



Jones-Lemon Family Papers (K1458)

Collection Number: K1458

Collection Title: Jones-Lemon Family Papers

Dates: 1863-1995

Creator: Jones, Lemon, and Cowden families

Abstract: The papers of a family from the Nodaway County, Missouri, area include photographs, correspondence, scrapbooks, family Bible, clippings, postcards, small artifacts, and miscellaneous material. Includes material on James H. Lemon and Kathleen Jones; World War II correspondence of Frank Paul Jones who was stationed in Arkansas during the war; and photographs of the related Cowden family.

Collection Size: 6 cubic feet
(67 folders, 235 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research but may be stored offsite. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

Restrictions on Use: The Donor has given, assigned, and transferred to the Society all copyrights, and associated rights the Donor may possess in the materials.

Materials in this collection may be protected by copyrights and other rights. See [Rights & Reproductions](#) on the Society's website for more information and about reproductions and permission to publish.

Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Jones-Lemon Family Papers* (K1458); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Nell Cowden on January 13, 2021. (Accession No. KA2641).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Jones-Lemon Family Papers can be found in the following collections:

[*Parnell, Missouri, History*](#), (C3508)

Processed by: Processed by Molly Sloan, July 2025

Historical Note:

Both Jones and Lemon families were prominent figures in early 20th century Nodaway County, Missouri. Horace Jones, once labeled the town Parnell's "leading citizen," was born in 1847 and came to Missouri from Wapello, Iowa. During his lifetime, Jones purchased upwards of six thousand acres of land in Nodaway County which housed Parnell's schoolhouse, parks, and cemetery. At the time of his death in 1915, many business and residential lots in Parnell belonged to Jones. Jones came to Missouri with his wife, Ella Cotter, with whom he had three children: Edward, Austine, and Matie (Felton) Jones. Edward Jones married into the Lemon family and had three children with Nell Lemon: Kathleen, Frank, and Emily Jones. Emily Jones married Bernard Cowden. The couple had two children, Bill and Nell Cowden. Kathleen Jones attended college at both the Missouri State Teachers College, now Northwest Missouri State University, and the University of Nebraska. She worked as a teacher for many years.

James Harvey Lemon, born in Illinois in 1842, brought the Lemon family to Missouri. After fighting for the Union in the Civil War, Lemon and his wife Emily Kautz moved to Nodaway County and created a successful farm. Lemon was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives and in 1905 introduced House Bill No. 311, the "Nodaway County Normal Bill." This bill allowed for the creation of a normal school, or teachers' college, in Nodaway County, the institution that would later become Northwest Missouri State University. Lemon died in Clearmont, Missouri in 1917. Lemon and his wife Emily were the parents of Nellie June Lemon, who married Edward Jones.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged chronologically into 67 folders. Photographs are arranged by size.

Scope and Content Note:

Folders 2-7 consist of photographs of the Lemon, Jones, Cowden, and Kautz families, along with notes for context added by Nell Cowden. Folders 10-11 include a 19th century Bible and notes belonging to Mary Ann Kautz. In folders 13-15 are three scrapbooks with newspaper clippings on various subjects. The scrapbook in folder 13 includes information on the American economy in the 1890s. The scrapbook in folder 14 dates to around 1919 and includes human-interest news stories as well as articles about the aftermath of World War I. Folder 15 consists of a "household suggestions" scrapbook made from a World War II tax advice booklet. Other World War II items include Pvt. Frank Jones' correspondence, identification bracelet, and draft documentation. Folder 58 includes various undated artifacts, including a large photo button, a letter opener, and political pins. Folders 59-67 consist of oversize certificates and diplomas belonging to several members of the family.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	School Materials, 1863-1975
	f. 2-7	Photographs, 1864-2006
Box 002	f. 8	Correspondence, 1865-1995
	f. 9	First Methodist Episcopal Church Membership Certificates, 1882
	f. 10	Bible, 1886
	f. 11	Items Removed From 1886 Bible
	f. 12	Invitations and Event Programs, 1894-2019
Box 003	f. 13-15	Scrapbooks, 1890s, 1940s
	f. 16	Newspaper Clippings, 1896-1910, 2013
	f. 17	Legal Documents, 1901-1917
	f. 18	Real Estate Agreements, 1903-1935
	f. 19	Obituaries and Funeral Notices, 1903-1979
	f. 20	Our Wedding Ring Book, 1904
	f. 21-22	Postcards, 1910-1959, n.d.
Box 004	f. 23	Swine Breeding Documentation, 1920-1923
	f. 24	Bank Statement, 1922
	f. 25	Harvey L. Haines Receipt, 1922
	f. 26	Kathleen Jones Reference Letter, 1930
	f. 27	Teachers Manual, 1930
	f. 28	Diaries, 1930, 1937
	f. 29	St. Louis World's Fair Trip Reservation, 1933
	f. 30	Weekly Timesheet, 1934-1935
	f. 31	Tax Documents, 1934-1936
	f. 32	Miscellaneous Publications, 1934-1983
	f. 33	Mexico Trip, 1938-1940
	f. 34	Sales Tax Tokens, 1930s
	f. 35	Selective Service, 1940-1942
	f. 36	Recipes, 1940, n.d.
	f. 37	War Ration Books, 1942-1943
	f. 38	WWII Correspondence, 1943-1944
	f. 39	Churchill Downs Spring Meeting Ticket, 1947
	f. 40	Nell Cowden Baby's Record Book, 1948
	f. 41	Birth Certificate Copy, 1949
Box 005	f. 42	WWII Identification Bracelet, 1940s
	f. 43	14th Armored Division Patch, 1940s
	f. 44	Junior Chamber of Commerce Card, 1954
	f. 45	Brochures, 1959
	f. 46	All American Red Heads Basketball Award, 1973
	f. 47	Collectors' Lincoln Pennies, 1976, n.d.
	f. 48	Pauline Cowden Estate Distribution, 1977
	f. 49	Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductees, 1977
	f. 50	Driver Licenses, 1992-1995
	f. 51	J.H. Lemon Campaign Cards, n.d.
	f. 52	"Lemon Farm," n.d.
	f. 53	Theatre Advertisement, n.d.
	f. 54	Mother's Day Certificate, n.d.
	f. 55	Elsie Cruser Library Catalog, n.d.
	f. 57	Catalogs and Instruction Manuals, n.d.

Box 006	f. 58	Artifacts, n.d.
	f. 59	Methodist Episcopal Church Certificate of Baptism, 1892
	f. 60	University of Missouri Bachelor of Science-Civil Engineering Diploma, 1898
	f. 61	State Normal School Bachelor of Science-Latin Diploma, 1900
	f. 62	Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine Certificate, 1908
	f. 63	Missouri Public Schools 8th Grade Certificate of Attainment, 1922
	f. 64	Sunday School Certificate, 1922-1923
	f. 65	Missouri Public Schools 8th Grade Certificate of Attainment, 1925
	f. 66	The Palmer Method of Business Writing Teachers' Certificate, 1926
	f. 67	Parnell High School Honor Graduation Certificate, 1929

Index:

Index Terms	Folder	Image
Agricultural Hall of Fame (U.S.)	49	
Capital stock	17	
Cowden, Bernard	2	Yes
Cowden, Bernard	17	
Cowden, Nell	2-5	Yes
Cowden, Nell	40, 54	
Cowden, Pauline	48	
Cowden, William Yates	41	
Farm equipment	56	
First Methodist Episcopal Church (Clearmont, Mo.)	9, 53	
Galveston (Tex.)	21	
Garrett, Amasa	17	
Hannibal (Mo.)	21	
Homestead National Monument of America (Neb.)	45	
Jones Cowden, Emily	2	
Jones, Edward Horace	18, 20, 60, 62, 67	
Jones, Emily Ella "Kewpie"	28, 64-65	
Jones, Frank Paul	38, 42-44, 50	
Jones, Kathleen	1-2	Yes
Jones, Kathleen	8, 18, 26, 28, 31, 63-64, 66	
Kautz family	6, 8	
Kautz, George, 1841-1903	19	
Kautz, Mary Ann	10	
Kautz Lemon, Emily	8, 12, 19	

Index Terms	Folder	Image
Lemon, Allen	7	Yes
Lemon, Beatrice	5, 7	Yes
Lemon, Charles	4	
Lemon Garrett, L. Amy	2, 4, 17	
Lemon, James Harvey, 1842-1917	4	Yes
Lemon, James Harvey, 1842-1917	8, 12, 19, 49, 51-52	
Lemon Jones, Nellie June	6	Yes
Lemon Jones, Nellie June	8, 18, 20, 31, 38, 59, 61	
Lemon, William	4	Yes
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865	45	
Lincoln Park (Chicago, Ill.)	21	
Mexico	33	
Nicaragua	3	
Northwest Missouri State Teachers College	1	
Northwest Missouri State University	12, 32	
Parnell (Mo.)	1	
Ration books	37	
Sales tax tokens	34	
San Francisco (Calif.)	57	
Southeast Missouri State University	12	
Spivey family	7	
Springfield (Ill.)	45	
Swine--Breeding	23	
United States. Selective Service System	35	
University of Missouri	1, 12, 60	
University of Nebraska at Lincoln	1	
Woman's Christian Temperance Union	32	
World's Fair (1904 : Saint Louis, Mo.)	29	
World War II	15, 35, 37-38, 42	