

An Old Colored Man Dead.

Jas. A. Jones, one of the oldest and most highly respected colored men in the county, died at his home on Main street, at 5 o'clock A. M. on Saturday, of a general giving way of a wornout constitution. He was unassuming, and no colored man in the town or county was more generally respected by all who knew him. James Jones was born of free parents, Peter and Hannah Jones, on September 1st, 1803, in a house on the corner of Cannon and Kent street, and was consequently in his ninety-second year. Years ago he was a butcher in Chestertown, and was for a time engaged in farming, and succeeded in accumulating considerable property, owning several houses on Cannon street and the house on Main street in which he died. He was married six times and had been the father of eight children. A wife and three children survive him. He had lived in the house in which he died, 65 consecutive years. He remembered Chestertown in her earlier and more non-progressive days, and knew many of the most conspicuous men who have figured in the county's history and development, and remembered many of the incidents of the battle of Caulk's Field, having heard it spoken of at the time.

He was a member of Janes colored M. E. Church, and had been a trustee since 1840; he helped to build the first church, the house which is now used as a parsonage, and with others built the present church, and had filled every office in the church except that of class leader. He was elected lay representative of conference to the conference held in Brooklyn.

The two oldest colored people now living in Chestertown are, Charlotte Blake, aged 94, and Delie Boom, aged 92.