Jams, William P., born in Kentucky about 1839; listed
Territorial Census, April, 1864, 3d District, afterwards Yavapai
County, Arizona Territory, age 25, single, resident in Arizona
3 months, occupation, Miner, property valued at $100; the fol-
lowing letter, written by his friend John M. Boggs, and printed
in the Prescott Arizona Miner of June 22, 1864, tells of how he
was ambushed and killed:

Lynx Creek, Arizona
June 6, 1864

Editor of Miner:—It becomes my sad duty to in-
scribe these lines, announcing the death of one of
our esteemed fellow-citizens. W. P. Jones, Esq.,
lately from California, and formerly of Mount Vernon,
Jasper County, Missouri.

On Wednesday, June 2d, Mr. Jones left our camp
on Big Bug Creek, about 9 a.m. for Col. King S.
Woolsey's ranch, for the purpose of getting his
letters which had been left there for him. On his
return from Col. Woolsey's, when about three miles
out, on the Big Bug Trail, he was waylaid and most
brutally murdered by the cowardly, thieving Apaches.
His body was found in a horribly mangled condition
and was deposited in close proximity to where he
was killed.

Mr. Jones was just entering the prime of manhood
and was endowed with every quality that constitutes
a gentleman; and possessed of every trait of character
that enables one in the estimation of an enlightened
and intelligent people. His immediate associates,
your humble servant among the number, are sadly
distressed at his untimely end.

He was taken from life when every prospect around
him imparted cheering hopes to his young and generous
heart. He encountered the hateful and despised foe
in ambush; his mule was shot dead from under him and
from every indication he fought bravely, but being
overpowered by numbers, his physical energies became
exhausted; his body was stripped of every vestige of
clothing, and left exposed to the elements, a prey
to the wild beasts of the mountains. Mr. Jones was
about twenty-seven years old. I remain yours truly,

J. M. Boggs
JONES, WILLIAM P.

John M. Boggs, the writer of this letter, was a native of Missouri, born about 1832, who came to Arizona late in 1863 and was elected from Prescott as a member of the lower house of the 1st Territorial Legislative Assembly, on July 18, 1864.

In an address delivered on October 20, 1907, at the laying of the cornerstone of the New Masonic Temple at Prescott, Judge Edward W. Wells stated:

On January 26, 1867, a resolution was passed whereby "the body of Bro. Wm. P. Jones, a Master Mason who was killed by the Indians and buried near Woolsey ranch was taken up and brought to Prescott and buried with Masonic honors."

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The Arizona Miner, Prescott, June 22, 1864, 3:1.
The Prescott Courier, October 31, 1907, 3:1.