

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

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections
<b>Creator</b>	Jones family
<b>Creator - Author</b>	Jones, Eli, 1807-1890
<b>Creator - Author</b>	Jones, James Parnell
<b>Creator - Author</b>	Jones, Susan Taber, 1847-1913
<b>Creator - Author</b>	Jones, Sybil, 1808-1873
<b>Creator - Author</b>	Jones, Virginia Costello
<b>Title</b>	Eli and Sybil Jones family papers
<b>Date</b>	1830 - 1890
<b>Extent</b>	3.08 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

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

## Biographical note

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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.

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## Scope and Contents

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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

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### 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.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

- MC 1009 Jones family papers
  - MC.975.07.053 "Sermons by Eli and Sybil Jones"
  - MC.975.04.020 Henry Newman sketchbook
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## Controlled Access Headings

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### 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.

Journal 1842 - 1843

Journal 1852

Journal 1867

Journal 1869 - 1878

Notebook 1851 - 1853

#### **Scope and Contents**

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

Notebook 1867

Notebook 1868 - 1885

## Sybil Jones

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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

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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.

Notebook 1840 - 1844

Notebook 1868

Notebook 1869

Notebook undated

Notebook undated foldered.

Diary 1845

Diary 1850

Diary 1850

Diary 1850 foldered.

### **Scope and Contents**

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

Diary 1852

Diary 1852 - 1853

## Eli and Sybil Jones

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Diary 1853

Diary 1853

Diary 1864

Diary 1864 - 1865

### **Scope and Contents**

Volume includes Sybil's thoughts and reactions to her son's death.

Diary 1865

Diary 1869

Diary 1869

Diary 1869 - 1871

### **Eli and Sybil Jones 1868-1889 2.0 Items**

Book of extracts 1868

### **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

## Susan Taber Jones

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### 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 Exercise 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 Exercise Book 2 1852

### Scope and Contents

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

Latin Exercise Book 3 1852

### Scope and Contents

Virginia Costello Jones

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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

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### **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**

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**Scope and Contents**

Also includes laid and pasted in momentos and notices of Eli and Sybil, including meetings abroad and pressed flowers.

**Proceedings of Lake Division, No. 100 1859 - 1864**

Proceedings 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.