

Coker Cemetery History #8

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Mitchell George Tomasini, aged 98 years young, passed away Feb 28 and was buried March 4 at the Coker Cemetery. We offer our deepest sympathy to all the members of the Tomasini family. His grandfather, **Baron George Ritter Von Tomasini** (1818-1912) is also buried at Coker. See his history in the March 2000 issue of this letter. The Baron's wife was **Margaret Ann Autry**; her mother was Sarah Jane (**Coker**) **Autry**.

In **Amos Dickens Jones** diary, he mentions living with his brother, **Joseph F. Jones** in 1847 when they were in Nacogdoches Co TX. Joseph had one son named **Seaborn Brown Jones**, born 1852. Joseph and his wife had both died by 1870 and in 1880 **Seaborn Brown Jones** can be found in the Bexar Co census living next to Amos Dickens Jones, his uncle. Seaborn, called "**Sebe**", became active driving cattle herds north from San Antonio. He drove herds for Col. Lytle of **Schreiner, Light and Lytle** and eventually became a trail boss for this group. In the Spring of 1878, **Sebe** and his friend, **Alex Crawford** each drove a herd to Dodge City for Schreiner. The steers sold okay in Dodge City, but they couldn't sell the cows. They had to winter-over on Beaver River in No-Man's-Land and the following spring, after enduring a winter of blizzards, Schreiner sold the remaining herd to **Sebe**. He remained in that area for a few years and then moved on. He married **Martha Ellen Maltsberger** of San Antonio, probably around 1895. Martha Ellen was born in Denton TX in 1860 and was a daughter of **George Washington Maltsberger**. Martha Ellen had a **sister, Mary Ann**, who married **Jonathon Monroe Jones** 1870 in Bexar County. Jonathon Monroe Jones was a son of Amos Dickens Jones.

Sebe Jones ranched up in Montana and eventually ended up in Saskatchewan, Canada, where he had a ranch called the "56's". He became a citizen of Canada in 1906. He continued to raise cattle and horses until his death. **Sebe Jones** died 1917 in Saskatchewan, Canada, due to an accident while training a horse for the Provincial Horse Show. His wife returned to live in El Paso TX and she died there in 1947. They had two daughters. One, **Irene Jones Wulfjen**, lived in El Paso until 1990, when she died. The other daughter is buried next to Sebe in Mt Pleasant Cemetery in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. This daughter, **Seabie**, died at age of 7 in 1905 due to illness. Irene Jones and her husband, Charles Wulfjen, had no children.

This story about **Sebe Jones** is interesting because it reflects the roots of the Coker Community. There were so many relationships developed due to the large families that settled there. It was a busy, well-populated community. For example, there are 22 Maltsberger tombstones at Coker, 30 Jones and 32 Coker tombstones, just to mention a few of the prominent names.