

PAULINE JONES GANDRUD

The late Pauline Jones Gandrud was born May 9, 1904, in Huntsville, Alabama, the daughter of George Walter and Elvalena (Moore) Jones. Both paternal and maternal ancestors from Virginia were some of the earliest settlers of Madison County, Alabama, dating from about 1803 to 1809. After graduating from Wills Prep School in Huntsville, Alabama, in 1921, she studied two years at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore as a piano pupil of Pasquale Tallarico and subsequently taught music for several years.

In Huntsville, Alabama, on November 29, 1930, Pauline Jones married Bennie William Gandrud, a mining engineer with the U.S. Bureau of Mines on the university campus at Tuscaloosa. They had one son, William Bentley Gandrud, born August 18, 1939, in Birmingham. A graduate of the University of Alabama with a Ph.D. in Physics from Johns Hopkins University, he is currently a physicist and supervising engineer at the Bell Telephone Laboratory in Atlanta, Georgia.

After becoming interested in the subject of genealogy at the early age of 17, she was encouraged to continue this interest by her sister-in-law, Kathleen Paul Jones. Together they collaborated in the researching and typing of Alabama county records until Kathleen's death in December, 1967.

Mrs. Gandrud has given lectures for many groups, some of which are the Virginia Genealogical Society, Richmond, Virginia; the Central Texas Genealogical Society, Waco, Texas (workshop); the Ft. Worth Genealogical Society, Ft. Worth, Texas; the Alabama Historical Society, Selma, Alabama; the East Alabama Genealogical Society, Gadsden, Alabama; the Alabama Genealogical Society, Birmingham, Alabama; the Birmingham Genealogical Society, Birmingham, Alabama; and about 15 local clubs (Tuscaloosa). Mrs. Gandrud died unexpectedly in September, 1980, at her home in Tuscaloosa.