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INTRODUCTION

These materials were collected and compiled by Wallace Alexander Jones (1907-), a native of Brazil and Trenton (Gibson County), Tennessee, and for many years Law Librarian in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Library, Washington, D.C. The collection was given to the Tennessee State Library and Archives in 1963 by Mr. Jones.

The materials in this finding aid measure 4.62 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Wallace Alexander Jones Genealogical Collection may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection spans approximately the period 1860-1963, although much of the genealogical data refers to earlier periods. Numbering approximately 3,000 items, 3 volumes and one reel of microfilm (Mf. 157), the collection is composed of correspondence; memoirs; applications to patriotic organizations; certificates; clippings; coats of arms; genealogical data; pictures; school records; and exhibits supporting the data, including death certificates, estate records, inventories of property, land records, marriage bonds, and certificates, military records, and wills.

Materials in the collection pertain largely to Gibson, Maury, and Tipton counties, Tennessee; and DeWitt and Gonzales counties, Texas. Several letters were written from Memphis (Shelby County), Tennessee.

There is genealogical data for the Allen, Alston, Bynum, Carothers, Carthel, Comer, Courtney, Dockery, Edwards, Exum, Fitzgerald, Hinton, Holloway, Jones, Linington, McLemore, Morehead, Neville, Norman, Peake, Perkins, Perry, Reilly, Sandford (Sanford), Shaw, Smith, Stradling, Sugar(s), Tanner, Thompson, Turner, Wilkins, Williams, and other families.

Seventeen letters (typed copies) comprise the incoming correspondence (1860-1868) of Adeline "Addie" (Jones) Wilkins Crisp (1843-) span Addie's school days, her marriage (1863) to Lucius J. Wilkins (1832-1863), and her later marriage to Dr. James Jones Crisp (1832-1877), prominent physician of Fayette County, Tennessee. The letters written by Addie's father, Thomas Jones, a Memphis (Shelby County), Tennessee, businessman, and by other friends and relatives, reflect the growing feeling of disunion in 1860 and the coming of the war, health and financial conditions in Memphis, family life and friends in Maury County, Tennessee; and describe the deaths (1866) of Addie's father and grandfather due to cholera. Some of the letters were written from the old home place in Trenton (Gibson County), Tennessee.

There is a letter (1955) from Herbert Hoover; several (1931, 1948, 1955) from John Motley Morehead, III, internationally known scientist, author, and benefactor of the University of North Carolina and American minister to Sweden, and others concerning the request for issuance of a commemorative stamp bearing the likeness of Mrs. Kerenhappuch Norman Turner in honor of the 175th anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Guilford Courthouse, North Carolina. Also included are a letter (1958) from T. Zerligowski, Director, Central Agricultural Library, Warsaw, Poland, regarding his visit to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Library; and two letters (1950) from a London friend reflecting English thought concerning world affairs and the war in Korea. Letters from Jere Cooper (1932), Kenneth McKellar (1933), and others recommend Jones's work in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Library. There are also several Worth S. Ray letters concerning the Jones family.

Items of interest include a copy of the commission from King George II for inquiry into the grievances in Isle of Wight County, Virginia; and data (including speeches, prayers, etc.) at the time of the execution of John Jones (d. 1660), one of Charles I's judges.

The Hinton family scrapbook contains coats of arms and data for the Hinton, Alston, Lovell, Stopham, and Stradling families, with pictures and descriptions of historic English churches and castles in England, Scotland, and Wales.

Personal papers of the collector include a friendship book (1924-25) giving snapshots, clippings, and autographs of students at Humboldt High School (Gibson County), Tennessee.

Among the photographs are many pictures of family homes in Trenton and Brazil (Gibson County), Tennessee, and a few other locations. Included are photographs of many family members and tombstones.

The large (520 pp.) bound volume, *Remnants of Former Glory*, by Jones, is a condensed compilation of much of the genealogical data in the collection. Included is material on the Jones and many related families with much biographical material and many anecdotes given. Much of the material is documented, and an extensive personal name index adds to the value and usefulness of the volume. Jones at one time planned to revise this volume and publish three books: (1) Edward and Abigail (Sugar) Jones of Virginia and North Carolina; (2) Mrs. Kerenhappuch (Norman) Turner (Mrs. James Turner); and (3) Capt. Charles Allen of Virginia and North Carolina. Descendants of all these and other families settled in Tennessee in the early 1800s (ca. 1804-1828).

The arrangement of unbound data in the collection has been by family where possible, with documenting records placed with the family's data. Letters primarily giving genealogical data have been placed with the family discussed, while correspondence of a general nature has been arranged by author. Census and land records and photographs have been filed separately with notation of the families involved added.

Areas of concern to Jones which are reflected in the collection include the request for issuance of a stamp picturing Mrs. Kerenhappuch (Norman) Turner in commemoration of the 175th anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse; monuments at the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, Greensboro, North Carolina; and Lady Godiva.

In his research the collector concentrated on his own family lines, rather than doing genealogical research for others. Thus, a close family connection is readily apparent in much of the data. Especially this is true of the Jones-Alston, Jones-Cartheil, Morehead-Cartheil, Morehead-Turner, Sandford-Reilly, Sandford-Turner, and Turner-Norman connections.

Outstanding members of family lines traced include Lady Godiva and Lord Leofric; Mrs. Kerenhappuch (Norman) Turner (Mrs. James Turner); John Motley Morehead III, internationally known scientist and American minister to Sweden; John Motley Morehead I, Governor of North Carolina; and Joseph Alston, Governor of South Carolina.

Also included are photocopies of portions of the transcribed memoir (1789-1860) of James Norman Smith (1787-1875). In the memoirs of "Uncle Jimmie Smith", who lived in Richmond County, North Carolina, Middle and West Tennessee, and south Texas, Smith records his experiences as a teacher in Maury County, noting that one pupil was James K. Polk. Also noted are his experiences in Texas just prior to the Mexican War, 1846-48; his membership in the Presbyterian Church; and genealogical data on the Morehead, Murphee, Sandford, Turner, and related families. (See Microfilm # 157 for the complete memoir.)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Wallace Alexander Jones

- 1907 Born June 6, in Brazil (Gibson County), Tennessee, the fifth son of Samuel David Fleming Jones (1864-1943) and Nancy Jane Linnington Allen Jones (1868-1967)
- ca. 1919 Moved at age twelve with his parents to Trenton (Tennessee) where he lived until he was fifteen
- 1925 Graduated from Public County High School, Humboldt (Gibson County), Tennessee, attended Union University, Jackson (Madison County), Tennessee
- 1929 Graduated from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, with a B.A. degree. During this time he studied voice under Mrs. Clark Eagle, who for many seasons was soloist for the St. Louis Municipal Opera. Jones sang in the choir of the Second Presbyterian Church
- 1931 Received Bachelor in Theology degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky
- 1932 Received Master in Theology and Graduate in Theology from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky
- 1933 Studied for Ph.D. degree at the seminary; began work with the United States Department of Agriculture
- 1934-35 Was Professor of Archaeology in the Baptist Bible School, Washington, D.C.
- 1941 Received Bachelor of Arts degree from The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- 1942 Enlisted in the U.S. Army November 3
- 1943 Entered active service February 17; as PFC in Co. D, 30th Sig. Tng. Bn.
- 1944 Completed program of studies prescribed by United States Armed Forces at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska; was discharged; no foreign service

- 1946-47 Was Post Commander, United States Department of Agriculture Post No. 36, American Legion, District of Columbia
- 1950 Visited Europe and Coventry, England, home of his famous ancestor, Lady Godiva
- 1969 Is living in Memphis, Tennessee

Jones was Law Librarian in the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., for many years. He was occupied at times in various Baptist pulpits in Tennessee, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C. He is a Shriner; past commander of an American Legion post; and member of various patriotic societies, such as the North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati and the National, Virginia, and North Carolina Societies of the Sons of the American Revolution. He claims descent from Lady Godiva and Lord Leofric; William the Conqueror; Charlemagne of France; King Alfred of England; Hardreick, first Saxon King of England; and Oliver Cromwell.

CONTAINER LIST

Microfilm Roll #1

Box 1

1. Affidavit re: Jones's childhood
2. American Legion activities
3. Ancestry
4. Applications for membership in patriotic organizations
5. Certificates
6. Military records
7. Recommendations re: work (See also Box 3, letters of Jere Cooper, Kenneth McKellar, and Howard J. Foltz, etc. See index to correspondence.)
8. School records – Diplomas, certificates, invitations, and pictures
9. School records – Humboldt High School Friendship Book (Gibson County), Tennessee, 1924-25. (Snapshots, clippings, and autographs.)

Box 2

1. VOLUME: *Remnants of Former Glory*, by W.A. Jones. Genealogical data – Jones and allied families. ca. 1937. INDEXED
2. PLANS FOR PUBLICATION of data in collection
3. Alabama counties
4. Catalog of local history and genealogy
5. Guide to the records and collections of the College of Arms, London, England
6. Leaflets re: historical museums, collections, societies, etc.
7. List of English parish registers before 1660
8. Maps of Granville County, North Carolina; North Carolina and Virginia
9. Price list of genealogies of American families
10. Provinces of Europe
11. Tennessee counties
12. Miscellaneous notations

Box 3

Correspondence

1. Black, James A. – Outgoing to S.D.F. Jones, 1904-1915
2. Crisp, Adeline “Addie” (Jones) Wilkins – Incoming, 1860-1868
3. Finch, Eliz. (Curd) – Outgoing, 1869. Re: Kerenhappuch (Norman) Turner and Morehead family
4. Jones, Lucius Robert – Outgoing, 1883
5. Jones, Wallace A. – Incoming – A - G
6. Jones, Wallace A. – Incoming – H - J
7. Jones, Wallace A. – Incoming – K - L
8. Jones, Wallace A. – Incoming – M - O
9. Jones, Wallace A. – Incoming – P - R

10. Jones, Wallace A. – Incoming – S
11. Jones, Wallace A. – Incoming – T - V
12. Jones, Wallace A. – Incoming – W - Z
13. Jones, Wallace A. – Incoming – Unidentified

SEE ALSO BOXES 7-11 for correspondence relating to genealogies of various families

Box 4

1. Bill, H.R. 6719 re: issuance of stamp picturing Mrs. Kerenhappuch Norman Turner
- 2.-5. Census Records – Tennessee (Fayette Co., 1850; 1860; Gibson Co., 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880); and Haywood Co., 1870; and notations from various census records
6. Clippings – Allston, Theodosia (Burr)
7. Clippings – Lady Godiva and Coventry, England
8. Clippings – Miscellaneous
9. Commission from King George II for inquiry re: grievances in Isle of Wight Co., Va., n.d.
10. Data (speeches, prayers, etc.) re: execution of John Jones (d. 1660), one of Charles I's judges; death of Charles I
11. Genealogical charts – English royalty
- 12.-14. Genealogical data on various families arranged by geographical location: Alabama – Baldwin, Jackson, and Madison Co.; Tennessee – Maury and Williamson Co.; Virginia – Pittsylvania Co.
- 15.-17. Guides – Guilford Courthouse National Military Park, Greensboro, N.C.; Castle of Edinburgh, Tower of London, and Westminster Abbey; Coventry, England
18. Historic houses, etc.
19. History of Harnett Co., N.C.: “They Passed This Way”

Box 5

1. Land Records – Granville Co., 1756 (Jones family)
2. Land Records – Richmond Co., 1811 (Morehead and Thomas families)
3. Land Records – Rockingham Co., 1816-1828 (Tanner family)
4. Land Records – County illegible, 1765 (Jones family)
5. Land Records – Tennessee – Maury Co., 1824; 1832 (Tanner and Wilkins families)
6. Land Records – Virginia – Halifax Co., 1771-1796 (Morehead, Perkins, and Turner families)
7. Land Records – Virginia – Isle of Wight Co., 1669-1675/6 (Jones family)
8. Land Records – Virginia – Pittsylvania Co., 1780-1829 (Tanner family primarily; also Jones, Williams, Fitzgerald families)
9. Land Records – Virginia – Prince William Co., 1742 (Morehead family)

10. Land Records – Virginia – Spotsylvania Co., 1726; 1728 (Norman and Turner families)
11. Memoirs (1789-1860) – Smith, James Norman (1789-1875)
- 12.-14. Pamphlets – Huguenot Society of Washington (Ancestors and roster of members (1952-56); constitution, etc.); and Morehead Scholarships Foundation, Bell Tower, etc. at University of North Carolina; biographical sketch of John Motley Moorehead (1870- ?)

Box 6

Photographs

1. Family (moved to Box 12)
2. Houses, family
3. Jones, John (d. 1660)
4. Jones, Wallace Alexander (moved to Box 12)
5. Lady Godiva
6. Morehead – Patterson Tower, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.
7. Negatives
8. Tombstones – Gibson and Crockett Co., primarily Tennessee
9. Turner, Mrs. Kerenhappuch
10. Sketch, historical – LaGrange, Alabama
11. Speech – Bradshaw, G.S. – “Mrs. Kerenhappuch Turner, a Heroine of 1776”
12. Speech – Morehead, John Motley. “North Carolina is on the March,” 1952
13. Pictures – Family (addition) (moved to Box 12)

Box 7

Genealogical Data, Etc.

- 1 -4. Allen family – Bible records; Birth certificate of Nancy Jane Linnington Allen; D.A.R. application; genealogical correspondence and data; marriage records with Jenkins, Jones, and Macon families; military records (Rev. War), and Will of Charles Allen, Warren Co., N.C., 1807

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Box 7

Genealogical Data, Etc.

5. -7. Allen family – Bible records; birth certificate of Nancy Jane Linnington Allen; D.A.R. application; genealogical correspondence and data; marriage records with Jenkins, Jones, and Macon families; military records (Rev. War), and will of Charles Allen, Warren Co., N.C., 1807
- 8.-11. Alston family – D.A.R. application; genealogical correspondence and data; Wills
12. Bynum family – Will of Elizabeth Bynum, Southampton Co., Va., 1771
13. Carothers and Jones family – Bible records

14. Carthel family – Genealogical data
15. Clark family – Will of John Clarke, Albemarle Co., N.C., 1689
16. Crawford family – Will of John C. Crawford, Gibson Co., Tennessee, 1859
17. Dockery family – Genealogical correspondence and data
18. Edwards family – Genealogical correspondence and will of John Edwards, Stansty, England, 1635
19. Exum family – Genealogical data and will of William Exum, Isle of Wight County, Va., 700
20. Fitzgerald family – Genealogical data; marriage record; wills; including will of Christopher Fitzgerald, Maury Co., Tennessee, 1826
21. Harris family – Wills
- 22.-23. Hinton family – Genealogical correspondence and scrapbook with data on Hinton, Alston, Lovell, Stopham, and Stradling families; pictures and descriptions of historic English churches and castles of England, Scotland, and Wales
24. Holloway family – Genealogical data

Box 8

Genealogical Data, Etc.

JONES FAMILY

1. Coat of Arms
2. D.A.R. Applications
- 3.-9. Genealogical correspondence, 1931-1963, including three Worth S. Ray letters, 1949-1950
10. Genealogical correspondence re: Jones and Alston families
11. Genealogical correspondence re: Jones, Banks, Morehead, and Sugars family
12. Genealogical correspondence re: Jones, McLemore, and Shaw families
- 13.-16. Genealogical data for Jones family
17. Genealogical correspondence re: Jones, Carothers, and Totty families
18. Genealogical pamphlet re: Jones, Edwards, and Morrall families by Major Francis Jones
19. Marriage records
20. Records, including birth, census, court, death, guardian, bond and pension records
21. Wills of Gibson Co., Tennessee, and Chatham, Granville, Isle of Wright, and Wake Co., N.C.
22. LININGTON FAMILY – Wills from Neuse River, N.C., and Craven County,

Box 9

Genealogical Data, Etc.

1. McLEMORE FAMILY – Genealogical correspondence and data; will of Atkin McLemore, Warren Co., N.C., 1788

MOREHEAD FAMILY

2. Coat of Arms
3. D.A.R. applications

- 4.-5. Genealogical correspondence, 1931; 1948-1958
- 6.-11. Genealogical data
- 12.-15. Genealogical data – Connection with Turner family
- 16. Genealogical data – Connection with Turner, Carthel, and Stanback families
- 17. Inventories of property
- 18. Wills from Fauquier Co., Va., and Richmond Co., N.C.

Box 10

Genealogical Data, Etc.

- 1. NEVILLE FAMILY – Genealogical data
- 2.-5. NORMAN FAMILY – Genealogical correspondence – Connection with Browning, Davidson, Perkins, Strother, and Stout families; data; will of John Norman, Md., 1684
- 6. PALIN FAMILY – Wills from Albemarle Co., N.C.
- 7. PEAKE FAMILY – Genealogical data
- 8. PERKINS FAMILY – Genealogical correspondence
- 9.-13. REILLY FAMILY – Genealogical correspondence and data; guardian bond, Williamson Co., Tennessee; Connection with Fleming; Haddox; Hatton; and Thompson families shown by marriage records; connection with Sandford and Thompson families shown by correspondence
- 14. RIVES FAMILY – Genealogical correspondence
- 15.-21. SANDFORD FAMILY – D.A.R. application; genealogical correspondence; data; marriage records; wills and estate records; connection with Turner, Reilly, and Thompson families
- 22.-23. SHAW FAMILY – D.A.R. application, marriage bond, will; genealogical correspondence mentioning also Jones, McElroy, and Peake families
- 24.-27. SMITH FAMILY – Genealogical correspondence and data; wills from Anson Co. and Richmond Co., N.C.; connection with Smith, Turner, Morehead, and Norman families; data written by James Norman Smith, 1859
- 28. STRADLING FAMILY – Genealogical data
- 29.-30. SUGAR/S FAMILY – Genealogical correspondence and data; will of John Sugars, Isle of Wight Co., Va., 1726

Box 11

Genealogical Data, Etc.

- 1.-5. TANNER FAMILY – Genealogical correspondence; data; marriage records; slave bills of sale; will; power of attorney
- 6. THOMPSON FAMILY – Genealogical correspondence mentioning also Hatton, Haddox, Sandford, and Turner families
- 7.-17. TURNER FAMILY – D.A.R. applications; genealogical correspondence (1953-1962) mentioning also the Norman and Sandford families; data; wills
- 18.-19. WILKINS FAMILY – Genealogical correspondence also mentioning Thompson Family; data and receipt (1883)

- 20.-21. WILLIAMS FAMILY – Clipping; genealogical correspondence and will of Lillian Williams, Iredell Co., N.C.
22. MISCELLANEOUS FAMILIES – Genealogical correspondence relating to Anderson, Brewer, Curd, Elder, Fleming, Glascock, Jackson, Meador, and Potts families

Box 12 (Oversize)

Contains Box 6, Folder 1, 4, 13 & Scrapbook