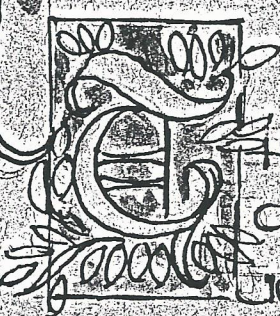


John Jones & Sons
ESTABLISHED 1870

FOREWORD



THE JOHN JONES & SONS SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANY WAS ESTABLISHED MARCH 1870, BY JOHN JONES SR., BORN A SLAVE IN NASH COUNTY NEAR RINGWOOD, NORTH CAROLINA JUNE 13, 1844. AT THE AGE OF 21 HE WAS SET FREE BY AN ACT OF THE CIVIL WAR, AND CAME TO INDIANAPOLIS, IND. BY BEING A CHRISTIAN MAN, GOD REVEALED TO HIM IN A VISION, OF MONEY EMANATING FROM FALL CREEK, THIS WAS INTERPRETED BY MR. JONES AS THE IDEA FOR A SAND AND GRAVEL BUSINESS HE SECURED WORK FROM DR. H. P. R. ALLEN, WHILE UNDER HIS EMPLOY, HE WAS ABLE TO PURCHASE THE SAND BAR WHICH IS NOW KNOWN AS NORTHWESTERN AVENUE AND FALL CREEK THE FIRST LOAD OF SAND WAS SOLD FOR 85¢ DELIVERED BY HORSE AND WAGON THIS MARKED THE BEGINNING OF THE JOHN JONES & SONS SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANY, WITH THE HELP

OF GOD THE BUSINESS BEGAN TO GROW AND BECAME ONE OF THE MAJOR GRAVEL COMPANIES IN AMERICA HE NEVER FORGOT GOD IN HIS EARLY SUCCESS. IN NOVEMBER 1885 HE FOUNDED THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTH INDIANAPOLIS, ALONG WITH HIS WIFE ELIZA JONES, THEY BECAME THE FIRST AND SECOND CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH. HE GAVE MUCH OF HIS WEALTH TO THE CHURCH. IN THE YEAR 1919 MR. JONES PURCHASED THREE PIERCE ARROW TRUCKS VALUED AT 21,000. HE WAS TAKEN AS A CURIOSITY SEEKER BY A SALESMAN, BUT AFTER LEARNING THE PURCHASE WAS A CASH SALE, THE SALESMAN WAS GREATLY AMAZED.

WE PROUDLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY WHO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE SHAPING AND DESTINATION OF THE BUSINESS:

JOHN JONES, SR.

PERRI JONES

VIRGIL C. JONES, SR.

SARAH JONES

JOHN JONES, JR.

PAUL JONES

FRANK JONES

CLOTHILDE JONES CLEMENTS

UPON THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF JOHN JONES SR. THE BUSINESS WAS FORMED INTO A CORPORATION, IN JUNE 1932 THE COMPANY IS A FAMILY CORPORATION IN ITS THIRD GENERATION.

PRESENT OFFICERS ARE:

VIRGIL C. JONES, JR.

PRESIDENT-TREASURER

LARK C. JONES

VICE-PRESIDENT

GRAYSON W. JONES

GENERAL MANAGER

JOHN T. JONES

SALES MANAGER