

“Mother” Mary Harris Jones
1830-1930
A Warrior For the Rights of
United States Workers



- 1830: May 1 – Mary Harris was born in Cork, Ireland.
- 1835: Her father came to America, became a citizen and soon sent for his family.
- 1859-1860: Teaches at Monroe, Michigan.
- 1861: Marries George Jones, an iron molder.
- 1867: Husband and four children die of yellow fever.
Jones returns to Chicago to be a dressmaker.
- 1871: Loses everything in the great Chicago Fire.
- 1877: Pittsburgh railroad strike.
- 1885-1887: Haymarket period in Chicago.
- 1890: United Mine Workers of America Founded.
- 1893: American Railway Union and Western Federation of Miners founded.
- 1894: Pullman strike.
- 1895: Helps get the “Appeal to Reason” paper started.
- 1897: Aids a strike in West Virginia and aids another strike in Pittsburgh.
- 1899: Helps to revive the strike in Arnot, Pennsylvania.
- 1900: Won the Arnot strike on May 12.
On September 25, marched on Coaldale.
Then on October 7, marched on Lattimer.
- 1901: Dietz mine strike in Norton, Virginia.
- 1902: Was arrested for the first time on June 20.
- 1903: The march of the mill children in the summer.
In the fall there was the Mt. Olive and Colorado strike.
- 1904: On March 26, Jones escapes deportation plan.
- 1905: In January and June, Jones helps to get the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) started.
- 1907: On June 30, Mexican Police kidnapped Manuel Sarabia.
- 1908: Helped in the defense of anti-Diaz Mexicans by helping to raise \$4,000.
- 1910: Wins the release of Colorado Miners.
Helped striking New York shirtwaist makers.
- 1911: Aides in the shopmen strike in September until July of 1915.
- 1912: In May, the Paint Creek strike starts.
- 1913: On February 13, Jones is arrested.
On May 14, Jones is released from jail after a wire to Senator Kern.
In August, Jones aids in the Michigan copper strike.
On December 17, Jones leads the Denver demonstration.
- 1914: Was in the military prison, which was part of the Sisters’ Hospital, from January 11 to March 15.
On March 21 until April 17, Jones was jailed in Walsenburg.
On April 19, the militia, under the command of Major Pat Hamrock and Lieutenant K. E. Linderfelt, brutally attacked a Greek colony in Ludlow. This came to be called the Ludlow Massacre.
- 1915: Visits Rockefeller with the UMWA on January 27.
Jones testifies before the Commission on Industrial Relations on May 13 to May 14.
- 1917: Jones protests against the Bisbee deportation.
- 1919: In July, protests the West Virginia prison camps.
On August 20, Jones is arrested at Homestead.
- 1921: Goes to Mexico for the Pan-American Labor Congress in January.
In August, marched on Logan County, West Virginia.
- 1923: In June, Jones succeeded in getting Governor Morgan to release West Virginia Miners from jail.
- 1930: On May 1, Jones celebrated her 100th birthday
On November 30, Jones died at Hyattsville, Maryland.