



Jones Maple

Edward C. Jones (1982)

## The Jones Maples

### *Fort Atkinson*

An old maple, planted on the Jones Dairy Farm in Fort Atkinson, has great meaning for the Jones family, one of the earliest to settle in the area.

The huge tree is called the Centennial Maple. Icabod Cole, of Michigan, who was at that time visiting his daughter Mary Frances—wife of Milo Jones—planted it in 1876 in commemoration of the nation's 100th birthday.

Exactly 100 years later, Edward C. Jones, grandson of Milo and Mary Frances Cole Jones, planted two Bicentennial maples, both seedlings from the Centennial Maple, to carry on the family tradition.

The first Milo Jones worked as a surveyor for the federal government from 1832 to 1836 in what was then Wisconsin Territory. Surveyors had their choice of money or 1,000 acres of free land in payment for

their services. Jones took the land. The sixth generation of Joneses is living on it today and the farm is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Speaking of the Centennial Maple, Mrs. Edward C. Jones wrote: "It is by now a beautiful large tree that has been well cared for during the years. Under its shade we often have family picnics in the summertime."

The Jones Dairy Farm has long been well known in the state. The Jones sausage business was started by Milo Jones II in the 1880s. Its products are now available worldwide.

The dairy farm, the sausage business, the beautiful, well-cared-for grounds with handsome residences and lovely old trees reflect the owners' rightful pride and faith in family, tradition and their state and country.

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