). Informant: Arnold Jones, son, 44 Coventry Rd, Tonbridge, Kent.

Cause of death: Cerebral Haemorrhage.

Lilian, a friend of the family wrote a moving letter to Joyce after the death of Nell. In it she says

"On the day she had the stroke she had a cup of tea & Bill said she was OK when he left for work. The post came, and there were two letters from you (Joyce), one to Mum and the other to Kath. She opened your letter and she read it, (Kath's letter was still on the table unopened). Then she said she felt sick and cold and Kath gave her Brandy and she went up to lie down fully dressed. She then had the stroke. But Joyce, the last thing she did was to read your letter. Always remember that. When the doctor came she couldn't answer him, but she knew all he said. When he asked her to raise her left arm & leg she did so, but couldn't do her right side. Vera and Kath undressed her and they finally carried her into Kath's room and put her in Kath's bed. She died in Kath's bed. She did not suffer at all Joyce, she just went quietly to sleep. The reason I am telling you all this is because I knew you would want to know, and in the midst of your sorrow, I wanted you to know the last thing she did before the stroke was to read your letter."

John William Jones (known as Jack) was born 18 April 1891 in Newton Le Willows, Lancashire. Jack was the eldest child of Maurice Jones and Margaret Rawlinson. Both of Jack's parents were born in Wales and spoke Welsh. The family's Welsh roots were very strong, particularly in Jack's mother Margaret.



Jack's father Maurice Jones started his working life as a coal miner and later became an insurance superintendent. Work in the coal mines brought the family over the border into England. Jack's mother Margaret was unable to read or write, and so signed Jack's birth certificate with her mark X.

COPY of an ENTRY of BIRTH.
(Issued for the purposes of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901.)

No.	When and Where BORN.	Name of MOTHER.	Name and Christian Name of FATHER.	Name and Christian Name of MOTHER, if different from above.	Rank or Profession of FATHER.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
18	April 1891 Newton Common N. S. Co.	John William Jones	Maurice Jones formerly Rawlinson	Margaret Jones formerly Rawlinson	Coal miner	X The mark of Margaret Jones 2 pt May 21 1891 Newton Common Newton	21 May 1891	Registrar Newton

I hereby certify that the above is a true Copy of an Entry of Birth in a

Witness my hand this 12th day of August 1965

Book in my custody.
1965
Mr. H. [Signature]

Birth certificate: 18 April 1891 Newton Common, N.L.W (Newton Le Willows), John William, boy. Father Maurice Jones, Coal miner. Informant Margaret Jones, formerly Rawlinson (signed with her mark X), Address: Newton Common. Registered 21 May 1891.

Maurice and Margaret Jones had seven children - John William 1891 - 1979; Annie 1892 - 1893; Maud Lilian 1897 - 1978; George Maurice 1898 - 1899; Margaret Ellen 1899 - 1993; Timothy Maurice 1901 - 1986 and Albert David 1904 - 1905. Only four of the children lived past infancy.



Jones family. 1901.
Margaret (Rawlinson), holding Timothy, Maud, Jack, Maurice and Margaret (Maggie) sitting in front.

Jack's father Maurice had alcohol problems and was abusive to his wife Margaret and the children (except for the youngest boy Timothy, who says he escaped his father's wrath because he was the youngest). Jack had an unhappy childhood because of the relationship with his father. Around 1914, (when Jack was an adult and had left home), his mother Margaret left Maurice having had enough of the abuse. At that time Jack's brother, Timothy, was 13 years old.

Jack was desperate to get away from his father from any early age. On 12 August 1905, Jack obtained a copy of his birth certificate so he could start work as a miner at age 14. This was required under the Factory and Workshop Act 1901. In April 1908 when aged 18, he signed up (attested) for the army for the first time. This later caused problems as he was under age at the time.

The family moved houses and towns often. Margaret Beaumont (nee Glynn), Jack's niece (daughter of his sister Maggie), was able to supply addresses of some of the places Maurice and Margaret Jones lived as they brought up their children:

- At the time of the 1891 census Margaret was just weeks off giving birth to Jack. The family's address was Newton Common, Newton in Makerfield. According to the website <https://www.british-history.ac.uk>, Newton in Makerfield was sometimes called Newton Le Willows. Maurice, then 24, was a coal miner. Margaret was aged 26. This is the family's address when Jack was born on 18 April 1891.
- The second child Annie was born at St Helens on the 24th December 1892 but sadly died 20 October 1893 at Chorlton in Manchester, aged 10 months. When the third child Maud Lilian was born 22 July 1897, the family were living at Haydock, St Helens. Then, when the fourth child George Maurice was born 29 August 1898 they were living three miles from Haydock at Ashton in Makerfield. George died at Ashton in Makerfield, aged 6 months. In 1899 the family were living in Garswood. The fifth child Margaret Ellen (Maggie) was born in Garswood on 26 November 1899 and went to Gaskell Street School when she was only 3 years old. It is not known if Jack also went to that school.



Jack's siblings: Maggie, Timothy and Maud.

- In the 1901 census the family are recorded as living at 434 Haydock Lane, Haydock. Maurice was still working as a coal miner (hewer) and present were Margaret, Jack, aged 9, and his sisters Maud and Margaret (Maggie). Also living with the family were Maurice's sister Elizabeth Valentine (nee Jones), who was 26 and a widow, and her son Jesse Valentine aged 5. Elizabeth worked as a domestic char-woman.
- Between 1903 - 1906 the family lived at Farnworth Lane, Leigh. The youngest child Albert David Jones was born 20 November 1904. Sadly, Albert died aged 10 months when they were living in Farnworth. The family also lived at Selwyn St, Leigh and at Pass St, St Helens. In 1907 they moved to Dam Lane, Golborne and the younger children attended the school in Golborne. They then moved to St Andrews Street, Oldham and the children attended St Andrews School. A short time later, the family moved to Wellington St, Waterloo, near Aston-Under-Lyne, and the younger children went to Christ Church School. Next they lived at 30 Taylor Street, Chadderton, near Oldham, then around 1910 moved to Yorkshire, 6 Arundel St, Northgate, Wakefield. Maggie Jones aged 11 got rheumatic fever at this time and did not attend school again. It is not known when Maurice changed his occupation to insurance superintendent, but Maggie was a bright child, and 'often did her father's figures'. Later the family moved to Westhoughton, near Bolton.

From a very early age Jack wanted to be in the army, perhaps seeing this as a way of escaping from his father. He was a volunteer in the East Lancashire Special Reserve. He lied about his age when signing attestation forms to join the army, not once, but 3 times:

- On May 6th 1908 with the Lancashire Fusiliers, no. 1475
- On August 7th 1908 with the East Lancashire Regiment, no. 9824
- On May 15th 1911 with the York and Lancaster Regiment, no. 9899. This time he gave his correct age, but incorrect place of birth (stating that he was born in Brymbo, Wrexham, Wales).

Even though Jack attested three times, his first Short Service Record in May 1908 reveals that he went AWOL within 17 days of joining the Army, and on June 17th 1908 he was declared a deserter. It seems that army life was not what quite what Jack was expecting!

The pull toward army life must have been strong because Jack made his second attestation only 2 months later, in August 1908. This time he didn't go AWOL until 1st April 1910 (almost 2 years after his attestation) and once again was declared a deserter. He was apprehended 15 months later in July 1911 and faced a Court Martial. It was while he was AWOL the second time that he attested for the third time, in May 1911. It is possible that this third attestation was what eventually alerted the authorities to his previous attestations and desertions.



The outcome of Jack's Court Martial was "Tried by D.C.M and sentenced to 112 days detention and stoppages £2-11-6 for Desertion, Loss of kit and Fraudulent enlistment".

Jack was sent to Aldershot Detention Barracks for 95 days, then on completion of his sentence was posted to South Africa for 13 months. There he got into even more trouble and served 73 days for a "Civil Conviction". Immediately upon release he was "sentenced to suffer Penal Servitude for the time of 3 years and to be discharged with ignominy from His Majesty's Service, for striking his superior officer, being in the execution of his office".

Jack was discharged completely from the army on March 6th 1913 "having been sentenced to Penal Servitude. All former service forfeited on conviction of Fraudulent Enlistment". This meant he was not eligible for a pension. It would seem Jack was not suited to army life, and the army definitely didn't want him!

All that changed with the start of WW1 in 1914. Previous misdemeanors were ignored, as Britain was desperate to get as many soldiers as possible into the war so Jack joined the Lancashire Fusiliers, no. 12262, which later became the North Staffordshire Regiment, no. 42063. (The Lancashire Fusiliers had been decimated in Turkey so were combined with the North Staffordshire Regiment).



Jack had grown up a lot by 1914 and was a lot more responsible in his attitude. He fought with determination and great courage and was promoted to Corporal. He lost his left forearm, fingers on his right hand, and suffered multiple injuries to his legs leaving one leg shorter than the other. There are differing stories about how he sustained these injuries - possibly when a shell exploded in his hands, or when he was attempting to help an injured soldier.

Jack would have faced unimaginable horror and fear during the fighting, and then fought his own private war afterwards in coping with his injuries.

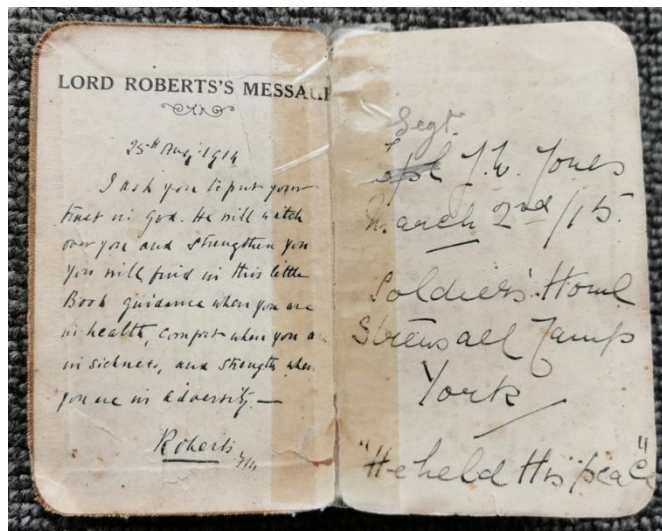
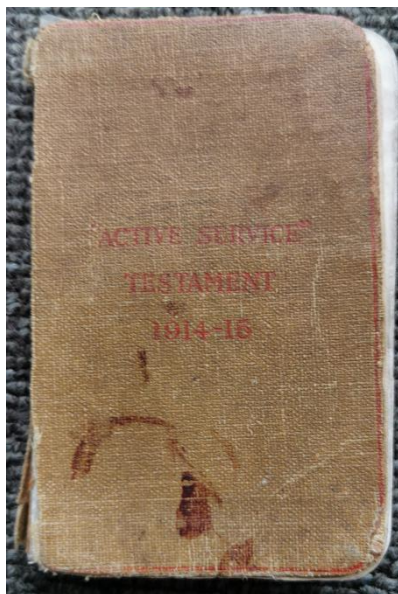


Lancashire Fusiliers Non Commissioned Officers
Jack is front row, far right.



Each soldier was issued with an Active Service Testament which was carried with them at all times. The inscription on the inside by Lord Roberts says 'I ask you to put your trust in God. He will watch over you and strengthen you. You will find in this little book guidance when you are in health, comfort when you are in sickness, and strength when you are in adversity. Roberts'.

The front cover of Jack's Service Testament has stains that look very much like blood - quite possibly Jack's own blood from when he was injured. On the opposite inside page in handwriting it states *Sgt J W Jones March 2nd /15, Soldiers' Home, Strensall Camp, York. "He held the peace"*.



Jack certainly earned his Service Star and Service medals.



Ultimately, Jack was granted an honourable discharge on August 8th 1919 and was presented with a certificate signed by the King.

Serial No. *Lith. 1818/N-8* Army Form B. 2079.

NOTE—This Certificate is to be issued without any alterations in the manuscript.

Certificate of Discharge of No. *12262* Rank *Corporal*
 Name *Jones, John William*
 Surname *William* Christian Names in full
 Unit* *99th* Regiment or Corps *North Stafford Regt.*
 from which discharged
 *The unit of the Regiment or Corps such as Field Co. R.E., H.T., or M.T., A.S.C., etc., is invariably to be stated.

Regiment or Corps to which first posted *James Finlayson*
 Also previously served in.....

Only Regiments or Corps in which the soldier served since August 4th, 1914, are to be stated. If inapplicable this space is to be ruled through in ink and initialed.

Specialist Qualifications (Military).....

Medals, Clasp, Decorations and Mentions in dispatches *4 W. Chevrons Two Blue Wound Stripes One*
 *To be inserted in words.

Was served overseas on Active Service? *Yes*
 Enlisted at *Horwich* on *21.11.1914*
 *Each space is to be filled in and the word "nil" inserted where necessary.
 †To be struck out in ink if not applicable.

He is discharged in consequence of..... *DETAILED TO WORK ON THE HOME FRONT*
 FIT FOR WAR SERVICE..... *NO*
 PARA 62 (1) (b), K.R.

after serving* *4* years* *261* days with the Colours, and
 years..... days in the Army Reserve Strike out whichever is applicable.
 †Service with Territorial Force to be shown only in cases of soldiers serving on a T.F. situation.

Date of discharge *8th August 1919* Signature and Rank *John Jones*
 for Officer in Charge *John Jones* Infantry Records. (Place) *Titchfield*

Description of the above-named soldier when he left the Colours.
 Year of Birth *1891* Marks or Scars.....
 Height *5* ft. *5* in. *Amputation Left*
 Complexion *Dark* Hair *Dark* *Forearms*

(01817.) Wt. W. 122 PP1188. 760m. 5/18. S. & C. (E3267.) [P.T.O.]



Unfortunately Jack's WW1 service record cannot be found. It was probably destroyed, along with thousands of other service records, when the building holding these records was bombed in WW2. His discharge certificate states he enlisted at Horwich (Manchester) on 21 November 1914. After serving for 4 years, 261 days and was no longer physically fit for war service.

As well as his medals, Jack was awarded one wound stripe.

His description on discharge was height 5' 5", complexion dark, eyes gray, hair dark and amputation of left forearm.

For five years (1921 - 1926) Nell's mother Mary Dixon (nee Askew) and her step-father Joseph Dixon lived with the family at 7 Poole Lane. Jack's mother Margaret Jones (now on her own) and his sister Maud lived at 5 Poole Lane.

Jack, Nell, Arnold, Joyce and Kathleen moved to Biggin Hill in Kent in 1938, where Jack got work as a watchman. His job was to look out for fires from incendiary bombs which was something he could do despite his injuries.

In the 1939 Register the family's address is recorded as Culverden, Allenby Road, Biggin Hill, Orpington U.D., Kent, England. The record for Arnold Jones is officially closed, which means it can only be opened once his death certificate is viewed.

CULVERDEN	date	291	1	JONES JOHN V.	M	18 APRIL 91	M	KATHN WATCHMAN. A.D.E.E
			2	JONES ELEANOR D.	F	26 JUNE 92	M	UNPAID DOMESTIC DUTIES
			3	JONES JOYCE M	F	21 JAN 22	S	DOMESTIC SERVANT (UNEMPLOYED)
This record is officially closed.								
			5	55 INNAE JONES KATHLEEN M.	F	14 MAR 28	S	UNPAID SCHOOL

In August 1939 Nell was the informant for her mother Mary (nee Askew) Dixon's death. The family's address is recorded as Kyamena, Main Road, Biggin Hill.

In 1940 the army camp where Jack worked was bombed during the Battle of Britain, and he lost his job. The family moved to 7 The Avenue, Tonbridge, Kent, where Jack was able continue work as a watchman.

Jack, Nell and Kathleen, (who did not marry until after the death of both her parents), lived together at 7 The Avenue. At various times the other adult children lived there too. Granddaughters Patsy Andersen and Maureen Jones were both born at 7 The Avenue (in 1944 and 1946 respectively). Jack, Nell and Kathleen later moved to 23 Shakespeare Rd, Tonbridge. At times the eldest son Bill also lived with them at that address.

After WW2 Jack, Nell and Kathleen lived a peaceful life in Tonbridge and enjoyed going on holidays together.

Jack liked to make faces when being photographed as can be seen in these photos! His left arm is usually covered with a compression bandage.



Nell died 3 February 1976 at 23 Shakespeare Rd, when Jack was 85. Nell had always hoped that Jack would die first as she was concerned for how he would cope without her. However, this was not to be, so Jack and Kathleen moved to a small flat at 18 Hamble Road Tonbridge.

Jack continued to enjoy going to the pub and generally managed quite well with the Kathleen's help.



Jack died on 9 June 1979 at the age of 88 of bronchopneumonia at Penbury Hospital, Tunbridge Wells.

R.B.D.

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Pursuant to the Births and

DEATH

Deaths Registration Act 1953

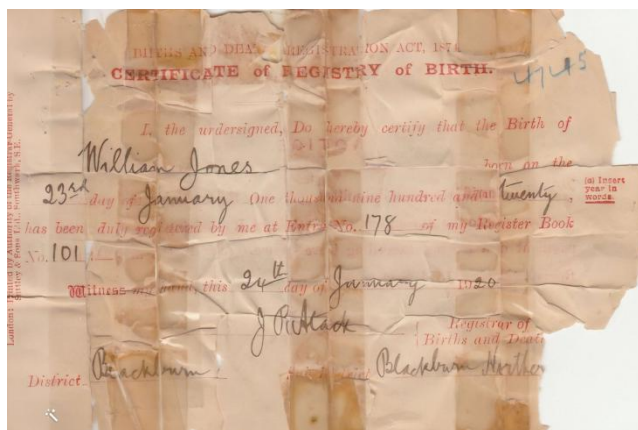
Entry No. 85

Registration district TONBRIDGE	Administrative area COUNTY OF KENT	
Sub-district PENBURY		
1. Date and place of death Ninth June 1979 Penbury Hospital Penbury		
2. Name and surname John William JONES	3. Sex Male	4. Maiden surname of woman who has married —
5. Date and place of birth 18th April 1891 Newton Lancashire		
6. Occupation and usual address Watchman Electricity Board (retired) 18 Hamble Road Tonbridge Kent		
7. (a) Name and surname of informant Kathleen Mary JONES	(b) Qualification Daughter	
(c) Usual address 18 Hamble Road Tonbridge Kent		
8. Cause of death 1a Bronchopneumonia b Chronic obstructive airways disease Certified by K Karunaratne MB		
9. I certify that the particulars given by me above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. E M Jones Signature of informant		
10. Date of registration Eleventh June 1979	11. Signature of registrar Pamela Ebert Registrar	

Whoever makes any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate in true knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution.

Children of Jack and Nell Jones

William JONES (known as Bill) was born on 23 January 1920 in Blackburn, Lancashire, England. Soon after Bill's birth his parents moved to 7 Poole Lane, Burton Salmon, Yorkshire.



Bill's three siblings were born in Burton Salmon and all attended Burton Salmon School. Bill started school on 16 June 1924, aged four years.

Poole Lane was the end house of a row of houses. There was a farm across the road from the Jones house and every day before school Bill was expected to take milk from the farm to an isolated house through the woods. If Bill was sick his sister Joyce had to do it and the woods terrified her. Every night the children had to clean their shoes ready for school and if it was not done well enough for their father's inspection they had to do them again.



School records show Bill left Burton Salmon School upon reaching the age limit for the school, which was 14 years old. He did not attend secondary school and worked as a farm boy until he joined the navy.

Date of Admission.			Date of Re-Admission.			SCHOLAR'S NAME IN FULL. (Place Surname first).	NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN. (Place Surname first).	ADDRESS OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN.
Day.	Mo.	Year.	Day.	Mo.	Year.			
16	6	24				Jones William	Jones John William	Poole.

Scholar's Date of Birth.			LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED.	Whether exemption is claimed from Religious Instruction.	Date of Leaving.			REASON FOR LEAVING.
Day.	Mo.	Year.			Day.	Mo.	Year.	
23	1	20	None	✓				Age Limit

Bill started his navy career aboard HMS Ganges on 25 February 1935 aged 15. He had the rating of Boy 2. On his 18th birthday 23 Jan 1938 he was promoted to able seaman.

Bill served in the navy until his final release on 1 May 1950, aged 30. His naval record shows he served on a number of different ships including HMS Ganges, Iron Duke, Caledon, Royal Sovereign, Excellent, Courageous, Victory, Ark Royal, Victory, Eagle, Sultan, Skirmisher, Tana, and Vernon.



Bill's character, particularly in his earlier years, was mostly described as 'Very Good', and occasionally 'Fair'. Between 1938 and 1940 he got himself into trouble for offenses such as 'absence, desertion, improper remarks, willful disobedience, and being drunk!' These offenses resulted in his detention or being confined to cells. After April 1940 no offenses are recorded.

TIME FORFEITED AND CLASS FOR CONDUCT				
Offence	Sen- tence	P. D. C., &c.	Served	
			From	To
Absent	14	C	17.7.38	30.7.38
W.T.	25		11.5.39	14.5.39
Desertion	28	D	15.5.39	8.6.39
Improper remarks wilful disobedience	14	C	14.12.39	27.12.39
Drunk.	21	D.	12.3.40	1.4.40.
Disobedience.	14	D.	2.4.40.	15.4.40.

It is known that Bill was involved in the rescue of soldiers from Dunkirk 26 May 1940 - 4 June 1940. Perhaps that experience had a sobering effect as he had no more offenses recorded against him after Dunkirk. Bill did not talk about his experiences at Dunkirk, but his sister Joyce describes what she knew about that time:

"In 1939 when war broke out the family were living at Biggin Hill, Kent. Bill was on an aircraft carrier and had been around the China Seas since 1937, so Mum was glad he was away from the war. But one night in 1940 he arrived home at midnight. He and a few others had volunteered to come back to England and help get the soldiers back from Dunkirk. They used mostly fishing boats and yachts. Anyone who had a boat offered it to help get the men home. It was very dangerous as the Germans tried to stop them getting to the beaches at Dunkirk with bombs and machine guns. Many lives were lost. Bill had been in England for six weeks and we didn't know".

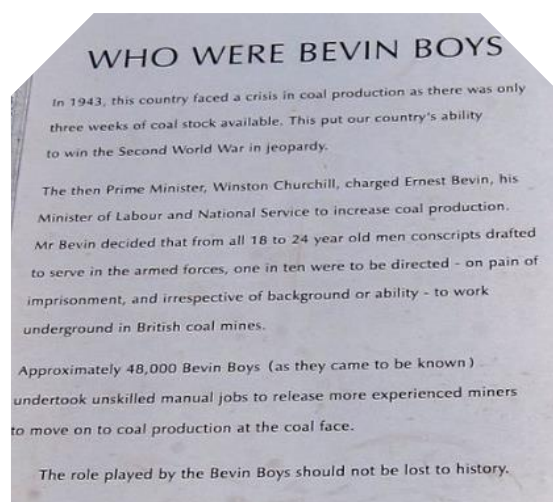
More details of Bill's navy career come from records attained from the Historical Diving Society. After the evacuation of Dunkirk, Bill decided to become a Standard Diver. He was drafted from Victory 1 to HMS Excellent in Portsmouth, where diving training was carried out at the time. He attended a diving course between August 10 1940 and 23 January 1941. Bill learnt to use standard diving equipment; underwater welding using tools like the Cox's Bolt gun, and various other underwater repair techniques. Bill completed the course successfully and became a D3 (Diver 3rd. Class).

On 19 February 1941 Bill was drafted to HMS Skirmisher, a shore base in Milford Haven, then was drafted back to HMS Victory on August 17 1942. Next, between 26 August 1942 and 15 April 1944, he was drafted to HMS Tana, a shore base in Mombasa, Kenya, East Africa. HMS Tana was in Kilindini Harbour, Kenya, where Bill was kept busy diving on vessels which were required for war purposes in the Indian Ocean. His time in Tana was extended for another year, then he was drafted back to HMS Victory in the UK on 11 April 1945.

From 28 August 1945 Bill was in Dartmouth (Vernon), probably Brixham, where some of the 'P' Party Divers (port clearance) had been trained. (The 'P' Parties had disbanded in November 1944, as they were no longer required after the 'D' day success of their work in clearing mines and other devices in the north European harbours. Only qualified divers were permitted to do this work).

Bill was released from the Navy on 6 December 1947 and conscripted to work at the Glasshoughton Colliery, Castleford, Yorkshire. His home address is given as 7 New Row, Recreation Road, Beeston, Leeds, Yorkshire. This was a compulsory conscription, done by ballot, under a scheme operating between December 1943 and March 1948, introduced by Ernest Bevin, a then Labour Party politician. The purpose was to increase the rate of coal production, which had declined through the early years of WW2. The conscripts were known as Bevin Boys. This was not a popular scheme, but refusal could lead to imprisonment. Bill was 27 years old when conscripted and was very likely to have been a reluctant miner as he had enjoyed his work with the Navy!

The Bevin Boys who served in the mines under this scheme felt they were the 'forgotten conscripts'. A permanent memorial to them was constructed in 2013 in Staffordshire.



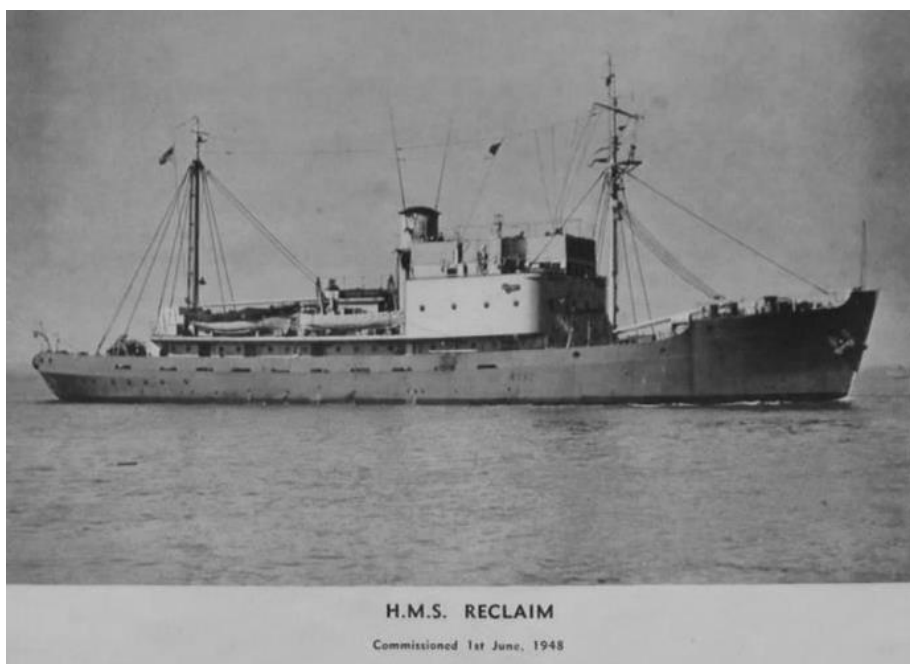
Memorial to the contribution of Bevin Boys.

Bill was released back to the Navy in 1949. He had passed his exams on 22 July 1949 and qualified as a Diver 2/C (2nd class/clearance). His character was recorded as VG (very good) and his efficiency as Super (superior).



Bill in his deep sea diving gear.

Much of Bill's work was done aboard the HMS Reclaim which was a deep diving and submarine rescue vessel. The training for port clearances carried on to the mid 50's, so Bill was involved in that activity until his discharge from the Navy on 1 May 1950.



Bill met Ruby Vivien WILLIAMS in the early years of his naval career. Bill and Ruby were married on 12 September 1941 at the Registry Office, Haverford West, Pembroke, Wales. Bill was 21 and Ruby 19. Ruby was three months pregnant.

1941. Marriage solemnized at <i>the Registry Office</i> in the							
District of <i>Haverfordwest</i> in the County of <i>Pembroke</i>							
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.
67.	Twelfth September 1941.	William Jones.	21 years	Bachelor.	<i>able seaman P/S X 144096 Royal Navy (Farm labourer)</i>	41 Dewsland Street Milford Haven	John William Jones
		Ruby Vivien Williams	19 years	Spinster.		6 Brooke Avenue Milford Haven	Stanley Richard Williams omnibus Driver.

Married in the *Registry Office* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *W Jones* in the Presence of us, *R. Barnard L/Sec.* and *F. H. Jones.* by licence before *John Reginald Registrar* and *W. W. Hall* Superintendent Registrar.

Marriage certificate: 12 September 1941 Register Office, Haverfordwest, Pembroke, Wales.
 William Jones, 21 years, bachelor P/S X 144096, Royal Navy (Farm labourer), 41 Dewsland Street, Milford Haven. Father: John William Jones, night watchman.
 Ruby Vivien Williams, 19 years, spinster, 6 Brooke Ave, Milford Haven. Father: Stanley Richard Williams, omnibus driver.
 Witnesses: R Barnard L/Seco and F H Jones.



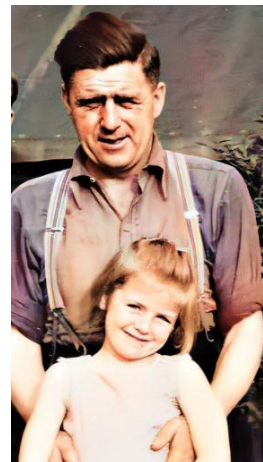
Bill and Ruby.

Bill and Ruby's son Stanley William Wilfred Jones (known as Billy to the Jones family) was born 24 February 1942 at Beckenham. The family lived in Tonbridge for a few years, but Bill and Ruby's relationship ended, and they separated (but never divorced). Ruby moved away with young Billy, and decided to call Billy by his official first name, Stanley, and to use her new partner's surname. As a result, young Billy grew up believing his name was Stanley Latter. It was not until he was 17 years old that he heard the truth and met his real father.



Bill and son Billy.

Bill entered into a relationship with Phyllis CROSS. They did not marry, but Phyllis did use Bill's surname Jones. Bill and Phyllis' daughter Wendy Kathryn Jones was born 20 October 1954. Bill and Phyllis ran a hotel, the Bull & George in Dartford, Kent. The names on the contract for this were Mr & Mrs Jones.



Phyllis, Bill and Wendy.

Bill and Phyllis' relationship did not last. Phyllis met John Downes at The Bull and George and the two married in 1969. From that time on Wendy was then known by the surname Downes. She did get to meet her half-brother Billy (Stanley) when she a little girl and was very excited about that!

Bill was known for his likeable personality. He was a very handsome young man, and made friends easily. To say he lived a rather 'fluid' life would be an understatement! Bill moved about a great deal, but connected closely with the family from time to time.

Bill was living with his parents at 23 Shakespeare Road, Tonbridge in 1976 when his mother Nell died. He worked at The Prince and also had jobs with the railway, while living in Tonbridge.



Bill and mother Nell.

Bill retired to Dartmouth where he had trained at the Naval College. Several of his old shipmates had retired there as well and they used to meet in the Seale Arms Pub in the heart of Dartmouth. Bill enjoyed lunch every day at the pub, spending many hours of each day there. He also visited those who were housebound, often shopping for them.

The Jones family was not large (at least the ones living in England) and Christmas was always a wonderful family time. Every few years a Christmas Day phone call was made to New Zealand to talk to Joyce and her family.

Bill met up with his sister Joyce only once after her move to New Zealand in 1945. That was in 1975 at Jack and Nell's 60th wedding anniversary.



Christmas in Tonbridge.
L - R Arnold, Maureen, Phyllis, Vera,
Bill, Nell, Jack. Wendy sitting in front.

As he got older dementia surfaced, but Bill had a good support network around him. When he became unable to look after himself, he moved into Beaconcourt Residential Care Home, at 4 Church Road, Dartmouth.

Bill died on 24 Oct 2008 in Dartmouth, at age 88.



DEATH		Entry No. 213
Registration district	Devon Administrative area	
Sub-district	Devon County of Devon	
1. Date and place of death Twenty-fourth October 2008 Beacon Court Residential Care Home 4 Church Road Dartmouth		
2. Name and surname William JONES		3. Sex Male
		4. Maiden surname of woman who has married
5. Date and place of birth Twenty-third January 1920 Blackburn		
6. Occupation and usual address Publican (retired) Beacon Court Residential Care Home 4 Church Road Dartmouth		
7.(a) Name and surname of informant Kevin Raymond JONES		(b) Qualification Grandson
(c) Usual address 18 Browning Close Exeter Devon		
8. I certify that the particulars given by me above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief K Jones		Signature of Informant
9. Cause of death 1 (a) Old age Certified by F Mackeachan MB		
10. Date of registration Twenty-ninth October 2008		11. Signature of registrar C Hamilton Deputy Registrar

Joyce Margaret Jones was born 21 January 1922 in the family home at 7 Poole Lane, Burton Salmon, Yorkshire. She was the second child of Eleanor Orr Askew and John William Jones.

REGISTRATION DISTRICT		PONTEFRACT							
1922 BIRTH in the Sub-district of Knottingley		in the County of York							
Columns- No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
	Twenty-first January 1922 146, Popran-cum Poole Burton Salmon K.S.	Joyce Margaret	girl	John William Jones	Eleanor Orr Jones formerly Askew	Poulby Farmer	J. W. Jones Father Popran-cum Poole Burton Salmon	First March 1922	H. J. B. Norfolk Registrar



Joyce was baptised in the Anglican Church in Monk Fryston on March 5 1922, by Edward Markham. The church in Burton Salmon was Wesleyan Methodist, but Nell was Anglican, so she took the children on the 2½ mile walk each way to attend church every week. Jack, their father rarely attended church.



St Wilfrid Parish Church, Monk Fryston.

5 th March 1922	Joyce Margaret	John William & Eleanor Orr	Jones	Burton Salmon	Poulby Farmer	E. J. Warner Vicar
From 21 Jan 1922 No. 560						

Joyce had a happy childhood and a very close relationship with her mother Nell.



Joyce enjoyed playing with her brothers Bill and Arnold. Of that time, Joyce remembers lots of fields to play in, which in spring and summer were covered in cowslips, violets and a carpet of blue bells. Her sister Kathleen was born when Joyce was six, but Kathleen was not able to walk properly due to a hip disorder, so was unable to join in with her sibling's games. Kathleen was in a plaster cast for a number of years.



Joyce and her siblings. Kathleen had to be carried by her father or siblings, especially Bill.

School records show that Joyce started at Burton Salmon School on January 4 1927, aged nearly five years. She left the school when she reached the age limit of 14, and did not attend secondary school. Joyce enjoyed school and was a bright pupil. She had a life-long love of words, especially writing letters and doing crosswords.

Date of Admission.			Date of Re-Admission.			SCHOLAR'S NAME IN FULL. (Please Surname first).	NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN. (Please Surname first).	ADDRESS OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN.
Day.	Mo.	Year.	Day.	Mo.	Year.			
4	1	27				Jones Joyce	Jones John W ^m	Burton Salmon

Scholar's Date of Birth.			LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED.	Whether exemption is claimed from Religious Instruction.	Date of Leaving.			REASON FOR LEAVING.
Day.	Mo.	Year.			Day.	Mo.	Year.	
21	1	22	None	4			Age limit	

The Jones children were involved in community activities and Joyce particularly enjoyed Empire Day, when she could dress up and join a parade on a horse and cart.



Joyce



Joyce recalls that she got several prizes from Sunday School for attendance and for reciting poetry at the anniversaries. At aged 10 she won her own Bible. Childhood gifts at Christmas and birthdays were mainly books. She said that although the family did not have a lot of money they never felt deprived.



After leaving school Joyce also left home and got jobs in Leeds looking after children, and working in Woolworths.

In 1938 Joyce's parents moved to Biggin Hill in Kent. Her Aunt Maud tried to convince her to move back to Burton Salmon, but Joyce's mother wanted her to be with them in Biggin Hill, so she too moved to Biggin Hill.

After the Battle of Britain in 1940, Joyce's father lost his job, so the family moved to 7 The Avenue, Tonbridge, Kent.



Joyce had a job at Wisden's stringing tennis racquets and later barrage balloons. Barrage balloons floated over a specific area preventing enemy aircraft from strafing the area or releasing bombs. The cables were made of steel which could cause considerable damage to an aircraft.

In 1941 Joyce and her friend Penny decided to join the ATS (Auxiliary Territorial Service), and went to a training camp at Guildford for six weeks. Joyce says 'it was a shock to share a dormitory with 50 other women. They had to learn to march and the food was 'awful!' Her friend Penny went on a course learning to drive cars, lorries and ambulances, but Joyce was too nervous to learn to drive so was posted to Arbourfield, near Reading. The food was terrible there too, with lots of cockroaches in the mess hall, so she would buy a cup of tea at the NAAFFI (Navy, Army, Air Force Institute) canteen or go to the Salvation Army canteen to eat. The food there was cheap and good. Things improved when Joyce went to work for the officers, cleaning their buttons, belts, shoes and pressing their uniforms. She was paid extra to make their beds, so she said she felt very rich! A free railway pass meant Joyce could go home to her mother's home-made cooking and she often brought some back to the camp to share with friends.



One day Joyce's friend Sammy asked her to go to London with her as she wanted to see her boyfriend. Sammy told Joyce that she should go to the NZ Forces Club in Charring Cross to get a good and cheap meal. When Joyce got there she looked inside and saw all the men so she lost her nerve and didn't go in. A NZ soldier came out and encouraged her to go inside. That soldier was Eric ANDERSEN. When it came time to leave Eric gave her some tins of fruit and cigarettes to take home. Eric received parcels from the NZ High Commission and from his parents in NZ and he began to share items from these with Joyce. A friendship blossomed which ultimately led to Joyce and Eric getting married.

The wedding took place on Eric's 25th birthday, 7 September, 1943.



L - R: Ruby Jones (Williams), Audrey Mann, Syd Dark, Eric Andersen, Stanley William (Bill) Jones (jnr), Joyce Jones, John (Jack) Jones, Kathleen (Kath) Jones, Eleanor (Nell) Orr Jones (nee Askew).

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CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF MARRIAGE. Pursuant to the Marriage Acts, 1811 to 1939.

Registration District TONBRIDGE

1943. Marriage Solemnized at THE PARISH CHURCH in the Parish of TONBRIDGE in the COUNTY OF KENT

Columns—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
362	Sept 7 th	Eric Oscar Andersen	24	Bachelor	Sapper N.Z.S.	N.Z. Forces Club 4, Charing Cross Road, W.C.1.	Harold Andersen	Retired
	1943	Joyce Margaret Jones	22	Spinster		7, The Avenue Tonbridge	John Jones	Watchman

Married in the THE PARISH CHURCH according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by after/Banns by me.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Eric Oscar Andersen and Joyce Margaret Jones in the Presence of us, J. W. Jones and S. Dark. Frank Child, Vicar

I, Frank Child, Vicar of TONBRIDGE in the COUNTY OF KENT do hereby true copy of the Entry No. 362, in the Register Book of Marriages of the said Church.

WITNESS MY HAND this 7th day of Sept 1943

Marriage certificate: The Parish Church, Tonbridge, Kent. 7 September 1943.
 Eric Oscar Andersen, 24, Bachelor, Sapper NZE. Residence: NZ Forces Club, 4 Charing Cross Road, WC1.
 Father Harold Andersen, retired.
 Joyce Margret Jones, 22, spinster. Residence: 7 The Avenue, Tonbridge.
 Father John Jones, Watchman.
 Witnesses J W Jones and S Dark.
 Married by Frank Child, Vicar.



Tonbridge Press

WEDDING OF MISS JONES - the wedding took place on Tuesday at the Parish Church of Miss Joyce Jones, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jones of 7 The Avenue, Tonbridge, and sapper Eric Anderson N.Z.E.F, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Anderson, Empire Hotel, Frankton Junction, New Zealand. The bride, wearing a pink silk dress and carrying a bouquet of red roses was given away by her father. She was attended by Misses K Jones and A Mann, who wore pale green silk and carried bouquets of pink roses. Sergt. S Park, New Zealand Forces, was best man.

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Eric had joined the NZ Forestry Company in 1940 and sailed aboard HMNZS Leander headed for France. However while en route, Hitler invaded France so the ship was diverted to England. Eric worked mainly in Cirencester, Gloucestershire, felling trees and making anti-tank barricades for the coast of England. When most of his regiment was transferred to Italy, Eric was transferred to London to work at the NZ Forces Club and be a fire-watcher for the Westminster Fire Brigade. That's how he came to be at the NZ Forces Club and meet his future wife, Joyce Jones.

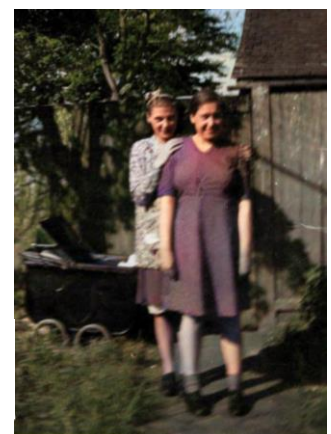


Initially, Joyce and Eric lived with the rest of the family at 7 The Avenue. Joyce continued to work in the ATS until she was discharged in December 1943 as she was pregnant. Life was not always easy. All food was rationed and each person was allowed 2oz (25gm) of butter a week, 4oz margarine, 1oz cooking fat, 1 egg, 3 pints of milk, 4oz sugar and 2oz of tea. Sausages and liver were not rationed but they were given 10 pence a week to buy any other meat. Extra coupons were issued for pregnant women and babies, and coupons were required for clothing. Tonbridge had air raids and many times the windows of the family house were blown out.

Eric was ordered home to New Zealand in May 1944. He spent a few months in the Middle East on his way home, arriving in NZ December, 1944. This meant he was not there for the birth of his baby daughter Patricia (Patsy).

Almost all births during the war were home births. Eric and Joyce's first child, Patricia Mary Andersen was born at 7 The Avenue on 24 July, 1944.

Pregnant Joyce hiding behind her sister Kathleen who was 15.



Joyce's mother Nell Jones enjoyed having Joyce and Patsy living with them. Also living at 7 The Avenue were Ruby Jones, Joyce's brother Bill's wife, and toddler Billy. Bill Jones was at sea with the navy.



Kathleen with baby Patsy



Joyce with baby Patsy



Nell with baby Patsy and little Billy

It was an emotional day indeed when Joyce and Patsy boarded HMS Rimutaka at Liverpool on December 15th 1944, bound for New Zealand. The journey took eight and a half weeks. On board was Duke of Gloucester, who was going to be the Governor General of Australia, who was travelling with his wife and two boys, William 3 and Richard 4 months. Patsy and Richard were the youngest on the ship. Joyce remembers the trip as a wonderful journey, especially the Christmas party held for the children.

The war was still on, so to prevent anything bad happening to the royals the Rimutaka had an escort of 10 ships all the way to Australia. However, the trip was still quite risky. Newspaper reports and a report from one of the war brides show just how close the ship came to being a casualty.

Newspaper report October 1945

LONDON, Oct. 14.
A submarine attack against the Rimutaka, taking the Duke of Gloucester to Australia in 1944, was disclosed in an Admiralty and Air Ministry official account of "The Battle of the Atlantic," published to-day. The Rimutaka was one day out from Liverpool on December 17 when the submarine alarm was given while the ship was zig-zagging south of Ireland. The convoy turned while a frigate remained behind to hunt. The frigate attacked at 11.38 p.m., and re-attacked at 11.58, when, after depth charges had been dropped, a violent submerged explosion lifted the frigate in the water. Large quantities of oil coming to the surface told their own tale.

War bride Mrs Overhue: first hand account

Discussing the voyage to the Dominion, Mrs Overheu said that two days out from England in the middle of the night, when most of the passengers were seasick because of the heavy seas running, exploding depth charges were heard, but very little significance was paid to this, many thinking it was just a practice. It was learned later that a submarine had been sighted, and after offensive measures, oil and wreckage were seen floating on the water.

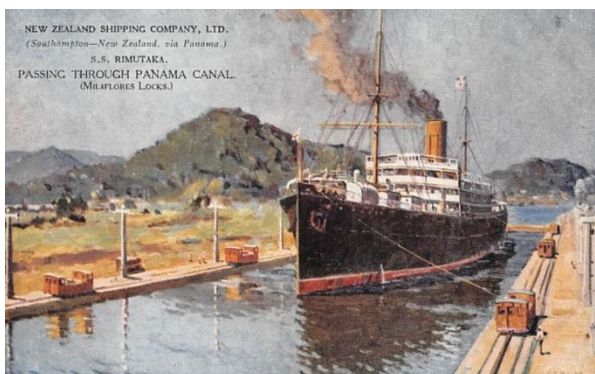
The submarine attack is described in 'Churchill's Greatest Fear' by Richard Doherty:



There was one noteworthy encounter with a U boat, south of Ireland on the 17th December 1944. The boat was U-772 and the loss of her target would have been a tremendous blow for the United Kingdom. The target was the SS Rimutaka, a P&O ship operated by a subsidiary, the NZ Shipping company, which had sailed from Liverpool on December 16th. On board were HRH Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, HRH Princess Alice, bound for Australia, where the Duke was to become *Governor General*.

SS Rimutaka had a significant escort, including the cruiser HMS Euryalus, two destroyers and the five frigates of B18. On 11.15pm on the 17th, HMS Nyasaland picked up a long range asdic contact (early form of sonar), showing a submerged contact on Rimutaka's port bow. Since the ships were about to alter course to port by 18 degrees, this would put the U-boat in an excellent attacking position. Nyasaland promptly made the alarm signal. The ships turned the other way and Nyasaland remained to the hunt. At 11.38pm she made her first attack, followed 20 minutes later by a second. The explosions by her depth chargers were followed by a violent underwater detonation that lifted the frigate, while quantities of diesel and oil rising to the surface confirmed the kill.

For his actions Nyasaland's captain, Lieutenant Commander John Scott was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.



SS Rimutaka



HMS Nyasaland

Christmas Day 1944 was spent in Malta.

Joyce made friends with some of the women on board, in particular with Grace Renwick, whose daughter Barbara was six months older than Patsy. Grace lived in Auckland. Joyce remained in contact with her by letter for many years. Also on the journey was Tom Frost, from Ongarue, who was a friend of Eric's. Tom and Eric were both in the NZ Forestry Company.

Christmas Day 1944 in Malta.

Joyce with Patsy, Tom Frost, Grace Renwick and daughter Barbara.



The Rimutaka arrived in Sydney on 29 January 1945 to much fanfare, as the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and their family were welcomed to Australia.

The 'war brides' of Australian soldiers had reached their destination, but New Zealand brides like Joyce still had several weeks to go. They spent a week in Sydney before setting off for New Zealand on 7 February 1945.



There was considerable interest in the arrival of the war brides. This photo of Patsy with a NZ serviceman in Sydney was published in the Freelance Newspaper.

The caption reads:

This happy snapshot was taken at a welcome by New Zealanders living in Sydney to Kiwi servicemen returning to the Dominion and to British brides and children travelling to their new homes. L.A.C Eric Connor (O'Connor) looks after six-month-old Patricia Anderson, daughter of a Kiwi sapper, during the mother's temporary absence. Patricia is very intent on a scene.



Another photo taken at the same time shows L.A.C Eric O'Connor handing Patsy back to her mother.

Joyce arrived in Wellington on February 14 1945 and was met by Eric and his sister Olga. This was the first time Eric had seen his daughter Patsy. The family caught a train up to Hamilton and were met at Frankton Junction by Eric's parent's Harold and Rene (Andrina) Andersen. Joyce remembers that there were six letters from home waiting for her and all she could do was cry.

For six months Joyce and Eric lived at the Empire Hotel in Frankton, which was run by Eric's parents.

Joyce said it wasn't hard picking up life with Eric, and that his mother Rene was like a mother to her. Eric's father Harold (Pop) adored Patsy and took her with him while he did his jobs around the hotel, including all the washing for the hotel and for the family. He loved to carry Patsy out to the clothes line with him. Joyce remarks that she got on particularly well with Eric's older sister Dorothy and his youngest brother Keith. She said Eric and his brother Fred were very alike in temperament. Both could be difficult at times!



Joyce and Eric at Olga's wedding. March 1945.



Joyce, Eric and Patsy lived in a transit camp in Hamilton for a few weeks and then were allocated a state house in Graham Street, Hamilton. Eric worked as a porter at Frankton Junction.

In 1951 the family were allocated a bigger house for their growing family and moved to 57 Paul Crescent, Fairfield, Hamilton, where Joyce and Eric lived for the rest of their lives.

Joyce, Eric and Patsy visiting Rotorua with friends Dennis and Nell Porter. 1947.

Joyce and Eric Andersen had six children: Patricia Mary born 24 July 1944; Susan Margaret born 23 December 1948; Michael Keith born 20 November 1950, Karen Andrea born 2 December 1952; Eric John born 6 January 1954, and Kathryn Joy born 30 October 1955.



Kathy, Sue, Patsy, Karen, Mike, John. 1960.



Mike, Kathy, Karen, John, Sue, Patsy. 2010.

Joyce remained forever 'English' in her mind-set, and her accent never fully disappeared. Joyce returned to England just once, in 1975. This was 30 years after she boarded the ship for NZ with Patsy. Both of her parents were still alive and she was able to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with them in Tonbridge, Kent. This was a real highlight for everyone, especially as Joyce's mother Nell died the following year.

Through this visit Joyce discovered that England was no longer 'home' and she was glad to return to her life and family in New Zealand.



Joyce and Nell spending precious time together in 1975.

Joyce was very stoic when it came to her health, rarely visiting a doctor. She had a fall in 2004 and broke her hip and when asked who her doctor was replied that he had died 20 years ago and she hadn't seen a doctor for at least 30 years!

Joyce was a devoted mother, but life was not easy, and money was scarce. Eric gave her housekeeping money but it was not enough to meet the needs of the family. The government of the time paid mothers a few pounds (dollars after 1967) per week for the support of their children. This made all the difference so Joyce could meet the needs of her six children. She got involved in school activities if she was able, but with no family car this meant she had to walk to the school or occasionally take a taxi. Joyce had a deep and lasting Christian faith, and she was a Sunday School teacher for many years. It was important to her that all of the children went to Sunday School and Church.

Joyce was very frugal and taught herself to sew and knit, making most of the children's clothes, including school uniforms when possible. Hand-me-downs were the norm. The beginning of the year was a stressful time when money was short due to book and uniform requirements. It was usually not until March each year that all of the children had a full set of exercise books.

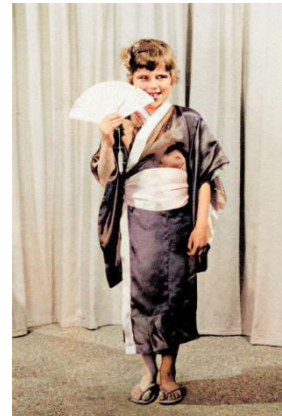
The local school had a fancy dress party every year and Joyce enjoyed making wonderful outfits for the children.



Patsy



Karen



Kathy

Once a week she went out to prepare lunch orders at the Intermediate School, but as she got older, she stopped these activities and did not venture far from home.

Joyce had an 'open home' so it was not uncommon for neighbours to pop in at any time, particularly solo mothers.. All were made welcome and there was always a cup of tea brewing at 57 Paul Crescent. At her funeral in 2004, a number of these women spoke about those times and how Joyce's friendship got them through hard times.

Joyce was an intelligent woman and enjoyed doing the daily crossword in the newspaper. She was also a prolific letter writer with many pen-pals around the world, some of whom she wrote to for more than 40 years. Also, Joyce wrote letters almost weekly to Patsy and Kathy who were the only children to live outside of Hamilton. She also encouraged the children to have pen-pals.

Joyce loved to collect things and had a very impressive stamp collection. She also had hundreds of international dolls, which lived in three large cabinets in the lounge at 57 Paul Crescent. Family was very important and her Sunday roasts when everyone got together were legendary!

Joyce and Eric had 14 grand-children:
 Patsy and Peter Burton's children: Gabrielle, Mathew, Donovan and Rene.
 Karen and Rex Dawson's children: Mandy, Simon and Bobby.
 Susan Andersen's children: Scott and Katie.
 John and Helen Andersen's children: Jason and Erica.
 Kathy and Ross Callaghan's children: Debbie, Sarah and Philip.



Joyce and Mandy 1975

Joyce adored her grandchildren, so throughout the year she would buy things and put them aside for Christmas for birthday presents. Christmas was her favourite time of the year, because she knew that she would get to see most of her children and grandchildren. Handing out the presents piled high under the Christmas tree brought her a great deal of pleasure.



Matthew, Donovan, Gabrielle, Mike, Joyce and Sue holding Debbie. 1976.



Eric and Joyce with Debbie, Sarah, Kathy, Philip and Mike. 1984.

Joyce's sister Kathleen came from England three times to share Christmas with the family.



Kathleen and Joyce at Auckland Airport. 1971.



Christmas in New Zealand. 1982.

Joyce's family lived in various places around the country so the opportunity for a full family photo never arose. The photo below was taken in January 1987. This was one month after the death of Karen's son Simon who was aged 10, and 10 months before Eric's death. Mike and Patsy and her family were absent from this photo.



Karen Dawson, John Andersen
Mandy Dawson

Kathy Callaghan,
Joyce Andersen

Sue Andersen
Katie Andersen
Eric Andersen

Sarah and Debbie Callaghan,
Bobby Dawson, Jason Andersen
Erica Andersen, Philip Callaghan,
Scott Andersen

Absent grandchildren:
Gabrielle, Matthew, Donovan and Rene Burton.

Joyce did not like having her photo taken so as she got older became notoriously difficult to photograph. She died a year before her first great-grandchild was born.

Joyce would be very proud to see how her children and grandchildren have grown into adulthood, and how her great-grandchildren have developed.

Joyce died on 9 December 2004 at Waikato Hospital of bronchial pneumonia and heart failure, following a fractured hip as a result of a fall. She was aged 82.

New Zealand Death Certificate

DEATHS
BDM 106
Registration Number
2004030303
DECEASED

First given name(s) at birth: Joyce Margaret
Surname/family name at birth: Andersen
Jones

Date of death: 9 December 2004
Place of death: Waikato Hospital Hamilton
Cause or causes of death: Myocardial Infarction 9 Days
Post Operation - Left Hemiarthroplasty For Fracture Neck Of Femur 12 Days
Fall And Fracture Left Neck Of Femur 17 Days
Bronchopneumonia 9 Days
Atrial Fibrillation Known Since 17 Days Ago
Mild Congestive Heart Failure Known Since 17 Days Ago
M K Liew
Date last seen alive by certifying doctor: 9 December 2004

Sex: Female
Age and date of birth: 82Y 21 January 1922
Place of birth: Poole England
59
57 Paul Crescent
Hamilton
Usual occupation, profession or job: Homemaker
Date of burial or cremation: 13 December 2004
Place of burial or cremation: Hamilton Park Crematorium Hamilton
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MOTHER: First given name(s): Eleanor Orr
Surname/family name: Jones
First given name(s) at birth: Askew
Surname/family name at birth: Homemaker
Occupation, profession or job: Homemaker

FATHER: First given name(s): John William
Surname/family name: Jones
First given name(s) at birth: -
Surname/family name at birth: -
Occupation, profession or job: Night Watchman

Marital Status: Widowed
Age at marriage: 21
Place of marriage: Towbridge Kent England
To whom married: First given name(s): Eric Oscar
Surname/family name: Andersen
Age of spouse or former spouse: -

Certified true copy of particulars recorded by a Registrar
Issued under the seal of the Registrar on: 16 day of December 2004

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NEW ZEALAND



Joyce was cremated at Hamilton Park Cemetery.

Arnold JONES was born on 8 December 1923 at 7 Poole Lane, Burton Salmon.

Registration District		Pontefract		in the County of York (W.K.)					
1924. Birth in the Sub-District of		Knottingley							
Column No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	When and Where Born.	Name, if any.	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
	<i>Eighth December 1923</i>	<i>Arnold</i>	<i>Boy</i>	<i>John William Jones</i>	<i>Eleanor Or Jones formerly Askew</i>	<i>Poultry Farmer</i>	<i>E. O. Jones Mother Poole Burton Salmon</i>	<i>Sixteenth January 1924</i>	<i>H. J. B. Norfolk Registrar.</i>



Arnold was baptised at Monk Fryston Parish Church on 13 January 1924, by Edward Markham.

BAPTISM CERTIFICATE.							
Baptism solemnized in the Parish of <i>Monk Fryston</i> in the Diocese of <i>York</i> and County of <i>York</i> in the year 1924							
Date of Birth	When Baptized	Child's Christian Name	Parents' Names		Abode	Quality, Trade, or Profession	By whom the Ceremony was performed
			Christian	Surname			
<i>8th Decr 1923</i>	<i>13th Jan'y. 1924</i>	<i>Arnold</i>	<i>John William + Eleanor</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Poole</i>	<i>Poultry Farmer</i>	<i>Edward Markham</i>

Arnold began attending Burton Salmon School on 27 June 1927 when aged 3½, and left when he reached the age limit of 14 years. Burton Salmon was a small village and had a close community, so Arnold enjoyed a relatively carefree childhood. In 1938, when aged 14 he moved to Kent as part of a Ministry of Labour training scheme, and worked in a factory in Orpington, and at Wisdens making cricket bats. His parents moved to Kent at about the same time.

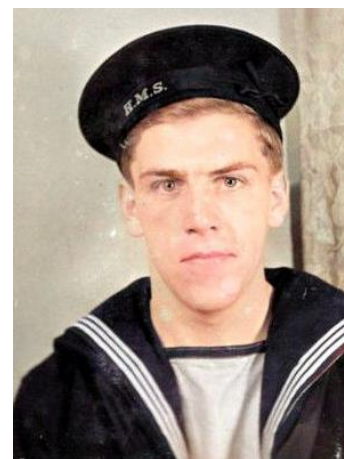


Arnold (front right) with his siblings Joyce, Bill and Kathleen.

Arnold joined the Royal Navy in 1942. He was aged 18.



Arnold Jones

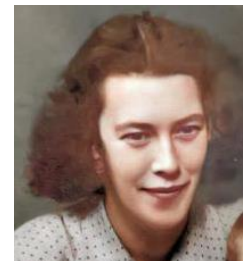


When Arnold joined the Navy it meant that both of Jack and Nell's sons were putting their lives at risk serving in WW2. It is not known how often Arnold and Bill were able to meet in the course of their duties, but this touching photo was taken of the brothers sometime during the war. Arnold sent the photo to their mother Nell.



To Mother
With Love
Arnold.
x x x.

Arnold served with the Royal Navy for four years. During this time he met the love of his life, Vera PENALUNA, while serving at Kingswear, Devon. Vera was in the WRNS (Women's Royal Navy Service). Arnold and Vera married on 16 December 1944 at the Registry Office, Plymouth. This was the day Arnold's sister Joyce left England for New Zealand, which meant Arnold's parents were unable to attend the wedding, as they were in Liverpool seeing off Joyce and granddaughter Patsy.



1944. Marriage solemnized at <i>The Registry Office</i> in the <i>District of Plymouth</i> in the <i>County Borough of Plymouth</i>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
24	<i>16th December 1944</i>	<i>Arnold Jones</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Able Seaman R.N. (Electrician) No. PJX 370475</i>	<i>7 The Avenue Tonbridge</i>	<i>William Jones</i>	<i>Electrician</i>
		<i>Vera May Penaluna</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Spinster</i>	<i>Wren W.R.N.S. 65987 (Waitress)</i>	<i>12 Bayswater Terrace Plymouth</i>	<i>William Joseph Penaluna</i>	<i>Labourer Dockyard</i>
Married in the <i>Registry Office</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <i>Church of England</i> by <i>W. P. Davy</i> Registrar by me, <i>H. Barnett</i> Superintendent Registrar								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <i>B. Jones</i> and <i>Vera May Penaluna</i>			in the Presence of us, <i>H. Barnett</i> and <i>B. Penaluna</i>					

Marriage Certificate: The Register Office, Plymouth. 16 December 1944.
 Arnold Jones, 21 years, Bachelor, Able Seaman, RN No. PJX 370475, Electrician.
 Residence: 7 The Avenue, Tonbridge. Father: William Jones, Electrician.
 Vera May Penaluna, 24 years, Spinster, Wren, W.R.N.S 65987 (waitress).
 Residence 12 Bayswater Terrace, Plymouth. Father: William Joseph Penaluna, Labourer, RN Dockyard.

After the war Arnold and Vera lived in Tonbridge and Arnold worked in a plastics factory before joining British Railways as a goods shunter. He worked for British Railways for the rest of his working life. Arnold and Vera's only daughter Maureen was born 16 October 1946 at 7 The Avenue. Vera suffered six miscarriages and two still births so Arnold and Vera had a particularly close relationship with Maureen, and were devoted parents. Maureen's death in 1988, aged 42, was very traumatic for them both.



Vera and Maureen.



Arnold and Maureen.

Arnold was a loyal Labour Party supporter all of his life, and was a long-time member of the Tonbridge Constituency Labour Party, including a period as its Chairman. He was also a shop steward for the Amalgamated Engineering Union, and Chairman of the Tonbridge branch of the National Union of Railwaymen.

Arnold had a very heightened sense of social justice which drew him into politics. He was elected to the Tonbridge Urban Council in 1952 and had roles in county and district councils over the next 36 years. Arnold served on the Tonbridge Urban Council between 1952 and 1974. As Chair of the Council he was the Mayor of Tonbridge between 1964 and 1965. Re-elected to the newly named Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council in 1974 he served for a further 17 years, and was Chair of the Council between 1982 and 1983. During this time Arnold started up 'Youth Help Age', which was a group where young people could help the elderly of the community - one of the projects he was most proud of. Arnold also served on the Kent County Council between 1974 and 1978.



Arnold's community work resulted in him being invited to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in 1964.



Arnold Jones, Mayor of Tonbridge with his family as he went to Buckingham Palace.

L-R Maureen, Nell, Arnold, Vera, Kathleen and Jack. Arnold's family were very proud of him.

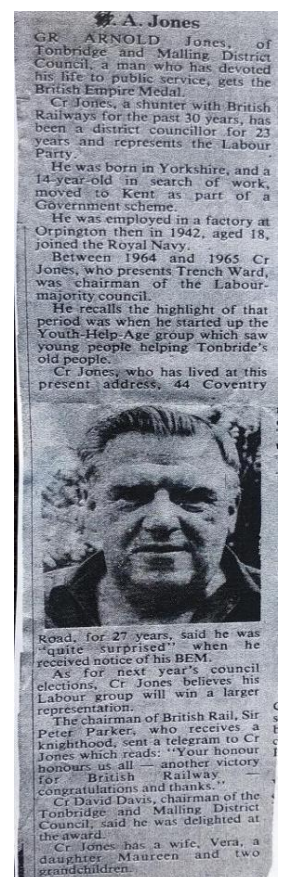
In 1978 Arnold was awarded a BEM for services to British Railways and the Community. Sadly his mother did not live to see this, but his proud father was able to be there for the presentation. Arnold's father Jack passed away the following year.



Presentation of British Empire Medal. Geoff, Maureen, Jack, Vera, Arnold, Kathleen. 1978.



A touching moment between father and son at the presentation of Arnold's BEM.



In 1991 Arnold was honoured with the title 'Freeman of the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling'. This reflected the high esteem in which he was held in the community.



Arnold, Freeman of the Borough.



Celebrating with Bill Jones (nephew) and his wife Ann.

While serving on the Council Arnold became dedicated to the provision of social housing, and he was an inaugural board member of the Housing Association. After his death, a row of houses was named in his honour - ARNOLD'S COURT.



Vera Jones, Tonbridge mayor and wife, Emma Faulkner (granddaughter), Kathleen Skinner (sister), Joe Skinner.



Arnold died 13 August 2003, aged 79.

Tributes recognized his lifetime of service in the local community:

David Hughes, Chief Executive of the borough stated 'Arnold was passionate about politics, a stout defender of causes in which he believed and above all a thoroughly decent man who was always cheerful and ready to share a joke'.

Mark Warral, leader of the Borough Council said 'Arnold was a man of conviction and principle. Sincere and passionate'.



Arnold and Vera were very close and Arnold readily acknowledged the role that Vera played throughout his long political career. Vera's openness, hospitality and unending support were invaluable.

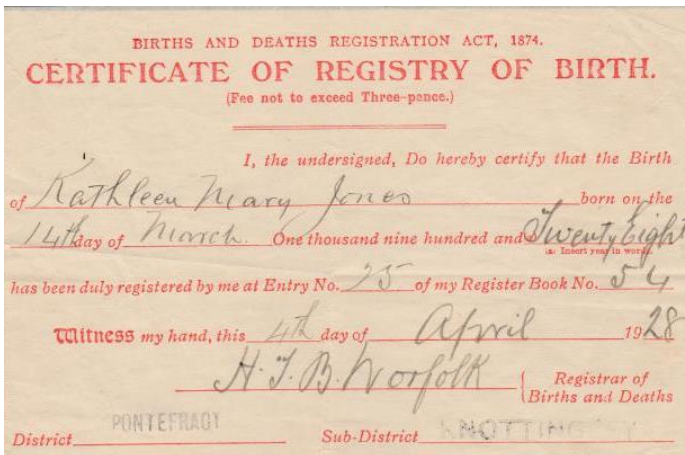
After Arnold's death, Vera was able to remain independent with the support of Ron Keemer, Maureen's husband, and Emma Faulkner, her granddaughter.

Vera died 30 January 2013, aged 92.

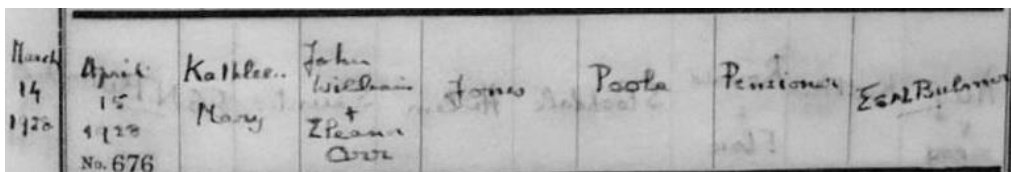


Kathy with Arnold and Vera. 2001.

Kathleen Mary JONES was born on 14 March 1928 in Burton Salmon, Yorkshire.



Kathleen was baptised in the Anglican Church in Monk Fryston on April 15 1928, by Earl Buchanan. The occupation of her father Jack was listed as 'Pensioner'. Jack was only 37 but it is likely he was getting some pension payments as a result of his permanent wounds from WW1.



Kathleen was born with hip dysplasia, which is the medical term for a hip socket that doesn't fully cover the ball portion of the upper thigh bone. Kathleen was put in a plaster cast and was not able to walk until the age of five. Her father and big brother Bill had to carry her everywhere. Once she was able to walk Kathleen had an obvious 'waddle' which remained with her for the rest of her life. Her cousin Fred Jones commented that he remembers going to Burton Salmon as a very small boy and not being able to understand why this girl of about his own age could not get out of her cot and play with him.

Kathleen with her siblings Bill, Joyce and Arnold.



Kathleen attended Burton Salmon School, but it is not known how often she was able to attend. She moved to Biggin Hill with her parents in 1938, when aged 10. Their home address was Culverden Allenby Road, Biggin Hill. It is recorded in the 1939 Register that she attended school in Biggin Hill. The family moved to 7 The Avenue, Tonbridge in 1941.



Kathleen especially enjoyed the company of her first cousin Margaret Glynn. Margaret was the only daughter of Jack's sister Maggie. Maggie and her family lived in London, so Jack and Nell often took Kathleen to visit Margaret's family and Margaret came to stay with Kathleen. Margaret recalls that she and Kathleen loved to take Kathleen's niece Maureen for walks in her pushchair. They particularly enjoyed exploring the grounds of Tonbridge Castle.

Kathleen with her cousin Margaret Glynn

Kathleen was 16 when her niece Patricia (Patsy) Mary Andersen, daughter of Joyce and Eric Andersen, was born in 1944. Eric loved to tease his sister-in-law Kathleen!

Kathleen's niece Maureen was born two years after Patsy. Kathleen especially enjoyed being aunt to little Maureen and later her daughter Wendy. Kathleen's nephew 'Billy' (Bill jnr) lived away from the family with his mother and Joyce's children all lived in New Zealand, so she couldn't have such a close aunt relationship with them.



Kathleen and Patsy



Kathleen and Eric



Kathleen and Wendy

As an adult Kathleen continued to live with her parents, and go away with them on holidays. She was well cared for by her mother Nell, with whom she had a particularly close relationship.



In the 1970 and 1980s, Kathleen flew to NZ three times to visit her sister Joyce and family.



Kathleen and Sarah.1979.



Kathleen. Christmas 1982.

After the death of both her parents Kathleen met Joe SKINNER and they were married in 1986. Kathleen was 58. Joe was a widower and he took very good care of Kathleen, throughout the 22 years they had together. Joe died in 2008, aged 90.



Kevin, Bill, Ann, Stefan, Joe, Kathleen, Arnold, Vera, Bill (snr).



Kevin, Bill, Ann, Stefan, Emma, Joe, Kathleen, Bill (snr), Ron, Maureen. and members of Joe's family, at Kathleen and Joe's wedding.



Mr Skinner —
Miss Jones

THE WEDDING took place at Christ Church, Tonbridge, of Mr Joseph Frank Skinner and Miss Kathleen Mary Jones.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr William Jones, wore a long cream dress and cream hat and carried a bouquet of mixed silk flowers.

In attendance were Mrs M. Keemer, niece of the bride, as matron of honour, and Miss Emma Faulkner and Miss Julie Piper as bridesmaids. The matron of honour wore a dress of lavender blue and the bridesmaids wore dresses of cerise pink. The matron of honour carried a bouquet.

The service was conducted by the Rev H. Jutson and the best man was Mr Ronald Keemer.

A reception was held at Brent Hall and the honeymoon was being spent in Scotland.

Picture by J. D. Hunt.

Kathleen and Joe moved into a new assisted living complex when it became more difficult to take care of themselves. A highlight for Kathleen and Joe was meeting Princess Anne when she came to open the building.




Kathleen and Joe meet Princess Anne.



Kathleen, Joe and Kathy. 2001.

After Joe died, Kathleen was unable to care for herself, and went to live at Emily Jackson House, Sevenoaks, which is 15 minutes drive from Tonbridge. She was very well cared for, and lived there until her death on 10 April 2009, aged 81.



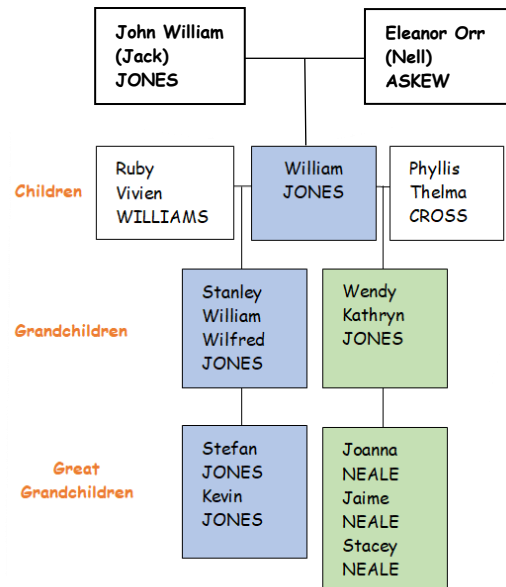
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Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953

BAG 53023

DEATH		Entry No. 137
Registration district Bromley	Administrative area London Borough of Bromley	
Sub-district Bromley	London Borough of Bromley	
1. Date and place of death Nineteenth April 2009 Princess Royal University Hospital Farnborough		
2. Name and surname Kathleen Mary SKINNER		3. Sex Female
		4. Maiden surname of woman who has married JONES
5. Date and place of birth Fourteenth March 1928 Yorkshire		
6. Occupation and usual address Factory Worker (retired) Widow of Joseph Frank SKINNER Groundsman (retired) Emily Jackson House Eardley Road Sevenoaks		
7.(a) Name and surname of informant Vera May JONES		(b) Qualification Sister in law
(c) Usual address 6 Medina Road Tonbridge Kent		
8. I certify that the particulars given by me above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief V M Jones		Signature of informant
9. Cause of death I (a) Bronchopneumonia (b) Immobility (c) Congenital hip dislocation, Osteoarthritis II Perforated Duodenal Ulcer (Operated) Certified by B Ragawan MB		
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Grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Jack and Nell Jones

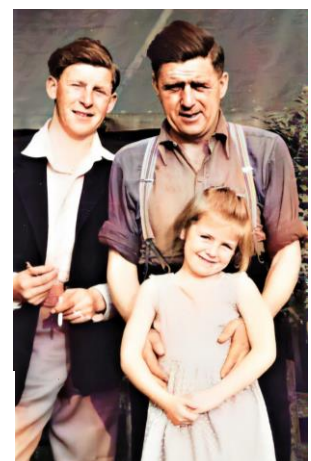
Family of William (Bill) Jones



Stanley William (Bill) Wilfred JONES was born on 24 February 1942 in Beckenham, Kent. Bill's parents were Bill Jones and Ruby Vivien Williams. His father Bill was serving in the navy when Bill was an infant, so Ruby and little 'Billy', as he was known to the Jones family, lived at 7 The Avenue, Tonbridge with Jack and Nell.



Bill (snr) and Ruby separated (but never divorced), and Ruby moved from Tonbridge taking Billy with her, much to the sadness of his grandparents. Ruby decided to call Billy by his official first name, Stanley, and use her partner's surname, so young Billy grew up believing his name was Stanley Latter. When he was 17 years old he met his father and discovered his real name, and that he had a sister, Wendy Jones. Stanley then returned to his official surname Jones and went by the first name, Bill. Ruby and Robert "Harry" Latter had a son Roy and a daughter Yvonne.



Bill jnr with his father Bill Jones and sister Wendy Jones.

Bill joined the army in 1962 and spent 22 years travelling to various parts of the world, starting in Hong Kong. He was involved in various conflicts and ended his career in Colchester in 1984 with the rank of Warrant Officer Class 2, as Communications Officer.



Bill married Ann REIDY on 11 October 1969 in Tadworth, Surrey, England. Ann was born on 10 September, 1949.



Bill and Ann's Wedding 1969. The Jones family is on the left and includes grandparents Jack and Nell Jones.

Bill and Ann had two sons. Stefan JONES was born on 20 November 1970. Kevin JONES was born on 7 May 1973.



Stefan, Ann, Bill, Kevin. 2017.

In retirement Bill and Ann moved from England to Scotland, and lived in Tain, near Inverness. While Bill's aunt Vera Jones was alive, Vera and her granddaughter Emma occasionally travelled up to Scotland to stay with Bill and Ann.



Bill and Ann with Vera and Emma in Scotland.

In 2007, Bill's NZ cousin Kathy Callaghan and husband Ross visited Bill and Ann in Scotland and in 2010 they holidayed together in the Shetland Islands.



Bill and Ann with Kathy and Ross.

Wendy Kathryn JONES was born 20 October 1954 in Tonbridge, Kent. Her parents were Bill Jones and Phyllis Thelma Cross.



Bill and Phyllis ran a pub in Dartford, Kent called the Bull & George. It was registered under the name of Mr and Mrs Jones, but Bill and Phyllis were not married. Often Wendy had to look after herself while her parents were busy running the pub.



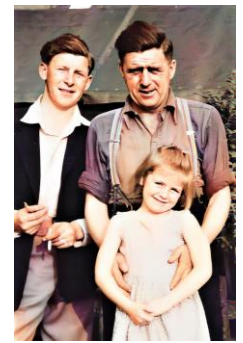
Wendy aged around seven.



Growing up in a pub meant that Wendy had an unusual childhood.

The relationship between Bill Jones and Phyllis Cross ended. Phyllis married John Downes and together they ran the Crossways Inn, on Sidcup Road, South London. From then on Wendy was known as Wendy Downes.

For many years Wendy did not know that she had a half-brother, so it was very exciting when she met her brother Bill Jones for the first time. Bill recalls her dancing around the room saying "I've got a brother". From an early age, Wendy had longed for family life and looked forward to starting her own family one day.



The day Wendy met her big brother Bill for the first time.

Wendy was a central part of the Jones family and often joined in their family Christmas celebrations. She became very close to her cousin Maureen Jones, and knew she had cousins in New Zealand, but rarely had any contact with them.



Christmas with the Jones family.
L - R Arnold, Maureen, Phyllis, Vera, Bill, Nell and Jack. Wendy in the front.

Wendy married her sweetheart Tony George NEALE on 7 July 1973 at All Saints, Eltham. Wendy was aged 18 and Tony 21. Wendy's occupation is recorded as 'Hairdresser' and Tony's as 'Painter and Decorator'. Wendy and Tony adored each other and had a very happy marriage.

CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF MARRIAGE Pursuant to the Marriage Act 1949

Registration District London Borough of Greenwich

No.	When solemnized	Name and surnames	Age	Condition	Rank or profession	Residence in the last 7 days	Residence in the last 7 days	Rank or profession of bride
195	July 7 th 1973	Tony George Neale	21	Bachelor	Painter and Decorator	100 Middle Park Avenue, Eltham, S.E.9	David Arthur Neale	Painter and Decorator
	1973	Wendy Kathryn Downes	18	Spinster	Hairdresser	Crossways Hotel, New Eltham, S.E.9	John Windsor Thomas Downes	Publican

MARRIED in the Parish church according to the rites and ceremonies of the Established Church by Minister *Baron* by me, *D. G. Houssemont*

This marriage was solemnized between us: *Tony George Neale* in the presence of us, *Wendy Kathryn Downes* *D. G. Houssemont*

William George Houssemont of New Eltham in the London Borough of Greenwich do bear true copy of the Entry No. *195* in the Register Book of Marriages in the said Church. Without us and this 7th day of July 1973. *D. G. Houssemont* Curate



Wendy's dreams of having her own family came true when she and Tony had three daughters:
 Joanna Claire NEALE was born 11 April 1975.
 Jaime Ann NEALE was born 19 September 1976.
 Stacey Kathryn NEALE was born 11 May 1979.



Wendy and her girls Jo, Jaime and Stacey.



Wendy was a devoted wife and mother: nothing was more important than her family. Tragedy struck the Neale family when Wendy was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in the mid 1970's. Wendy was constantly optimistic and educated herself about the condition. She put up a brave fight against the disease but lost her ability to walk while the girls were still young. She was an amazing role model for her girls. Sadly, MS eventually took her life and she died 25 May 1995, aged 40.



Wendy's family:
Wendy, Jaime, Tony, Joan Neale, Jo and Stacey.

Wendy would have been very proud of her three daughters and their children.



Jo, Stacey and Jaime

Jo's children:



Bailey Whittington



George Whittington



Poppy Whittington

Jaime's children:



Charlie Kennard



Cameron Kennard



Albie Kennard

Stacey's children:



Brandon McAllister

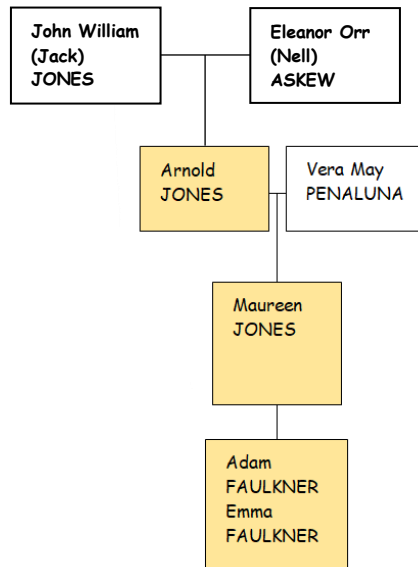


Connor McAllister



Ellie McAllister

Family of Arnold Jones



Maureen JONES was born on 16 October 1946 at 7 The Avenue, Tonbridge, Kent. She was the only child of Arnold Jones and Vera Penaluna. Sadly, Arnold and Vera were not able to provide Maureen with a sibling as Vera had six miscarriages and two still births.

Growing up in Tonbridge meant Maureen developed a very strong bond with her grandparents Jack and Nell Jones. This was all the more important as Jack and Nell's and Jack's eldest grandchild 'Billy' was taken away by his mother when very young; their granddaughter Wendy moved away when her mother Phyllis married, and Joyce's six children were all in New Zealand.



Maureen with her parents Vera and Arnold



Maureen with her grandmother Nell Jones.

Maureen had a happy childhood and attended the local schools. Because her father Arnold had such a high public profile, including being mayor of Tonbridge, she got to attend some very special events, including a garden party at Buckingham Palace.



Maureen with her father Arnold Jones.



Maureen making tape recordings to send to her uncle and aunt and cousins in New Zealand. 1952.

Maureen married Geoffrey (Geoff) Faulkner in 1971 at Tonbridge Parish Church. The couple set up home in Tonbridge.



Maureen and Geoff had two children:



Adam David Stuart Faulkner was born in 1975.
Emma Marie Victoria Faulkner was born in 1978.

Maureen had a close relationship with her cousin Wendy, especially when they were both young mothers. Wendy would often take her young girls to stay with Maureen and Geoff. Some years later Maureen and Geoff divorced.



Maureen with cousin Wendy in 1975.

Maureen married Ronald (Ron) Keemer in 1985.



Maureen and Ron's wedding 1985. Maureen's daughter Emma was a flower girl (bottom right)

Maureen and Ron had a stable and loving relationship. Unfortunately, Maureen became ill and died 18 November 1988, aged 42. Ron was a huge comfort to Arnold and Vera and he continued to support them both for the rest of their lives.



Ron and Maureen at Kathleen and Joe's Wedding. 1986.



Ron and Maureen.



Patsy's has a love of books and for many years worked at the Mt Albert Library, in Auckland. She enjoys art and is very good at drawing. She has a wonderful singing voice and in the 1970's made a few records. She is also a song writer and some of her Christian compositions have been recorded by other artists.

Patsy married Peter James BURTON on 6 January 1968 in Auckland. Peter was born 13 October 1941 in England.

Patsy and Peter had four children:
Gabrielle Ruth BURTON born 1 January 1969.
Matthew James BURTON born 26 August 1970.
Donovan Luke BURTON born 4 January 1973.
Rene BURTON born 14 February 1978.



Patsy, Matthew, Peter
Rene, Donovan, Gabrielle



Gabrielle



Matthew, Donovan, Rene



Patsy with grandson
Aimery, son of Donovan

Susan (Sue) Margaret ANDERSEN was born 23 December 1948, in Hamilton, New Zealand.

Sue was born nearly four years after Joyce and Patsy arrived in New Zealand. Joyce had a miscarriage in between Patsy and Sue.

Once Sue finished school she had jobs mainly in retail or caring for children. Sue is a superb organizer. For many years she gathered a children's choir together to sing in rest homes in Hamilton over the Christmas period.



Sue and big sister Patsy.



Sue. 1973.



Sue and Kathy. 2018.

Sue was a solo mother to two children: Scott Malcolm Andersen who was born 29 February 1980. Scott's father was Anthony Thomas.



Scott with wife Michelle, son Stanley and daughter Mikayla.

Katie Andersen who was born 9 February 1984. Katie's father was Richard (Dick) Pittams.



Katie with twins Paige and McKenzie

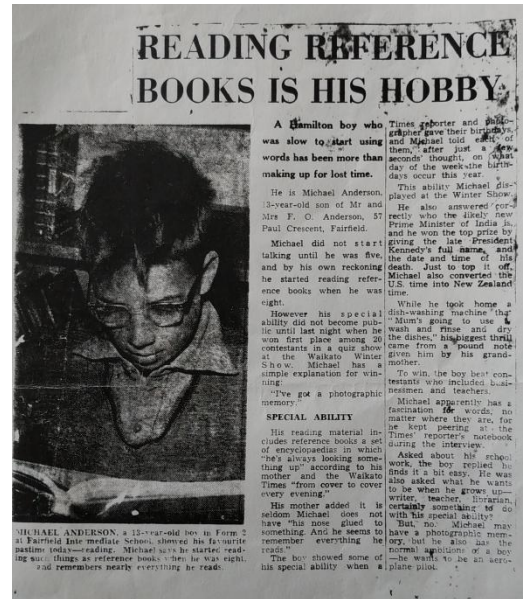
Sue brought up her two children on her own, and also took in many foster children. She was permanent guardian for two boys, Morgan and Mitchell, who lived with her until they were old enough to leave home.



Michael (Mike) Keith ANDERSEN was born on 20 November 1950, in Hamilton.

Mike did not speak until he was five years old, but eventually caught up, and was blessed with an amazing memory for facts and events. At age 13 Mike won a local winter show general knowledge quiz. Much to the delight of his family, the prize was a dishwasher, which was the envy of the whole street.

Mike lived at 57 Paul Crescent, Fairfield, with his mother until her death in 2004. Mike worked at Hutton's meat factory for 45 years and was a loyal and conscientious worker. He is a keen coin collector and has been the president of the Waikato Coin Club for many years.



Mike never married. In retirement he devotes his time to his coin collection and following all kinds of sport on TV. He is especially interested in the NZ All Blacks and remembers the statistics for most of their games.

Mike enjoys all family gatherings but with his siblings living in different parts of the country, getting everyone together is a rare event! He is keenly interested in the lives of his nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.



Mike with his siblings and Norwegian cousins. 2015.



Karen, Patsy, Kathy, Mike. 2020.



Sue, Mike, John, Karen, Patsy. 2020.

Karen Andrea ANDERSEN was born 2 December 1952 in Hamilton.

Karen married Rex DAWSON on 15 Dec 1972, in Hamilton. Rex was born 11 February 1950, in Ongarue.

Karen was the quiet, kind and thoughtful one in Joyce and Eric's family. Her caring and nurturing personality meant she was always there to help people in need. She was easily the blondest of the children, reflecting her Norwegian heritage.

Karen worked in clerical and administrative positions, including 20 years at ACC (Accident Compensation Corporation).



Karen aged 1



Karen and Kathy

Karen and Rex had three children:

Amanda Ruth DAWSON born 2 December 1973.

Simon Eric Lawrence DAWSON born 20 February 1976.

Bobby DAWSON born 21 May 1978.

Sadly, Simon died of leukaemia on 1 December 1986, aged 10. Simon is buried at Hamilton Park Cemetery.



Simon Eric Lawrence Dawson
1976 - 1986.



Dawson family 1986.
Bobby, Mandy, Simon, Rex,
Karen.



Dawson family 2018.
Mandy, Rex, Bobby and Karen.

Family has always been important to Karen and her open home for family occasions reflects that. She is a wonderful hostess and caters for large family gatherings with ease. It is always a pleasant experience to be the beneficiary of her wonderful food!

John, Kathy, Karen, Mike, Sue. 2018.



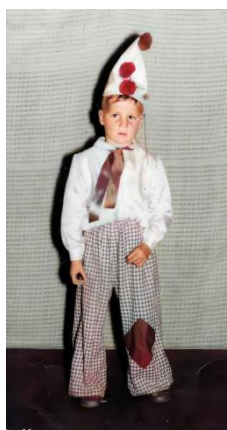
Eric John (John) ANDERSEN was born 6 January 1954 in Hamilton.

John married Helen JOHNSTON on 27 September 1980 in Hamilton. Helen was born 18 September 1960. Sadly, Helen died 25 April 2013 in Hamilton, aged 53.



John was the adventurous one in the family and on many occasions found himself at the doctors or hospital being stitched up! His look of 'butter wouldn't melt in his mouth' was deceptive, and he found himself in trouble on many occasions! He would be prepared to give anything a go and loved a joke.

John worked for many years in the NZ court system in various roles.



John and Helen had two children:
Jason Mark ANDERSEN born 19 July 1981.
Erica May ANDERSEN born 7 September 1983.

John loves to play chess and snooker and is a devoted grandfather to Jason's children Sophie, Jake, Hayley and Jaxon.



Jason Andersen.



Helen and Erica Andersen.



Kathryn (Kathy) Joy ANDERSEN was born 30 October 1955, in Hamilton.



Kathy married Ross Graham CALLAGHAN on 31 August 1974 at Glenfield Presbyterian Church, Auckland.

Ross was born 21 March 1947 in Takapuna, Auckland.



Kathy and Joyce.



Andersen children, 1960.
Kathy, Sue, Patsy, Karen, Mike, John.



Karen, John and Kathy with the huge doll Diana, given to Karen and Kathy by Nana Andersen around 1962.

Kathy was the youngest child of Joyce and Eric Andersen. With five brothers and sisters there were always plenty of playmates and life was pretty good. Hours were spent playing hide and seek and bullrush on the front lawn.

Kathy worked as a medical receptionist for more than 20 years.

Music was always a part of Kathy's life, especially singing. She joined the local church choir at age 7, and in her forties joined Sweet Adelines, a women's barbershop singing organisation, singing with the Faultline Chorus. Kathy represented NZ in the USA singing with the Greater Auckland Chorus, and with the Kansas City Chorus in the International competitions in the USA and Canada. Very special was when daughter Sarah joined Sweet Adelines and Kathy and Sarah sang together in the New Zealand competitions.



Faultline Chorus.



Kansas City Chorus.



Kathy and Sarah singing together



Kathy in the Kansas City Chorus



In 2006 Kathy started family history research which led to many amazing discoveries about the family history of her Jones and Andersen families. It was very exciting to visit places where Jack and Nell's family had lived.



Millom, where Nell Askew/Jones was born.



Making a presentation to Burton Salmon School in memory of the Jones family.

Kathy and Ross had three children:
Deborah Joy CALLAGHAN, born 17 May 1976.
Sarah Grace CALLAGHAN born 5 February 1979.
Philip John CALLAGHAN born 25 November 1981.



Kathy and Ross with Philip, Debbie and Sarah. 1984.



Callaghan family singing at Kathy's 50th birthday in 2005.



Phil, Sarah and Debbie.

Kathy and Ross love being grandparents!



Cunningham family. 2020.
Debbie, Fraser, JJ, Heidi
Luke and Dan.



Stevens family. 2020.
Sarah, Michael, Blake
and Isla.



Callaghan family. 2020.
Mo, Billie and Phil.

Kathy and Ross travel extensively and have visited more than 70 countries. Experiencing different cultures has very much enriched their lives. Cruising has become their favourite way to travel.



Conclusion

This document "The life and family of John William (Jack) Jones and Eleanor Orr (Nell) Askew" covers the descendants of my grandparents Jack and Nell Jones. A great sadness in my life is that I never got the opportunity to meet Jack and Nell, but compiling this document has given me a much deeper understanding of who they were as people, and the challenges they faced so bravely. Looking at photos taken of Jack and Nell in their old age gives no indication of the 'backbone' they both had!



An unexpected blessing of writing this document has been locating and connecting with Jo, Jaime and Stacey, the daughters of my cousin Wendy Jones. An extra surprise and huge blessing was to find that Stacey lived in New Zealand so we have been able to meet up and get to know each other. At the time of writing the world is dealing with the pandemic caused by the Covid 19 virus. This has prevented any overseas travel, but we hope that one day soon we will be able to travel again and connect with Jo and Jaime in person.



My hope is that this document will show future generations what a wonderful heritage they have received through Jack and Nell Jones. Jack and Nell experienced the unimaginable horrors of WW1 and WW2 and their fortitude has helped to shape us all.

You are welcome to pass this document on in written or electronic form. Due to personal information of living individuals, however, the document should not be published in any form.

A separate document covers Nell's Askew and Orr ancestors.



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For more information:

Further information about the family can be found at <http://callaghans.yolasite.com>

Ross and I visited the UK several times to explore our family history.

In 2007 we tried to meet as many family members as possible from both sides of our families.

The video of this trip can be viewed as 'UK 2007' on our YouTube channel calros3, or by using this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_-8jrj8gjA&t=448s