

CEPH JONES, North High Class of 1959

In 1904 my granddad Jones came, with his wife, from Lancashire, England to Como, Colorado. He shoveled coal at 10,500ft altitude for C&S South Park Railroad. His wife died one year later from altitude sickness.

My grandmother, a childhood sweetheart of my granddad, came from England one year later. Dad was born in Leadville, Colorado in 1914. After the South Park RR closed and Carlton Tunnel closed to Basalt, Colorado, the family took a job in Globeville narrow gauge ore trains from the Georgetown Loop. Later he was a hogshead on the narrow gauge to Georgetown. His last narrow gauge engine sits in Idaho Springs, Colorado. The family lived on River Drive which sat in the middle of I-25 at 23rd. In 1925 they moved to 2533 W36th.

Dad and Mom were married in 1939. They Moved to El Paso, Texas and Las Cruises, New Mexico with the Soil Conservation Service. When the war started Dad had a critical job in the garden capitol in central West, Texas. They grew massive amounts of produce and green chilies. In late 1945 my dad was with the Soil Conservation Service in Monte Vista, Colorado. He was the head of German prisoners (WWII) for distribution to farmers in the potato fields.

I was born in Texas in 1941. I came back to Colorado in 1947. We had 8-80acre irrigated farms on Platte Canyon Road, three miles south of Bowles Avenue.

My mother's family came from Seneca, Illinois in 1910 to Parker, Colorado. Mom was born in Goldfield, Colorado in 1916. Great Grandma's ranch, owned until 1942, was sold to Stroh Farms and is now covered with homes. The grazing associated on the west side of Pikes Peak was lost to silver mines. She moved to Nunn, Colorado in 1921. Granddad had a big ranch at Nunn and lost 500 cows in a blizzard, in 1924. He went broke. He managed to buy the ranch at Franktown; had it until 1992.

I have been involved with agriculture all of my life. We ran a ranch in Twin Bridges, Montana for a family trust with a 700 cow herd. Left in 1999, and came to Torrington, Wyoming where we started farming again. We now farm irrigated alfalfa on 1000 acres- can't retire. I still shoot long range rifles, 22 steel matches, and shot guns. We enjoy our motor home in winter to South, Texas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Oklahoma, and Mississippi. But, this year I had another hip replaced. Short trips this year and looking forward to the gathering.



Ceph Jones and Family