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Ellen M. Jones was born in Lewis, N.Y., near the western shore of Lake Champlain, on Sept. 29, 1840. The daughter of a farmer originally from Vermont, Jones attended school in nearby Keeseville and witnessed a brother, Albert, go off to fight in the Civil War.

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Background on Ellen M. Jones

On Sept. 29, 1840, Ellen M. Jones was born in Lewis, N.Y., near the western shore of Lake Champlain, part of a growing family of seven children of Alanson Lamson Jones and his wife Sophia (Weston). Raised on a farm, Jones saw her older brother Albert E. Jones (1834-1913) go off to war with the 118th New York Infantry in 1862, while her younger brother Byron was drafted, but purchased a substitute.

Jones married a local farmer, Milford Leroy Lee, on June 10, 1874, and the couple were recorded living in Lewis in 1900.

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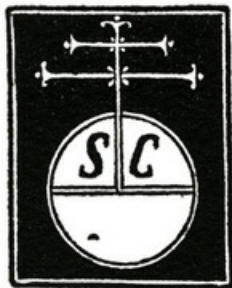
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