

Elizabeth Ann Hardy Jones was born 16 March 1853, in Pinchbeck, Lincolnshire, England. She was the second child born to Isaac Hardy and Ann Kennerrel. Later there were 2 more boys born. This made 3 boys and 1 girl.

Elizabeth's parents joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints in the 1850's. Elizabeth was baptized in 1863 at the age of 10.

The family wanted to come to the United States to be closer to the church. They came to America on one of the first steam ships. While at sea they came across a sailing ship that was unable to sail due to no wind. These people had run out of food and water while waiting for the wind to resume. The steam ship people were proud that they could share their food and water with the needy sailing ship people, because they knew they could make it with steam.

They made it to \*\* Illinois and stayed for awhile. This is where she met and married Matthew Alexander Jones. Matthew made his living with a big heavy wagon and large horses. He sold household goods and farm goods to the farmers outside of town.

Their first babies were twin boys, Charles Elmer Isaac Jones and Edward Franklin Hardy Jones born April 26, 1872. Her second pregnancy & third child Roena Jones born 19 Apr 1874 died the very same day. Her fourth child Florence Isabell Jones was born on April 19, 1875. They then moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa. Cora Elizabeth was born April 27, 1877, she only lived for 16 months and passed away on August 12 1878. June 24, 1881, the youngest child Earnest Matthew William Jones was born.

Elizabeth's father moved to Ogden, Weber Co., Utah. Elizabeth missed her family and went to visit them. She loved Ogden and being near family and she decided not to go back to Iowa. She lost her father in 1900 at the age of 75, and her mother in 1904 at the age of 84. Because Elizabeth wanted to stay in Utah, her husband Matthew sold everything and moved to Utah to be with her and the children. Once in Utah he again bought a team and wagon to resume his business of selling to the farmers, however his business never did as well in Utah as in Iowa.

There were dirt roads, board sidewalks and outside rest rooms. Horse and buggy were for transportation. Elizabeth decided to open a home site restaurant with large tables with bowls of food set in the center. This business was very successful, they soon moved to a larger and better place in Ogden, Utah.

Elizabeth had her 4 children baptized in the church but her husband would never join. The church was always a bitter subject in their marriage. She bought a piano and gave her children music lessons. The youngest son, Earnest, took to the music best. He wrote many songs. One song he wrote, Elizabeth put the words to. The words to the song were saying; "that one day her children would have homesteads of their own."

One day Matthew came home and said that farmer Bassett had a daughter that he could no longer take care of and he gave his 1/2 Indian girl to Matthew and Elizabeth. Oney (o-knee) was raised as one of their own children, she later married Udy Dickerson and moved to Morgan, Utah.

Matthew died at the age of 72 (1920) in Ogden, Utah. Elizabeth loved the church and her biggest job with the church was that of Relief Society President. In her later years Elizabeth rented a home by her son Edward and his wife Clara. In time she moved in with them. Elizabeth loved to work in genealogy and to do Temple work. Clara was informed that she had cancer. Elizabeth, her son Edward and Clara had all used up their money and all spent their last years on welfare, (Social Security had not been started yet). The church was wonderful to come in and help with housework and bathing great grandmother.

Clara passed away August 31, 1944 at 66 years of age. At this time, Gladys Fields, Edwards youngest daughter, and her 3 children, then living in California, desperately needed a place to stay after a divorce, so they moved in with her father and Grandmother in Utah. Gladys got a job as a waitress to provide an income for her family and help with the needs of her father and Grandmother. Gladys found that Being a single mother of three children as well as caring for her

father and Grandmother proved to be too stressful at the time, so feeling that she had no other options, Gladys placed her children into temporary foster care. Elizabeth died peacefully in her sleep at 93 on October 8, 1946. Edward passed away of a heart attack in 1947 at the age of 75.

Elizabeth lived long enough to see her dirt roads be replaced by blacktop and board sidewalks by cement. She saw the railroad come to Ogden to be the main switching yard for the west. She was here for the Civil war, raised her family and lived through the 1930 Depression. She watched the horse and buggy turn to automobiles. She lived through 2 world wars. Her life was not cozy but she loved the lord and stayed close to him. She went blind the last couple of years of her life & accidentally fell down the cellar stairs breaking some ribs, She was too old to heal & had to tape up her side every day of her life until she passed away.

\*\* Genealogy records say that she married and had children in Illinois. Hand written remembrances of Zella Jones Toponce, mistakenly omits Illinois and sa ys that she had married in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Of course, Records show that they married on 7th of September 1871 in Bloomington, Mclean County, Illinois & not far from were they married, in Maroa, Macon County, Illinois is were she bore Charles, Edward, Roena, Florence and the fifth and sixth children were born in Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County, Iowa.

The first child born in Iowa was Cora Elizabeth JONES, born 27th April 1877, she lived a little over a year & died 12th August 1878. The sixth child and the second born in Iowa was Ernest Matthew William JONES born 24th June 1881

The only four of the six children that survived to maturity were Charles, Edward, Florence , Matthew.

The jones's not only lived in Council Bluffs,,Iowa but also lived in Red Oak,,Iowa Just before moving on to Ogden,,Utah.

{{The facts shared here about the little girl named Oney or Ona Bassett may differ a bit from the bio given by Ona herself & the refferance given in regard to Ona being half indian may be missinformation }}