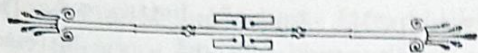


loss. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Andrews has managed the farm and has a pleasant and comfortable home where she enjoys the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.



**W**ILLIAM BRIGGS, deceased, was numbered among the pioneer settlers of the county and well deserves representation in this volume. In 1837 he came to Illinois and the following year he located in Ela Township, Lake County, from which time his history is inseparably connected with that of this locality. A native of Rhode Island, he was born on the 13th of February, 1811, and his early life was spent in the usual manner of farmer lads, save, perhaps, that he had to work harder. His parents were in very limited circumstances, and at the age of eleven years he left home and began earning his own livelihood as a farm hand. He labored in that capacity until twenty-six years of age, at which time he was married, Miss Lucinda Snow, a native of Massachusetts, becoming his wife.

Soon after his marriage Mr. Briggs emigrated Westward with the intention of trying his fortune upon the broad prairies of Illinois. In 1837 he located in Chicago, then a small hamlet, and the following spring came to Lake County and entered a claim in Ela Township, which he purchased when it came into market. A man of industrious habits, enterprising and persevering, he worked steadily on, and his labors were at length crowned with prosperity. He became the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and sixty acres of fine land which yielded to him a golden tribute in return to him for his care and cultivation.

Unto William and Lucinda Briggs were born eight children, but only one is living at this writing. The mother died February 20, 1858, and on the 1st of May, 1859, Mr. Briggs wedded Sarah J. Bacon, a native of New York, born December 12, 1835. Her parents were also natives of the Empire State, and in 1855 came to Illinois, locating in Ela Township. The father was a miller by trade, but in this county engaged in agricultural

pursuits. He died on the 26th of September, 1861, and his wife departed this life September 26, 1890, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Their family numbered four children, but the only son died when four years of age. The three sisters are now living, and Mrs. Briggs is the third in order of birth. By her marriage she has six children, two sons and four daughters—Emma J., who was born February 14, 1860, and is now the wife of Charles Prouty, a farmer of Ela Township; Fannie, died at the age of ten months; Nettie C., born September 14, 1864, is the wife of James Gardner, a restaurant keeper of Wauconda; Etta C., twin sister of Nettie, died in infancy; Arthur E., born February 23, 1867, and Albert, January 12, 1873, are both at home with their mother. The death of Mr. Briggs occurred March 22, 1875, and his loss was deeply lamented by many friends as well as his immediate family. Although not a church member he contributed liberally to the support of different churches and to all benevolent enterprises, and lived an upright, honorable life, which won him the high regard of those with whom he came in contact. Since her husband's death Mrs. Briggs has continued to reside upon the old home farm with her two sons, who operate the farm and manage the business interests. She is a member of the Methodist Church and a most estimable lady. The family is widely and favorably known throughout this community, and they enjoy the high regard of their many friends.



**D**E WITT L. JONES, City Attorney of Waukegan, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Lake County. His father, Willard Jones, or as he was familiarly called, "Squire Jones," was born in the Empire State, September 16, 1799. A carpenter by trade, he worked in that capacity on the Erie Canal, and in 1833 came to Chicago, which at the time of his arrival was composed of twenty-five buildings, including houses, barns and all. He remained two years in that village, working at his



trade, and there married Miss Marcia Baxter, the wedding taking place on the 1st of October, 1835. Mrs. Jones was born in Westford, Vt., August 23, 1809, and came to Chicago in 1834. The fall in which he was married Mr. Jones came to what is now Warren Township, Lake County, but which was then a part of Cook County. One part of his cabin was built on the Indian trail. In this rude house his first child, Ann Maria, was born June 27, 1836. She is one of the very first white children to claim nativity within the present limits of Lake County. The family at length embraced nine children, but that dread destroyer, scarlet fever, carried off six of them, four dying within a few days. The living are: De Witt L., whose name heads this sketch; Jennie M., wife of Warren D. Ford, who resides on the old homestead, and Orpha C., who is living in Lake Forest.

Mr. Jones spent his last days on the farm which he had developed from the land entered from the Government. He was a well-to-do farmer and a man who took an active interest in all that pertained to the public good. In politics he was a Democrat until the rise of the Republican party, to which he ever afterward adhered. For a number of years he held the office of Justice of the Peace. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Baptist Church, and their lives were in harmony with their professions. Mr. Jones' death occurred May 4, 1872, and Mrs. Jones departed this life in April, 1887. Thus two more of the worthy pioneers passed away, leaving to their children a most valuable legacy—a good name.

De Witt L. Jones first opened his eyes to the light of day in Warren Township on the 25th of September, 1842. Until twenty-two years of age his energies were devoted to acquiring an education in the district schools, and to work upon his father's farm. On the 5th of September, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Illinois Infantry, and served ten months, mostly on provost duty. Returning to this county he farmed, taught in the public schools and carried on a private writing school until 1876, when he entered upon the study of law with Charles Whitney, of Waukegan. In November, 1878, he was admitted to the bar and for a short time was a

partner of Charles T. Backus. Subsequently he entered into business relations with Peter Fisher, the partnership continuing for two years, since which time he has practiced alone.

It was on the 1st of January, 1867, that in Warren Township, Mr. Jones and Miss Ella Burrows were united in marriage. She was a native of Jefferson County, N. Y., and died July 7, 1875, leaving one son, George W., who is interested with his father in the abstract business. On the 8th of May, 1877, in Lima, Ind., Mr. Jones wedded Roey L. Kinney, a native of Lima, born of Scotch parentage. By this marriage two children have been born—Bennie L. and Louis D. Mrs. Jones is a member of the Episcopal Church.

In his social relations Mr. Jones is a Knight Templar Mason and is a member of Waukegan Post, No. 374, G. A. R., of which he has been Junior Vice-Commander. He is serving his third year as First Lieutenant of Company A, Illinois National Guards. Politically he is a Republican. From December, 1887, until December, 1888, he held the position of State's Attorney for Lake County, and is now serving his sixth term as City Attorney of Waukegan. In professional, as well as official life, Mr. Jones discharges his duty conscientiously, without favor to friends and without fear of enemies.



**H**ENRY SEIP, who is engaged in general merchandising and is also a dealer in feed, lime, coal, salt and grain at Lake Zurich, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, July 19, 1840, and is a son of Henry and Anna Margaret Seip, both of whom were born in the same land. His father was engaged in transporting freight. Their marriage was celebrated in 1839, and unto them were born ten children, six of whom are now living and are residents of this country. The father crossed the Atlantic to America in 1848, locating in New York, where he engaged in farming for about three years, when he came to Lake County, Ill., and purchased a farm in Fremont Township, upon which he resided until