

Coker Cemetery History #13

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The following was written by Amos Dickens Jones in his diary in 1847 – 158 years ago.
"Amos D. Jones this the 25th day of January. Myself and brother Joseph is a going to make a crop together. We have rented land of the wider Horn. "

- Feb 5. We are know (now) reddy for work. this day we planted some corn.
Feb 6. We stacked (stocked?) our plows
Feb 7. Sunday. We at home. Butiful weather.
Feb 8. We this day broak up corn ground.
Feb 9. Today we plowed.
Feb 10. We this day planted some irish potatoes and plowed.
Feb 11. We this day plowed.
Feb 12. this day we went to Nash's mill.
Feb 13. this day we plowed.
Feb 14. Today we stayed at home and Mr. Schockley came to See us.
Feb 15. Today we finished brakeing up 20 acres of our ground.
this night is raining a little and Joseph and wife is gon to Mr. Shockley's.
Feb 16. We this day cut sprouts.
Feb 17. Joseph and His wife is at Mr. Shockley's and it is still raining hard.
Feb 18. This day cut some wood and Joseph went to see Mr. Schockley start to move into Nacogdoches Co.
Feb 19. Today I went to Augusteen to see if there was eny letters fore us. A wet day.
Feb 20. Today we went ahunting but did knot kill eny thing atall.
Feb 21. We went this day to the singing, a cool day.
Feb 22. We this day made a stock rake and got some wood and we have some corn up at this time.
Feb 23. We this day layed off corn ground and it is varey wet.
Feb 24. We this day layed off till twelve and then we raked stalks and sprouted (assume this means putting sprouts in ground).
Feb 25. We this day finished rakeing stalks, varey wet weather.
Feb 26. We this day went to Mr. Polks and got some pork.
Feb 27. We this day worked the old St Antone (?) Road. (Note - could have been Stanton Road or San Antonio road). A cool windy day.
Feb 28. Sunday, this has been a fair day and we have bin at home.

The Mr. Shockley that Amos is mentioning was the father-in-law of Joseph. Joseph F. Jones married Nancy M. Shockley in Talladega Aug 5, 1846. Her father, Levi Shockley, was married to Elizabeth Brown, a sister of Joseph Coker's wife, Malinda Brown. The Shockleys were living in Bowie County by 1870 census. All three of Joseph F. Jones's children were living with Shockleys in Bowie. Joseph is missing in the 1870 census and his wife had disappeared by 1860 census

Continuation of the 1880 Bexar Co. census from issue #12 Coker Cem. History: (page 251b)

Leopold and Johanna Schulmeyer
Joseph P. and Olive A. Devine

Gabriel and Thuna Kotuna
 Frank and Mary Kanitzki
 Alex and Mary F. **Maltsberger**
 Aaron and Nancy **Maltsberger** (Both buried at Coker Cem)
 George V. and Eva V. **Tomasini** (Both buried at Coker Cem)
 Archy and Anna Forbes
(page 252c)
 James & Solony Jeffries
 Jame & Maniettie Jeffers
 William & Louisa Jeffers
 Carl Emil & Mary L. Weiss
 Huortt & Elizabeth Johnson
 Tresley & Milted Ford (Mother of Tresley, Rebecca Ford, buried at Coker Cem)
 Ransom & Eliza Jane **Capps** (Ransom and Eliza Jane buried at Coker Cem)
 William **Jones** with son (William a son of Samuel C. **Jones** Sr; wife - Melinda Ringold)
 Vinson & Rachel Ford
 Mathew & Margaret Ford
(page 252d)
 Robert & Rebecca Smith
 Matthew & Poitine Williams
 Henry & Mary Hilt
 Elise Vollker w/children
 William & Fanny Locke
 Benjamine E. & Fanny Smith
(page 253a)
 William & Kissar Burnett
 William & Augusta Geifers (Is that **Gerfers**?)
 Thomas & Katharina Webb (plus five other adults w/different names)
This will end the census review.

Samuel C. Jones Notes:

Samuel C. Jones (1793-1889) who is buried at Coker, and wife Jane can be found in 1880 Medina County Census living with Allen and Nancy **Tomerlin**; Nancy is Samuel's daughter. Also the **Broadnax** surname is in the same household. Next door to Allen is Bennett & Miranda **Tomerlin**. Further down is William J. and Elizabeth **Tomerlin**; then a son of Samuel C., Samuel C.(b1845) & Elizabeth (Arnold) **Jones** and next Hiram & Ophelia **Tomerlin**. There are seven **Tomerlin** burials at Coker Cemetery.