

This is a documented narrative of a premonition that occurred in
The Bolton/Friendship Community
As passed down to Vermell by her mother Minnie “Tidwell” Jones

Emmett Jones was a native of Bolton/Friendship, born in 1878. He married Minnie Tidwell in 1924. In 1928 Minnie and Emmett had been married four years and enjoying three children of their final count of four. Only three years separated Jess Willard, the first born and baby Vermell. Emmett’s Father Jim had passed on and his Mother Nancy was a member of the household. She was assisting with the care of her grand children. Jeff Huff’s daughter Verna was living down the road in the next house. Verna was married to Willie Avery and had seven children ranging in age from 3 to 14. Verna was 33 in age and still a beautiful lady by any standards. One afternoon Minnie was washing clothes at the well which was located away from the house but still within the picket fence of the yard. While engaged in doing her wash she was bestowed with an unexplained gift still talked about in modern times. She looked up from her washing and saw Verna walking up to the picket fence gate. Verna was dressed in a black skirt and white blouse with her beautiful dark hair pulled back. Minnie told her to go around to the back door and go on in the house, informing her that Grandma Nancy was inside with the children and she would join them shortly. In the time span of a moment, Minnie turned around, wiped her hands on her apron, turned back around and Verna had disappeared. Repetitiously in the evening Minnie and Emmett would set on the porch and enjoy the cool night air. This would be after Grandma and the children were in bed. Minnie shared with him the Huff lady coming by while she was washing clothes, turning around and she was gone real quick. She elaborated telling him she thought something was wrong and

immediately went to the house. Grandma Nancy told her she had not seen Verna and assured her no one had come inside the house. In closing the conversation Minnie told Emmett: I am not losing my mind, I saw the Huff Girl, I talked to her, I know she was there one moment and gone the next.

The next morning at daybreak Verna's Father "Jeff Huff" knocked on the door and informed them that Verna had experienced premature childbirth and both she and the baby had died. Emmett walked down the road to the Avery house to offer assistance in building coffins. After they were completed Emmett returned home to baby-sit with the children while Minnie and Nancy went to pay their respects. Minnie stated; lying in the coffin Verna was dressed in the same black skirt and white blouse she was wearing when she saw her standing at the gate. She further reiterated her appearance was identical in ever detail to the apparition she had experienced of her.



Emmett Jones with his parents "Jim & Nancy 1919



Remains of the Emmett Jones House 2004