

Christena grew to womanhood very quickly and at the age of 19 on Nov 20, 1883 courted and married William Walters Jones. He was quite handsome and a son of Leonard and Sarah Walters Jones. He was born Feb 28, 1859 making him 5 years older than Christena.

Christena's first daughter Jessie (named after her mother) was born Feb 17, 1884, only three months after marrying William.

Christena was caring for her father when he died Nov 8, 1884, at the age of 65, not quite a year after her marriage.

She then inherited the Murray home and surrounding property. About five acres in all. Their second child Sarah (named after his mother) was born Dec 22, 1886, but only lived until Jun 10, 1888. Another scourge of diphtheria swept through Wellsville at that time. That same year August 14, William Murray Jones was born.

According to William he said his father left home before he was born in 1888, and he said he didn't see him again until he was 20 years old. Mary Jane Parker, Christena's sister-in-law, said the reason for this separation and or divorce (record not found yet), was that William Murray, her brother having a very strong influence