

Collection: JONES, WILLIAM HENRY, PAPERS
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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1903-1960

Physical Description: Letters, magazines, bulletins, pamphlets, pictures, speeches, articles, school theses, programs, certificates, family tree, newspaper clippings, invitations. 193 items.

Acquisition: Gift of William Henry Jones, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
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State Department of Archives and History
Raleigh, North Carolina

Description: William Henry Jones, son of Thaddeus Cornelius and Rebecca J. (Roberts) Jones, was born at Locust Hill Township, Caswell County, North Carolina, September 23, 1883. After nine years at Pine Hill School and two at Yanceyville Academy, he attended high school at Ruffin, North Carolina. He returned to Pine Hill School as a teacher for one year and taught another year at Ingold, Sampson County, before entering the University of North Carolina in 1905, where he remained two years. For the two years following he taught at Fairview High School and then again entered the University, receiving his A.B. degree in education. Jones continued teaching after graduation. For a year he taught at Durham and was principal of several schools - Roper High School in Washington County, Rowland High School in Robeson, South Hill High School and Charlotte Agricultural High School at Charlotte Courthouse in Virginia, and at Biltmore Schools, Biltmore, North Carolina he served as principal and superintendent. He attended summer school sessions at the University of Virginia and at Columbia University in 1916 and 1921. In 1934 Jones left teaching to enter the field of Adult Education under the ERA and NYA with offices in Chapel Hill and Raleigh. He remained in this work until the program closed out in 1943. After working for Christian Printing Company and Seeman Printery in Durham, he taught a year before taking a position in the Registration Department of the Hospital Savings Association in Chapel Hill. He retired in 1960.

For more detailed information on Jones and his family, see the biographical sketch and family tree in the collection.

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Correspondence (1907-1960) - Aside from family correspondence, most of the letters concern Jones' work. Several are teaching offers and notices of re-election from school boards. There are letters notifying him of his election to the School Master's Club and of acceptance of an article for publication; invitation to judge a debate between North Carolina State College and the University of Alabama; and testimonials to his character and work. Edgar W. Turlington, a former classmate at the University of North Carolina, wrote him in 1913 from Oxford, England, describing his life there as a Rhodes Scholar. Oscar J. Coffin, working for the Charlotte Observer in 1915, wrote discouraging him from going into newspaper work because of the hard work and poor remuneration.

The majority of these letters are from his brother J. T. Jones in Hixson, Tennessee, who wrote family news, describing his daughter's success as a concert singer and, in reply to a request, giving a detailed account of each of his children - their education, work, marriage, and children. Other members of the family writing are: a nephew, Houston G. Jones, relating briefly his experiences in the Navy in North Africa and the Mediterranean, and giving some genealogical information derived from his father's papers, following his death; two nieces, Marian Tynte in Lexington, Kentucky, and Courtney McCampbell in Corpus Christie, Texas, telling news of their respective families.

Miscellaneous Papers (1903-1958) - These papers include: a directory of the public schools of Buncombe County, 1932-1933; advertising pamphlets on North Carolina and Chapel Hill published by commercial firms; the Virginia High School Bulletin, Volume III (May, 1918), No. 3; The State, Volume III (June 1, 1940), No. 1; several issues of the HSA (1950-1951), published by the personnel of Hospital Savings at Chapel Hill; copy of the Journal of Education (Boston), Volume CXV (November 7, 1932), No. 20; and The Projector, Volume I (January-April, 1937), Nos. 1 - 4, published by the State office of North Carolina WPA Education Program, Raleigh, North Carolina.

There are manuscript and typewritten articles, theses and speeches. Some of these were published in the Journal of Education (Boston), the Asheville Citizen, the Virginia High School Bulletin, North Carolina Education, and The State magazine and are on the subject of education. Several are essays and theses for courses at the University of North

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Carolina in psychology and comparative religions and English and a speech as president of the Dialectic Society. One is a prize-winning editorial written for a Columbia University contest, and others are talks for the School Masters' Club and a talk on gardening for a radio broadcast.

Programs, etc. are for events at the University of North Carolina, 1909-1911 - Senior Stunt, Junior and Senior Banquets, University Day, and University songs and yells. There are also commencement programs for Fairview High School (1909), Durham City Schools (1912), and Rowland High School (1915).

Certificates for teaching (1903-1928) include a first grade certificate, Caswell County, high school teaching, principal, and superintendent certificates from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, and high school and elementary certificates from the Virginia State Board of Education. There are certificates from the summer school of the Asheville and Normal and Associated Schools.

Other personal records are classification notice from the local board, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, in 1918; data giving summary of education and work experience; recommendations from professors at the University and superintendents of schools where Jones taught; and a resolution from the Biltmore College faculty on his resignation in 1934.

Newspaper clippings (1923-1957) include articles on historical subjects, on the mountains, adult education, books, and gardens from the Greensboro Daily News, the News and Observer (Raleigh), the Asheville Citizen, and the Durham Morning Herald.

A number of items (1924-1932) relate to Biltmore High School - Junior College in Asheville. These include: the Biltmore High School Guide, 1930-1931; Biltmore Junior College Catalogue, 1931-1932; programs on the opening of the new high school building, 1929, and for commencement in 1930; manuscript list of faculty (1927-1928); names of high school students and vocations chosen (1932); newspaper clippings; ballads collected by ninth grade girls, Biltmore community (1924); and a brief sketch of the college.

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Some of the papers concern relatives of Jones. J. T. Jones, a brother, was a teacher in Tennessee. There are newspaper clippings relative to his teaching and obituaries for his wife, son, and self. Included in his papers are an Authors' and Artists' Club Yearbook, 1950-1951, and an official program of the Tennessee Education Association meeting, March 21-23, 1940.

J. T. Jones' children are also represented in these papers. Marian Jones Tyte's papers include: clippings from the Courier-Journal (Lexington) and St. Louis Dispatch and a copy of The Quotarian (Quota Club International publication) with articles by her. There are church bulletins and a program for Paul Green's "Wilderness Road" at Berea.

Another daughter, Carol Jones, was a concert soloist and member of the Robert Shaw Chorale. Papers concerning her are: newspaper clippings on her career and tours from the Hamilton County Herald, Chattanooga News-Free Press, Charlotte News, News and Observer (Raleigh) and Chattanooga Times; programs of the Robert Shaw Chorale at Michigan State University and of the Ralph Hunter Choir at Raleigh, North Carolina; and an itinerary of the Robert Shaw Chorale, 1956.

Papers concerning other children are clippings from the Chattanooga News and the Chattanooga Times of the wedding of Courtney Jones and a clipping on Elma O'Neal, a granddaughter, valedictorian of Central High School.

A few papers in the collection relate to Jones' nephew, Houston G. Jones. These are: The Appalachian (Appalachian State Teachers' College, Boone, North Carolina), February 11, 1949, giving campus superlatives; a clipping from the Asheville Citizen, December 8, 1956, of Glenn Tucker's winning the Mayflower Award; The State magazine, July 22, 1950, containing an article by H. G. Jones; an invitation to Appalachian State Teachers' College graduation exercises, 1949; and a mimeographed copy of "A State Program for Microfilming Essential County Records," address to the North Carolina Convention of County Commissioners, June 23, 1958.

Work Sheet

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NAME OF COLLECTION: JONES, WILLIAM HENRY, PAPERS - Addition

DATES: 1893-1963

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Letters, memorandum books, certificates,
pictures, poem, newspapers, clippings, magazine, programs, brochures,
pamphlets, reprints, and invitations. 79 items.

ACQUISITION INFORMATION: Received through H. G. Jones, [REDACTED]

Raleigh, North Carolina

1963, August

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION: _____

Items concerning H. G. Jones and J. T. Jones and family, Biltmore College, Fairview School in Buncombe County, education journals, 1911 graduating class of the University of North Carolina, lecture notebooks and sketches, newspaper clippings on national events, etc.