Eli and Sybil Jones family papers, 1830 - 1890
MC.1009.A

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Summary Information

Repository  Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections

Creator  Jones family

Creator - Author  Jones, Eli, 1807-1890

Creator - Author  Jones, James Parnell

Creator - Author  Jones, Susan Taber, 1847-1913

Creator - Author  Jones, Sybil, 1808-1873

Creator - Author  Jones, Virginia Costello

Title  Eli and Sybil Jones family papers

Date  1830 - 1890

Extent  3.08 Linear feet

Language  English

Preferred Citation

Eli and Sybil Jones Family papers (MC.1009.A), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

Eli Jones (1807-1890) was born in China, Maine, the son of Abel and Susannah Jepson Jones. He married Sybil Jones in 1833. He was acknowledged a minister and began traveling in the ministry with his wife to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Together they also visited most of the Yearly Meetings in the United States; in Africa they visited Liberia; in Europe, they journeyed to England, Ireland, France, Norway, Germany and Switzerland and Greece. Finally, they went to do religious work in the Middle East. Jones was active in most New England Yearly Meeting committees, working for the causes of temperance, education and peace. He served in the legislature in Augusta, Maine, in 1854, and was responsible for re-opening Oak Grove Seminary in 1856, serving as principal that year.

Sybil Jones (1808-1873) was born in Brunswick, Me., the daughter of Ephraim and Susannah Dudley Jones. She taught in a Friends School in 1824-25, then in public schools for 8 years. Jones was acknowledged a Quaker minister, traveling with her husband in the ministry. In 1850, she felt moved to minister in Africa; she and her husband were guests of President Roberts in Liberia. During the Civil War, she tended the wounded in Washington and Philadelphia. She comforted Mrs. Lincoln after the President's assassination and gave spiritual advice to President Johnson. In 1867, Sybil and Eli Jones began their last missionary journey to Europe, Athens, Syria, Egypt England and Palestine, establishing missions on Mt. Lebanon and Ramallah, Palestine. Sybil Jones was a member of China (Me.) Monthly Meeting.

James Parnell Jones (1835-1864) was born in Dirigo, Me., the son of Eli and Sybil Jones. He was a cousin of Rufus M. Jones and older brother of Richard Mott Jones. He m. Rebecca Runnels in 1857. He attended Haverford College from 1851-1852 (he received his B.A. and M.A. from the University of Michigan). He became a teacher and principal of Valley School in Michigan. Still a Quaker, he determined that the outrage of slavery was a stronger principle than his pacifism and became an officer in the Union army, achieving the rank of major. He was disowned by his Meeting in China, Me. He died in battle at Crystal Springs, Va.

Biographical information from Dictionary of Quaker Biography, internal evidence and an article by Peter Curtis, "A Quaker and the Civil War." &lt;emph render="italics"&gt;Quaker History&lt;/emph&gt;, vol. 67, 1978, no. 1, p. 35.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains materials from Eli and Sybil Jones, as well as Susan Taber Jones, James Parnell Jones, Virginia Costello Jones, and other materials related to the work and ministry of Eli and Sybil Jones.
Administrative Information

Publication Information
Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections December 2015

Use Restrictions
Standard Federal Copyright Law Applies (U.S. Title 17).

Acquisition
These are all materials which were previously removed from collection 1009, the Jones Family papers.

Processing Information
Processed by Mary A. Crauderueff; completed December 2015.

Related Materials

Related Materials
• MC 1009 Jones family papers
• MC.975.07.053 "Sermons by Eli and Sybil Jones"
• MC.975.04.020 Henry Newman sketchbook

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)
• Diaries.
• Financial records
• Notebooks
• Quakers -- Diaries

Geographic Name(s)

• Lebanon
• Maine

Subject(s)

• Education.
• Friends Training Home
• Quakers
• Quakers -- Travel
• Temperance.
• Women clergy--United States--Diaries
# Collection Inventory

**Eli Jones 1842 - 1888  19.0 Items**

**Scope and Contents**

This series includes materials from Eli Jones, including journals, notebooks, account books, and two passports.

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**Scope and Contents**

This notebook includes recordings of distances traveled, and correspondence received by Eli Jones, during 1851 - 1853.

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Notebook 1879 - 1880

Notebook 1885

Notebook 1 undated

Notebook 2 undated

Notebook 3 undated

Account book 1833 - 1835

Account book 1870 - 1888

Account book 1882

Account book undated

Pocket Sketch book 1865

Passport 1853 - 1854

Passport 1867

Sybil Jones 1840 - 1871  18.0 Items

Scope and Contents
Sybil Jones' materials include notebooks and diaries related to Yearly Meeting sessions, her spiritual struggles in deciding to go abroad to minister, and her children's encouragement.

### Scope and Contents

- **Notebook 1840 - 1844**
- **Notebook 1868**
- **Notebook 1869**
- **Notebook undated**
  - Notebook undated  foldered.
- **Diary 1845**
- **Diary 1850**
- **Diary 1850**
- **Diary 1850  foldered.**

**Journal of visits to other Quaker Meetings in New England, circa 1850.**

- **Diary 1852**
- **Diary 1852 - 1853**
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| **Scope and Contents** |
| This item is a book of abstracts, created by F. Annie Budge for Eli and Sybil Jones, dated 1868. |

| Album 1854, 1885, 1889 |
Scope and Contents

This album contains three main subjects: French Bible verses signed by pupils of Friends School at Nimes, March 1854; Friends' autographs on the occasion of Eli Jones' 78th birthday, China, Maine, March 12, 1885; and from an English Friend, China, Maine, June 27, 1889.

Susan Taber Jones 1843 - 1844, undated  1.0 Item

Cook book undated

Account book 1843 - 1844

James Parnell Jones 1852  3.0 Items

Latin Excercise Book 1 1852

Scope and Contents

This volume contains the second book of Xenophon's Anabasis, translated by James P. Jones at Haverford, Summer of 1852

Latin Excercise Book 2 1852

Scope and Contents

This volume contains latin excercises, some of which have correction marks.

Latin Excercise Book 3 1852

Scope and Contents
This volume contains Ciceroni's Oratio 3rd, translated by James P. Jones.

**Virginia Costello Jones 1874  1.0 Item**

Notebook 1874

**Scope and Contents**

Notebook includes various writings from journaling to recipes and grocery lists.

**Pressed plant albums undated, 1853-1876  3.0 Items**

Marine Plant album undated

**Scope and Contents**

Includes pressed marine plants collected at Longport, New Jersey.

Pressed Flower album 1853 - 1854

**Scope and Contents**

Includes sketches and pressed flowers from Europe, including England.

British Ferns Album undated, 1875 - 1876

**Scope and Contents**

Includes pressed British Ferns (undated), also laid in Brumana sketches (1875 - 1876)
Kennebec County Temperance Union 1860 - 1861  1.0 Item

Constitution and Minutes 1860 - 1861

Scope and Contents
This item contains the constitution and minutes for the Kennebec County Temperance Union. It has 5 items laid in.

Meetings of Friends 1846- 1847  1.0 Item

Maps 1846- 1847

Scope and Contents
This is a pocket case containing maps of Friends Meetings in Great Britain and Ireland, with a schedule of times and places for meetings, and Discipline of the Society, 1846

Town of China, Maine 1856

Scope and Contents
This series contains two volumes of record books from the School District No. 11, Town of China, Maine. The records include names of students, and often their age, their attendance, and their marks for each class. They are oversize materials.

Record Book 1856

Record Book 1856
Proceedings of Lake Division, No. 100 1859 - 1864

Scope and Contents
Includes minutes from the Sons of Temperance, State of Maine, Lake Division No. 100, which began in 1859. Laid in the back are forms used for annual reports to its parent organization, forms for membership certificates, and the charter from the Grand Division of the State of Maine to 18 men, including Eli Jones, making them the Lake Division No. 100.

Friends Training Home 1860 - 1883

Album 1860 - 1883

Scope and Contents
Album includes photographs of Friends Training Home, its pupils and teachers, at Brumana, Ain Salam, Mt. Lebanon, Syria. Laid in: pencil sketch of land at Brumana, 6 photographs, one of the Friends Mission in 1883. Oversize material.