

the way of assistance to find this particular Jones family. A "Mr. Jones" is shown on the back side of the Edward [EDWIN] Blanchard lot shown as B10 in the East Section and Mr. Jones is without a lot number. The current schematic of the East Section still shows a lot with "Jones?" written on it. But this schematic is based on a best guess scenario by combining old maps and an expedition to the field. The obituary that popped up belongs to Harry Jones, which provided a good starting point for a bit of research. The article mentioned his birth on September 1st, 1873 in Bombay, NY and his parents, John and Lydia Jones.

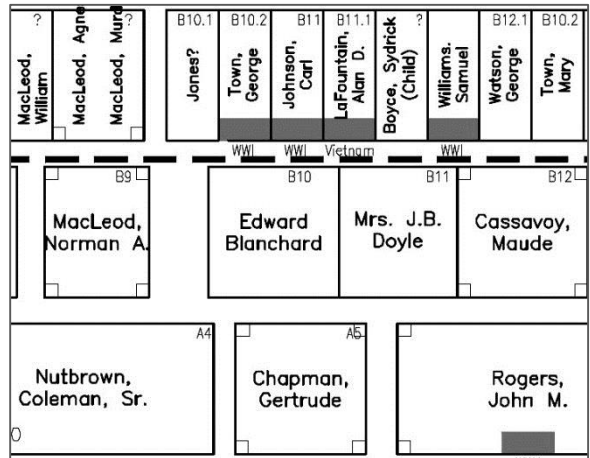
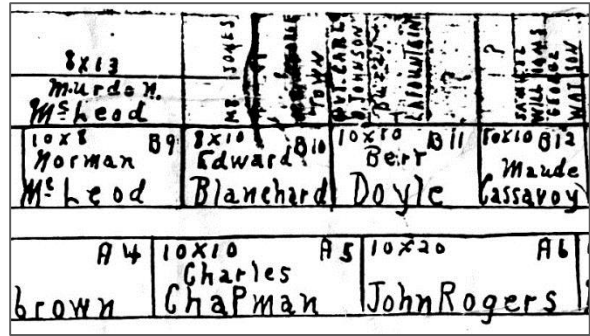
For those of us who have never heard of Bombay, New York, it is located between Moira, NY and the St. Lawrence River. One logical place to start would be the 1875 census for New York State. Listed in the Village of Moira is a Jones family with husband and wife Andrew and Lydia Jones. Among the five children is three year/two month old Henry. Not to worry that Henry's age is off by a year, but the head of the household is listed as Andrew and not John. Henry showed up again in the 1880 federal census as an eight year old member of Andrew's family, living in Bombay, New York. With nothing else to verify if this is the correct Jones family, it should be discounted.

Henry disappeared from the records for a while, at least during my search, but Harry showed up in the 1905 marriage registry for the town of Millis, Mass. On September 9th of that year, Harry married Sadie Bears. The record showed Harry to be a farmer living in Millis, and the record also showed his parents to be John and Lydia Murray Jones. Sadie is described as a domestic worker, the daughter of Wellington and Christina Taylor Bears. To continue on, Harry and Sadie, along with daughter Dorothea are in the 1910 federal census living in Norfolk, Mass. Harry made his living doing odd jobs as a laborer.

The Harry Jones family made another move and appear in the 1920 census as residents of Whitman, Mass., and the 1920 directory for the town shows Harry, married to Sadie J., living on South Avenue. While in Whitman, Harry worked as an engine tender in a local foundry. The Barre Daily Times obituary for Harry said he and his family moved to Chelsea in 1922, and a few other newspaper articles put the family on Granite Street in Barre later on.

In late March of 1927, according to the Barre Daily Times, Harry Jones, the nine year old son of Mrs. Sadie Jones narrowly escaped death when he ran out onto North Main Street from between parked cars and was struck by the fender of a passing vehicle. Rushed to a nearby doctor's office, Dr. Wark examined him to find only bruises on his head and no serious injuries.

Harry's older brother James Henry, 11, was not so lucky. In the June 9, 1927 edition of the Barre Daily Times, James had drowned in the Winooski River somewhere near the Montpelier Country Club after falling off his bike while on a suspension bridge and into seven feet of water. His three companions became so scared they did not notify anyone right away. By the time James was pulled from the river, he could not be revived. His fifth grade class from Mathewson School [on Elm Street in Barre] had gone on a picnic to Benjamin Falls that day, but the boys and their bicycles did not travel



Two versions of the cemetery layout. The top one is the "old" version which is difficult to read and not to scale. Mr. Jones can be seen in the top row. The lower "schematic" version is based on field information. Note the misspelling of Edwin Blanchard, the vietnam on the headstone.

with the rest of the class. The article about James listed his siblings Dorothea, Christine, Paul, George, Harry, Ralph, and David. George had lost his twin brother, James.

By the time the 1930 census rolled around, Harry Jones lived in Ward 1 of Barre. He rented the home, and according to the census, it had no radio, and Sadie and five sons lived there as well. Harry had a job as a laborer for a cement contractor. Something went wrong in the marriage and Sadie filed for divorce circa 1932. In a news note from the October 15, 1932 Barre Daily Times, the court proceedings had been discontinued. It might be speculated the couple did not divorce, but permanently separated; Harry back to Chelsea and Sadie moved on to Brockton, Mass.

There are two separate entries in the 1940 census for Harry and for Sadie. He lived on a farm on the Corinth Road in Chelsea and also worked part time as a laborer. His portion of the census listed him as the only person in the house. Sadie, on the other hand, lived on Everett Street in Brockton, Mass. She had a job as a cook and worked 50 weeks in 1939 making \$1,100. Four of her sons, Paul, Harry, Ralph, and David, appeared in the census as living in her household. As for the 1950 census, Harry could not be found, but Sadie still lived in Brockton and worked as a housekeeper. Only two of her sons remained in her household, Paul and George.

Harry Jones came back to Barre in 1947 and moved onto a farm on Trow Hill. The deed, in his name only, referred to the property as "the Smith Farm," located on the road from Barre City to Cutler Corners. [*Osborne Road?*] His deed is dated June, 2, 1947. Another deed, this one for Harry and Sadie Jones placed a mortgage on the property. The last deed, dated April 28, 1953 came up when Harry and Sadie sold the farm and its contents to son Harry Jones. The address for the younger Harry listed his hometown as East Bridgewater, Mass.

According to his obituary, Harry took sick and had to be hospitalized. As he passed away three weeks later on the 13th of May, selling the farm to his son Harry must have occurred at the time of the hospitalization. The services for Harry took place on May 15th with his burial the same day at Wilson Cemetery. The sale of the farm explains a classified ad that appeared on May 15 and May 16 describing a sale under the heading of "Farm Machinery." The ad said the owner would be on the farm Saturday and Sunday mornings and had the name Harry Jones, Trow Hill. Saturday was May 16th.

In his obituary, Sadie is listed as his wife and when the article about his services came out, she is listed as Mrs. Sadie Jones. Two daughters and five sons also survived Harry. His sons, including Harry, served as bearers, but the newspaper listed Harry, George, Ralph, and Paul as brothers "of the late Mr. Jones." Both the obituary and the services referenced burial at Wilson Cemetery. Might the fact that Harry Jones is not referred to as "Junior" or "Senior" in any of the found documents create enough confusion to lead to the burial card listing just "Mr. Jones?"

Looking around at other sources of information, the old East Section of Wilson Cemetery featured a string of single graves. Some of the other old layout maps for Wilson show long strings of singles. While looking through the burial permits of 1953, there are those for two of Harry's neighbors. As noted, Harry passed away in May of 1953 and buried on May 15th. Neighbor George Town, East Section, Lot B10.2, died on May 22 and was buried on May 24th of 1953. Another neighbor, Carl Johnson, East Section, Lot B11, died on July 1st, 1953 and was buried on July 5th. So burial dates for his neighbors also fall in that 1953 timeframe.

As referenced above, there is also a burial card for Mrs. Jones, but nothing is recorded on it. Here is a bit more information about Sadie, she and Harry stayed together for some 27 years, had nine children, and suffered together in the loss of two of their sons. There is a baptism record from Prince Edward Island showing Sarah Jane Bears, 1 year old, daughter of Wellington Bears and Christina Taylor, as baptized on July 21, 1884. She showed up again in the 1891 and 1901 Canadian Census as Sarah living with her parents and six siblings. As mentioned, she married Harry Jones in September of 1905, and the marriage record is for Sadie Bears. We know from the records cited above, Harry and Sadie eventually separated and went on to live separate lives, the children stayed with their mother.

While searching on a popular genealogy subscription website, both Sadie Bears and Sarah Jane Bears can be found. The family trees shown for each are done by different authors but are very similar. One fact not uncovered in the broad internet search concerns the couple's son, Alexander. He

lived between 1906 and 1909. Alexander passed away before the 1910 census which explains why the census showed only daughter Dorothea at home. Both the family trees give Sadie's death as 17 Oct 1972 in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts. The Massachusetts death index has an entry for Sara J. Jones, died in East Bridgewater on 17 Oct 1972, born in Canada.

In the article concerning the funeral of Harry Jones, Sadie and several of her sons attended the services. Sadie lived in East Bridgewater at that time as did three of her sons, including Harry. With the separation of the couple and the fact Sadie lived and died in East Bridgewater, it is easy to assume she did not return to Barre to be with Harry at Wilson, but is more likely to be in a cemetery in Massachusetts. That would explain the lack of an address on her blank card.

An interesting sidebar concerns neighbor George Town. He would be to Harry's right as you face the headstones. His card gives his lot as East, B10.2, and a bit farther to the right is lot East, B12.2. That lot belongs to Mary L. Town. The graves of both are marked with a headstone and both stones are flanked with small, cedar type shrubs. George, born in Massachusetts and a leather worker, married Mary Louise Rouse in 1936. They moved to Graniteville in 1945, he retired due to poor health in 1949, and the World War 1 veteran passed away in 1953.

Mary Rouse Town was born in Graniteville on October 28th, 1916 and attended local schools. Later in life, after the passing of George, she worked at the Hilltop Restaurant. Mary passed away in 1985, outliving George by some 32 years. Somehow, she and George are in the same row, but separated by five single graves. This may suggest that the old East Section was somewhat less formal than other sections in Wilson Cemetery and perhaps used for those who had no family, no money, or had made no other arrangements.



The two stones belonging to the Town family are shown, each sandwiched between cedar type shrubs. George, in red granite, is on the left of the photo, Harry Jones is on George's left. Then there are five single graves to the right of George before you get to the stone for Mary Town.

Note: facts, figures, article references, and other information on the Jones family comes from a nationally known genealogy subscription service. Photos by the author.