Thomas Elsa Jones papers, 1936-1946, undated
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Summary Information

Repository       Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections

Creator - Author Harris, John Hobbis, 1874–1940

Creator - Author Jones, Rufus Matthew, 1863-1948

Creator - Author Jones, Thomas Elsa, 1888–1973

Creator - Author Pickett, Clarence, 1884-1965

Title            Thomas Elsa Jones papers

Date             1936-1946, undated

Extent           0.44 Linear feet

Language         English

Preferred Citation

Thomas Elsa Jones papers (MC.950.109), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical Note

Thomas Elsa Thomas (1888-1973) was born March 22, 1888 in Fairmount, Indiana. He graduated from Earlham College in 1912, attended Hartford Theological Seminary 1912-1915, earned his MA from Columbia University in 1917, and his PhD from Columbia University in 1926. He married Ester A. Balderston in 1917, who died in 1967. Jones held various posts with his wife through Friends Mission in Japan (1917-1924), and was a Professor of Economics and Political Science at Columbia University Graduate School (1924-1926).

Thomas was the President of Fisk University from 1926-1946, and was the youngest college president in the United States at the time. He was the President of Earlham College from 1946-1958, and then was an administrative consultant for the Association of American Colleges from 1958-1962. In 1968, he married Elizabeth W. Furnas, who died in 1972. Thomas died in 1973.

(source: Dictionary of Quaker Biography)

Scope and Contents

This collection contains materials relating to the South African apartheid, including correspondence, notes, draft reports, reports, essays, and other materials related to apartheid, racial justice, and Quaker involvement in these movement.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections March 2016

Use Restrictions

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

Acquisition
Unknown.

Processing Information
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Related Materials

Related materials
- MC 1153 Esther B. Rhoads papers
- MC 1175 L. Hollingsworth Wood papers

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)
- Correspondence.
- Photographs.

Geographic Name(s)
- South Africa

Subject(s)
- Apartheid--Africa, Southern.
- Quaker missionaries
- Race.
- Racial Justice
Collection Inventory

Reports of Friends Detention undated

Scope and Contents

Includes typed and handwritten notes about South Africa and apartheid, also includes handwritten "Native Policy and the Society of Friends."

Apartheid materials 1938-1939, undated

Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence, reports, and an essay titled "Quakers and Racial Justice." Correspondence includes copies of letters between Rufus M. Jones and Clarence Pickett, and letters to and from Thomas Elsa Jones, including with Rufus Jones and Clarence Pickett.

Oxford World Conference of Friends 1952

Scope and Contents

Includes two drafts of Section IIIB - Friends and Racial Justice for a Joint Report of British and American Friends, for which Jones was a co-chairman.

Reports and Correspondence 1939-1946

Scope and Contents

Max Yeargan's paper undated

**Scope and Contents**

Includes typed copy of paper and Thomas' handwritten notes. Topic of paper is South Africa and labor/wages.

Photographs 1939

**Scope and Contents**

This folder includes photographs from a 1938 trip to South Africa by Jones. The photographs are mostly unlabeled, and include people, village scenery, and landscapes.