
Re: Jaynes

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This recently got me started again on the Jaynes family

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[History of Bridgeport and Vicinity, Volume 2, edited by George Curtis Waldo \(Jr.\), p. 185](#)

Frank B. Jaynes, civil engineer of Bridge, was born April 27, 1871, in the city where he resides, and the fact that the family has a a French coat of arms leads him to the belief that the Jaynes in America were originally of French ancestry, the name being De Jean **The line of descent is traced down through William Jaynes, who came to the United States about 1646, through James, Shadrack, Stephen, Nathan and Charles.** The last named wedded Margaret Somers, a representative of an old Massachusetts family.

Their son, Frank B. Jaynes, attended the public schools and the Park Avenue Institute of Bridgeport. And starting out in the business world, was first employed by Chaffee Brothers on the east side. He afterwards worked for Schofield & Starr, surveyors and engineers, with whom he continued until 1913 when he started business independently and has won for himself a favourable reputation as a civil engineer. As engineer he was connected with the building of a number of Bridgeport's best enterprises. He was engineer on the original building for the Remington Arms Company, was resident engineer when the Shelton Street Railway, now the property of the Connecticut Company, was built, and in 1892 he was in charge of converting the street railways of Bridgeport from horse lines to trolley lines. He did similar work in Westport in 1897 and in 1911 he went to Cuba to survey five thousand acres of land for the Sargent Cigar &

Plantation Company at Guanne. He has been connected with various important engineering projects and now holds a creditable rank in his profession.

In 1898 Mr. Jaynes was married to Miss Geneva B. King, who was a native of Bridgeport and passed away January 20, 1914. She was a descendant of William Jaynes in the eighth generation, her line being through Stephen Jaynes of the fourth generation, his son William and the latter's daughter, Rebecca Burr Jaynes, the mother of Caroline W. Brotherton, who married George W. King and became the mother of Mrs. Geneva (King) Jaynes. Fraternaly he is connected with St. John's Lodge No. 3 F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, and he has also been a member of the grand lodge. His military experience covered three years' service with the State Naval Reserve and he was ensign in the third company of the naval battalion. He is widely and favourably known in Bridgeport, where the greater part of his life has been passed and where he has a circle of friends almost coextensive as the circle of his acquaintance.