

Honoring
JOHN W. JONES
An American Hero

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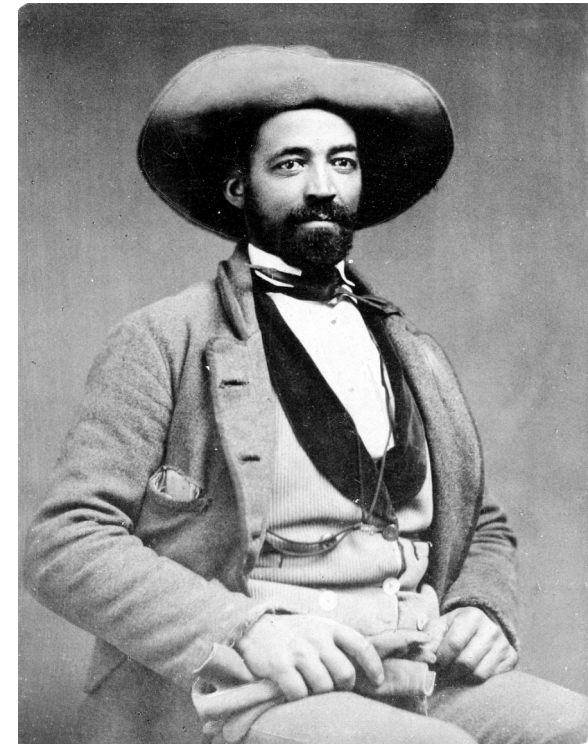
Local Veterans for Peace

Peace Action of Broome County

Pax Christi Upstate NY, Ben Salmon Chapter

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John W. Jones Museum



Woodlawn Cemetery
1200 Walnut St., Elmira NY

May 30, 2022 at 11:30am

John W. Jones was a freedom seeker who escaped from Virginia and settled in Elmira. Mr. Jones was the first sexton of Woodlawn Cemetery and made history by compassionately and respectfully burying 2973 confederate soldiers who died in the Elmira Civil War Prison Camp. As a result of his meticulous record keeping, the US government designated the section where the confederate dead were buried a National Cemetery. Mr. Jones was also an abolitionist and agent of the Underground Railroad in Elmira. He, along with other abolitionists, assisted 800 other fugitives of slavery escape to freedom.

Paying Homage to John W. Jones:

Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers

Directed by Dr. Baruch J. Whitehead

Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around

Hold On Just A Little While Longer

Go Down Moses

The Storm Is Passing Over

Opening Prayer:

Reverend Corey Cooke, Sr. , Pastor
Monumental Baptist Church, Elmira, NY

Welcome

Talima Aaron, President,
John W. Jones Museum Trustee Board

Remarks

Daryl Denning, Veterans for Peace

The John W. Jones Museum

located at 1250 Davis Street
(across from Woodlawn Cemetery)
will be open for people attending the
Memorial Day event. Facemasks are
required to visit the museum, but not to
attend the graveside ceremony.