

John R. Jones

[May 18, 1828 = June 26, 1900]

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In the spring of 1855, 27-year-old John Robinson Jones, already a member of the Iowa bar, moved to the village of Chatfield in Fillmore County, Minnesota. He was the second lawyer in the county. He opened his own shop and, except for three years in the army during the Civil War, practiced law in Chatfield for the next 40 years, concentrating on real estate transactions. However, like other lawyers at this time, he could not make a living solely from the law, and so turned to another trade — in 1857 he built a flour mill that was badly needed by local farmers.<sup>1</sup>

His business card, published in the *Chatfield Democrat* for 40 years, listed “General Land and Collection Agent” in the late 1850s. Later he was simply “Attorney and Counsellor at Law.” Still later he was “Attorney at Law and Claim Agent.”<sup>2</sup>

He became active in public affairs, something expected of lawyers in the 19th century. In 1859 he was president of the Chatfield Academy and Minnesota Normal School, a private school that had a faculty of four.<sup>3</sup> He served as Fillmore County attorney in 1857, resigning that office when he was elected to the state senate in the first general election on October 13, 1857. This was a “top two” election to

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<sup>1</sup> *Chatfield Democrat*, September 11, 1857, at 5:

Good News for Farmers.

It will be truly gratifying news to the farmers generally in this region, to learn that the magnificent, Flouring Mill, of Messrs. Jones & Dixon, in this town, is now in successful and complete operation, Their mill is capable of grinding, from 600 to 700 bushels of wheat every 34 hours-

<sup>2</sup> A sampling of his business cards published over 40 years in the *Democrat* are posted in the Appendix, at 15-26.

<sup>3</sup> *Chatfield Democrat*, October 29, 1859, at 4.

represent District 9, which encompassed Fillmore County. The results were:<sup>4</sup>

John R. Jones (D).....1,035  
Samuel Hull (D).....992  
Charles Lovell (R).....939  
Warren J. Howell (R).....930

He did not seek another term in 1860. He enlisted as a private in the 2nd Minnesota Calvary in 1862, and was discharged in 1865 holding the rank of colonel. He immediately returned to politics and was nominated by the Democrats for Secretary of State.<sup>5</sup>

**Chatfield Democrat.**  
J. S. McKENNY & Co ; : : : Editors.  
**CHATFIELD, MINNESOTA.**  
SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 28 1865

**Democratic State Ticket.**

*For Governor,*  
**Hon. HENRY M. RICE,**  
Of Ramsey County,

*For Lt. Governor,*  
**Capt. CHARLES W. NASH,**  
Of Dakota County.

*For Secretary of State,*  
**Major JOHN R. JONES,**  
Of Fillmore County.

*For Treasurer of State,*  
**FRANK HEYDERSTADT,**  
Of Scott County,

*For Attorney General,*  
**WILLIAM LOCHREN,**  
Of Hennepin County.

**Negro Suffrage—NO!**

<sup>4</sup> *Chatfield Democrat*, October 28, 1857, at 2. The *Democrat* referred to Republican candidates as “Black Republicans” in this issue and subsequent years, an indication of how race was a factor in this period (and ever after).

<sup>5</sup> *Chatfield Democrat*, October 28, 1865, at 2. He served on the Democratic Party’s State Central Committee. *Chatfield Democrat*, October 13, 1866, at 2.

As a Democrat he did not have a chance of being elected to state-wide office, receiving only 42.6% of the vote:<sup>6</sup>

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|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Henry C. Rogers (Republican)..... | 17,669 |
| John R. Jones, (Democrat).....    | 13,157 |

He remained active in Democratic Party politics and in 1877 was endorsed for attorney general. He faced the incumbent, George P. Wilson, and again it was not a close contest. He received only 38.7% of the vote: <sup>7</sup>

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|------------------------------------|--------|
| George P. Wilson (Republican)..... | 56,328 |
| John R. Jones (Democrat).....      | 37,042 |
| James E. Childs.....               | 1,162  |
| S. L. Pierce.....                  | 208    |
| N. C. Martin.....                  | 856    |

The campaign and election over, he resumed practicing law in Chatfield. And there he died on June 26, 1900, at age 72. The weekly *Chatfield Democrat* published his obituary:

### Death of John R. Jones.

Last Tuesday morning, June 26th, 1900, at 5 o'clock, Col. John R. Jones fell into the last final sleep. In his death another of the early settlers of Chatfield rests from the cares and labors of this life. During his active life Col. Jones was one of the most prominent and active citizens of Chatfield, leading and exercising a prominent influence in the events of his day, but during the last few years prior to his death he had led a quiet life and left the burden of

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<sup>6</sup> Journal of the House of Representatives, January 4, 1866, at 14.

<sup>7</sup> Journal of the House of Rep., January 10, 1878, at 18. His older brother, Richard, lost to Wilson in 1875. See "Results of Elections of Attorneys General, 1857-2014" (MLHP, 2013- ).

public affairs and business to younger men. Especially since the death of his wife, which occurred Aug. 22d, 1898, he appears to have lost interest in worldly affairs, but his failing health was especially marked during the last six months of his life, although his strong will power kept him from an invalid's bed. On Wednesday evening of last week he was very restless and could not sleep and the following day could not help himself and never again arose from his bed. The disease from which he died was the hardening of arteries.

Col. John R. Jones was the descendant of a Revolutionary ancestor. His grandfather, Justice Jones, was a soldier in the war of independence. The elder brother of his father, Capt. Edward Jones, was in the war of 1812, and died of fever brought on by wounds received at Fort Meigs, Ohio, in 1814. His father, Rev. Stephen Jones, was a distinguished Methodist preacher and missionary, who came to Chatfield in 1855 and lived here until his death.

John R. Jones was born in Campaign county, Ohio, May 18, 1828. In 1842 he removed with his family to Beaver Dam, Wis., where he read law with Geo. W. Green. In 1844 he married Miss A. D. Crawford of that place. In 1852 Mr. Jones finished his preparatory studies of the law and was admitted to the bar at Delhi.

In 1854, he came with his wife to Chatfield, built the third shanty erected here and hung out his shingle as lawyer. He gained an extensive practice and continued his residence here up to the time of his death. He was prosecuting attorney of Fillmore county at an early day, and resigned that position to accept the office of state senator to which he was elected in 1857. In August 1862, when the Sioux war broke out, he was Colonel of the Third

Minnesota militia and took that regiment to the frontier. Two months later he enlisted as a private in the volunteer service receiving a lieutenant's recruiting commission. He was, however, mustered in as Captain of Company A. Second Minnesota Cavalry, promoted to Major and discharged in 1865, his regiment having participated in several battles with the Indians. Col. Jones was a charter member of E. L. Kenny. Post, No. 84, G. A. R., organized in 1884, and served as its commander for many years. The deceased was brother of the late Richard A. Jones of Rochester and his sister, Mrs. Samuel Forress of this city, survives him. He also leaves two adopted children, Harry Jones and Mrs. Geo. Fenley.<sup>8</sup>

On June 28th the *Chatfield News* also reported his death:

Hon. J. R. Jones died at his home on Winona Street, last Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock, after an illness of long duration. He was greatly loved by all who knew him and was a man of stern qualities and good business judgment.

John Robinson Jones was a pioneer in Fillmore County, building the third shanty at Chatfield, and hanging out the first "shingle" in this part of the state. He practiced here when his field of legal conflict extended from fifty to one hundred miles in all directions, and when there was not a bridge spanning a stream in Southern Minnesota. He early and thoroughly studied by observation the geography of this part of the commonwealth, and probably no man in Fillmore county was better acquainted with its "nooks and corners" while its history he had at his tongue's end.

Mr. Jones is a native of Champaign county, Ohio, where he was born on the 18th of May, 1828, his parents

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<sup>8</sup> *The Chatfield Democrat*, June 28, 1900, at 6 (funeral arrangements omitted).

being Stephen and Isabel (Robinson) Jones. His father was of Welch and his mother of German–Irish pedigree. His grandfather, Justus Jones, was a lieutenant in the revolutionary army, and his maternal grandfather was in the war of 1812 –15.

Stefan Jones was a Protestant Methodist preacher, moving to Indiana when the subject of this sketch was ten or twelve years old. He usually owned some land, which his sons worked. About 1843 the family removed Wisconsin and John received a good academic education at Watertown and Milton. He read law at Beaver Dam with George W Green; early in the year 1853 went to Dubuque, Iowa; finished his preparatory studies, and in the spring of that year was admitted to the bar at Delhi, in that state.

Mr. Jones practiced in northern Iowa until March, 1855, and then found his way over uninhabited prairies, and through wild and desolate ravines and woodlands, to the new town of Chatfield. His law library he brought with him in a small trunk, soon enlarging it, by adding a choice and generous selection of legal works.

Settlers began to pour in, business grew, and in two years he had an extensive and highly remunerative practice, which he abandoned some time ago. He had a high standing at the Fillmore County bar. In 1856 he built a flouring mill, which is still standing, in the southern part of the village, and he was one of the enterprising men of the place.

He was prosecuting attorney of Fillmore County at an early day, holding that office two years, and then resigning to accept the office of state senator, to which he was elected in 1857. In the upper branch of the legislature

he was chairman of the committee on state prison and I'm a member of the judiciary committee.

In August, 1862, when the Sioux outbreak occurred, he was Col. of the 3d Minnesota Militia, and took that regiment to the frontier. Two months later he enlisted as a private in the volunteer service; received a lieutenant's recruiting commission; was mustered in as a captain of company A, 2d Minnesota Calvary; was promoted to major, and was mustered out in 1865. The regiment did service on the frontier, fighting the belligerent Sioux, and Major Jones was in several battles, among them those of Tah-Kah-O-Kuty, on the 28th of July, 1864; Little Missouri, on 8th of August, 1864; and the battle between the Bad Lands and Yellow Stone. On the camps was named "Camp Jones," where the Indians came in the night and killed some pickets.

Major Jones was a democrat in politics, and a Royal Arch Mason. He has been a master of the local blue Lodge (Meridian) and high priest of North Star Chapter. He was also past noble grand in Odd-Fellowship.

Mr. Jones was the democratic candidate for secretary of state in 1865, and for attorney-general in 1877, being very prominent in his party and Southern Minnesota. He was a member of the M. E. Church of this city, and could always be found in his pew at every service his health permitted him to attend.

Miss A. D. Crawford, of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, became the wife of major Jones on the 15th of October, 1851, and they adopted two children, Harry Jones, of Minneapolis, and Mrs. G. H. Fenley, of this city.

The Major was one of the state directors of the Central Pacific railroad appointed by act of Congress, and also a directory of the Chatfield railroad, which was built by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company, and completed in November, 1878, from Chatfield to Eyota, on the Winona & St. Peter railroad. No enterprise tending to promote the interests of this place has ever been projected in which Major Jones had not had a hand. He was not only a town builder, but freely expended his energies and his money in advancing the social, educational and moral welfare of the community.

Mr. Jones was elected an active member of the Minnesota Historical Society October 13th, 1879. Was also a charter member of the E. L. Kenny Post, No. 84, being its first commander, which position he held, and faithfully performed all duties for a number of years.<sup>9</sup>



## APPENDIX

Four biographical sketches of John R. Jones have been published. They follow. A sampling of his business cards published in the *Chatfield Democrat* concludes this article.

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<sup>9</sup> *Chatfield News*, June 28, 1900, at 2. Parts of this obituary are taken straight from the his profile in *The United States Biographical Dictionary and Portrait Gallery of Eminent and Self-Made Men* published in 1879, confirming once again that in these autobiographical sketches the subject was writing his own obituary.

This is part of the entire article which reported two deaths, that of John R. Jones and Samuel H. Thomas, under the headline "Two Soldiers Dead."

A memorial by the Fillmore County Bar Association has not been located.



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*The United States Biographical Dictionary and Portrait Gallery of Eminent and Self-Made Men* published in 1879 has the self-sketch of John R. Jones. As this is a book published by subscription, we can be sure that Jones wrote most if not all of it:

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## 2.

From Rev. Edward Neill, *A History of Fillmore County* (1882):

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Episcopal Church in Minneapolis, there being none of that denomination in this place.<sup>11</sup>

### 3.

From History of Winona and Olmsted Counties 1030-1031 (1883)

Hon. Richard A, Jones, attorney-at-law, son of Stephen and Isabel Jones, was born near Lafayette, Indiana, October 22, 1831. On the paternal side the family are of Welsh origin, and German on the maternal. In 1838 the family emigrated to Wisconsin, locating near the present site of Evansville. His father was a Methodist clergyman, and came west on account of poor health. He farmed after coming to Wisconsin until 1844, when he again entered upon his ministerial duties, preaching in Jefferson and adjacent counties until 1855. Our subject received his early education at Milton Academy, after which he entered the law office of David E. Wood, of Fond du Lac. In 1853 he went to San Jose, California, crossing the plains in a wagon. He remained in that state until 1859, when he returned east and located in Chatfield, where he resided and practiced until 1864, when he came to Rochester. He was married July 8, 1855, to Miss Sarah J. McClelland, a native of Pennsylvania, and who died May 25, 1879. McClelland K., now in Lawrence, Kansas; Richard S., Huron, Dakota; Isabel L. and Edith H. are the names of the children born to the couple. Mr. Jones is a Mason of high standing, a popular citizen, and his fine legal ability is conceded by all.

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<sup>11</sup> Rev. Edward Neill, *History of Fillmore County Including Explorers and Pioneers of Minnesota* 534 (1882).

4.

Obituary in the *Collections of the Historical Society* (1901):

John R Jones was born in Champaign county, Ohio, May 18th, 1828; and died at his home in Chatfield Minn., June 26th, 1900. He was one of the pioneers of Fillmore county, locating at Chatfield in 1854, as a young lawyer, and soon became the official county attorney. This position he resigned in 1857, having been elected to the State Senate. In the Sioux war of the years 1862 to 1865 he enlisted as a private, was mustered in as the captain of Company A in the Second Minnesota Cavalry, participated in several battles with the Indians, and was promoted to the rank of major. In the ensuing years he built up a very extensive law practice. He became an annual member of this society in 1879, and was elected to life membership December 8th, 1884.<sup>12</sup>

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Within a decade of his death, he was forgotten. From Franklyn Curtiss-Wedge, ed., *1 History of Fillmore County, Minnesota* 530-531 (1911):

John R. Jones was the second lawyer in Fillmore county. He came to Chatfield in the winter or spring of 1855. His honorable record as one of the earliest county attorneys of this county, as one of the early senators from this county, as a lawyer, a soldier and a citizen, are matters of county history.

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<sup>12</sup> 9 Minnesota Historical Society Collections 675-76 (Minn. Hist. Soc., 1901).

## Business Cards of John R. Jones

Chatfield Democrat, December 2, 1857, at 5.

**J. R. JONES,**  
**Attorney & Counsellor at Law**  
AND  
**GENERAL LAND AND COLLECTION AGENT,**  
**Chatfield, M. T.**

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Chatfield Democrat, January 1, 1859, at 1.

### **BUSINESS CARDS.**

**J. R. JONES,**  
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AND  
**GENERAL LAND AND COLLECTION AGENT,**  
**Chatfield, M. T.**

**J. M. POE,**  
**ATTORNEY AT LAW,**  
AND  
**NOTARY PUBLIC.**  
**CHATFIELD, M. T.**

Chatfield Democrat, September 10, 1859, at 1.

**BUSINESS CARDS.**

J. R. JONES. H. R. WELLS.

**JONES & WELLS,**  
**Attorney's & Counsellor's At Law,**  
AND  
**GENERAL LAND AND COLLECTING AGENTS,**  
Chatfield, M. T.

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Chatfield Democrat, November 12, 1859, at 3.

**NOTICE.**

**T**HE Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 28th day of October, 1859.

J. R. JONES,  
H. R. WELLS,

Dated Nov. 12, 1859. 3w



By mid-1860 there were 8 lawyers practicing in Chatfield.  
From the Chatfield Democrat, July 7, 1860, at 1.

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## BUSINESS CARDS.

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**Jones, Willard & Jones,**

**A**TTORNEYS & COUNSELORS AT LAW,  
Chatfield, Fillmore County, Minnesota.  
Office in Root River Bank Building, corner of  
Second and Main Street.  
R. A. JONES, C. F. WILLARD, J. R. JONES.

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**Henry C. Butler,**

**A**TTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT  
Chatfield, Fillmore County, Minnesota.

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**Ripley, Wells & Cavanaugh,**

**A**TTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW  
Chatfield, Fillmore County, Minnesota.

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**Harley, B. Morse,**

**A**TTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW,  
Chatfield, Fillmore County, Minnesota.

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**Wilder & Williston,**

**A**TTORNEYS AT LAW, Red Wing, Good-  
hue County, Minnesota.  
E. T. WILDER, W. C. WILLISTON.

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HAS RESUMED PRACTICE.

Office at the old stand of Jones & Jones, Chatfield,  
Minnesota. Jan. 27, '66.

**COLBURN & WELLS,**

**Attorneys and Counsellors at Law,**  
PRESTON, MINNESOTA.

N. P. COLBURN. [nov. 4. '65.] & H. R. WELLS

**C. G. RIPLEY,**

**ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW**  
Chatfield, Fillmore County, Minnesota.

**A. T. HAY**

**Attorney and Counsellor at Law,**  
Feb. 18, 7865. BURLINGTON, IOWA.

**J. H. McKenny**

**GENERAL REAL ESTATE AGENT.** Chat-  
field, Minnesota.

Pays taxes in all the Counties of the State  
and particularly in Southern Minnesota, Will  
make selection and entries of Government Land  
make collections, &c., &c. Office in Land-Office  
Building no4tf

**J. H. McKENNY, Justice of the Peace.**  
Office in the west end of the Land Office-Building  
Chatfield, Minnesota.

Will attend to all business in his line; such as  
making out

*Deeds, Mortgages Bonds Contracts, Pre-Em-  
tion Proofs,*

And all other instruments of writing that may  
be called for. May 18th, -tf.

**C. W. WILLIS,**

**Attorney and Counsellor at Law,**  
*Rushford, Minn.*

WILL practice in the courts of Houston, Fillmore  
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May 1st, 1867.

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Chatfield Democrat,  
January 25, 1868, at 1.

Cards of 3  
Chatfield lawyers,  
2 from Preston,  
and 1 from Rushford

Chatfield Democrat,  
December 11, 1868, at 1.

**Business Directory.**

A. BERGEN,

Attorney and Counsellor at Law.

Office in Court House, Preston, Minnesota.

G. E. DEXTER,

Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

Preston, Minnesota.

COLBURN & WELLS,

Attorneys & Counsellors at Law,

Preston, Minnesota.

N. F. COLBURN. . . . . H. R. WELLS.

REUBEN WELLS,

Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

LICENSED PENSION AGENT and Justice of the Peace. Office up stairs in the Court House, Preston, Minnesota.

J. E. ATWATER,

Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

Office over S. E. Oleson's Store,

RUSHFORD, MINNESOTA.

J. Q. & J. D. FARMER,

Attorneys & Counsellors at Law,

Spring Valley, Minnesota.

J. D. FARMER is a duly authorized and licensed Agent to procure Pensions, Bounties and back pay for Soldiers.

C. G. RIPLEY,

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Chatfield, Minnesota.

PENSIONS, Back Pay due deceased soldiers, Bounties, and all similar claims, promptly and carefully attended to.

J. R. JONES,

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Chatfield, Minnesota. mch8

G. W. WILLIS,

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CONVEYANCER, Notary Public, General Insurance, War Conveyancer, Claim and Collecting Agent, Rushford, Minnesota. Office in S. E. Oleson's new store, up stairs.

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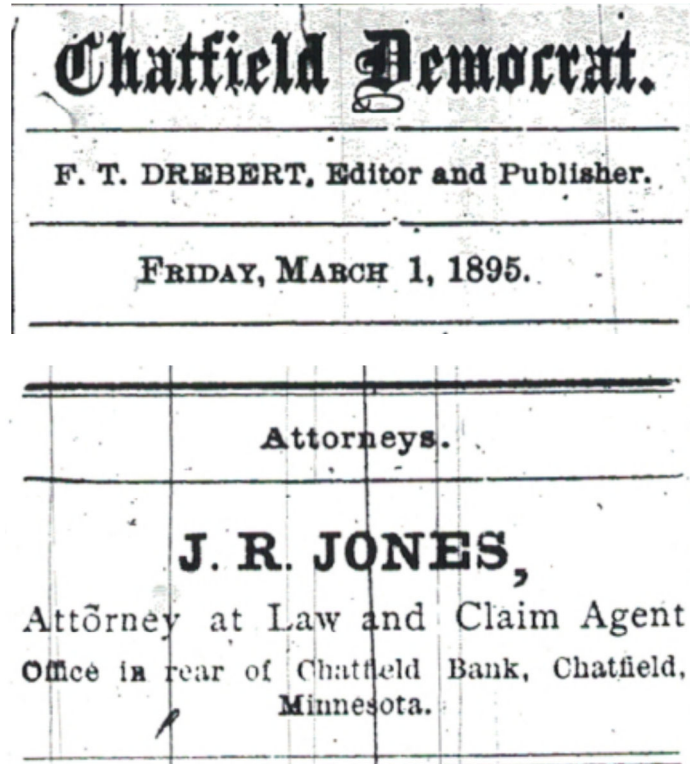
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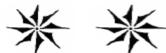


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