

## **Green and Lora Teter Jones**

Green Jones and his mother, whose name is unknown at this time, came over in the mid-1800s on a boat from Africa. They were sold as slaves, and prior to being sold, their last name was Corwright. The man who purchased them had the last name of Jones. Slaves had to wear the owner's name, and that is how we became Jones.

At the age of 21, Green Jones married Lora Teater Martina when she was 14. Out of this union 11 children, 7 boys and 4 girls, were brought forth. Sandford, Leona, Sylvana, Alandred, Arthur, Booker T., Ben, Mattie, Rose, Hannah and Lucky. All children are now deceased.

Green Jones was a very smart and industrious man. He made sure all his children worked, except Mattie, his oldest daughter. She always found a way to do very little work. Green was very kind and giving, always sharing with neighbors. He was a deacon at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church and worked in the church faithfully.

Green and his brother, Amos Jones, purchased land next to one another. The land was purchased for \$1.00, and Green bought 365 acres, 19 of which is located down by the railroad on the left side of Walnut Creek. Green gave Sandford, Mattie, and "Uncle Tunk" a home of their own, and upon the death of Sandford, his house was passed down to his brother Jack. Because of his shrewed business practices, Green made sure the 365 acres of land he purchased could never be sold, only passed down to the next generation. Thank God for Grandpa Green. Green continued to take care of his wife and children.

Grandpa Green got sick at church and was brought home by Clarence Johnson in a T-model Ford. Friends and family came by to visit and help the family night and day. The church bell rang one day in 1928, Grandpa has passed away.

Green left his wife, children, and grandchildren love and a purpose to keep going. Lora Teater, a strong and courageous woman, continued to praise her grandchildren and gave counseling to her children.

Lora Teater was born to Alex and Hannah Martina in September, 1867. Her father was a full-blood Mexican. His mother, Lora's grandmother, was tall and dark, very pretty. (So for you Spanish speakers, it's in our blood). Lora had one sister, Elnora, two brothers, Eddie and Alex. Lora was a very kind woman. She was a midwife to everyone in Robertson County and other areas.

She was known as "Aunt Teater" to almost everyone in Robertson County. She was loved and respected by everyone, always willing to help everyone who showed up at her door. Lora always took care of the ministers on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Her house was the storm center for family members when the weather was bad. She loved all her children and grandchildren. Lora raise her oldest son, Sandford. After he died, she also raised Uncle Tunk's children until they all got married. Teater had a hand in raising almost every young child in her areas. Lora's brother, Alex, had three children (Teresha Bufford, Sandford and Wilson – all deceased). Teresha had seven children: Ida Lee, Minnie Mae, Margaret, Clara Mae, Clarence, Zelma, Frank and James Ellis. Lora's grandchildren love to visit her early in the morning to eat her left over breakfast of homemade biscuits and jelly.

Lora Teter loved to talk with grandchildren about her family. Grandma Teter died February 5, 1958. Family members still miss her, but we still share her love and her stong determination to standup for the Jones.