



Henry M. Jones Papers (SP0136)

Collection Number: SP0136

Collection Title: Henry M. Jones Papers

Dates: 1864-1930

Creator: Jones, Henry M., 1848-1930

Abstract: The Henry M. Jones Papers contain the personal papers, photographs, and memoir of Henry M. Jones. The memoir, written between 1914 and 1915, details his life during the Civil War, enlistment in the 10th Missouri Cavalry, capture, and imprisonment at Cahaba Prison. There are also papers and photographs related to his job with the St. Louis Police Department.

Collection Size: 0.5 cubic foot
(10 folders, 3 oversize items, 23 photographs, 1 tintype)

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-Springfield](https://www.shsmo.org/research-center-springfield). If you would like more information, please contact us at springfield@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Henry M. Jones Papers can be found in the following collections:

[*Charles Gustavus Loesch Collection*](#), (C3931)

[*Missouri. Cavalry 10th Regiment Volunteers Morning Reports*](#), (C1169)

[*Thomas Ervin Burgess Collection*](#), (R0640)

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Historical Note:

Henry McEuen Jones was born November 3, 1848, to John and Rosannah (McEuen) Jones in Franklin County, Missouri. He was one of nine children, Mary, Margaret, Thomas, Joel, Wilson, John, George, and David.

He tried to run away from home in 1863 to enlist in the Union Army at St. Louis but only had enough money for the train to Franklin and ultimately returned home. On January 18, 1864, he managed to enlist with his brother George but spent several of his first weeks in the army in and out of hospitals seriously ill. He would eventually rejoin George in Company M of the 10th Missouri Cavalry. In the fall of 1864, he and George were sent on different assignments. George traveled into Missouri where he was injured in October 1864 at the Battle of Little Osage. He died from his wounds in December of that same year. Henry was sent on a scouting mission with the rest of the company where they were captured in November 1864 near Union Station, Tennessee by Captain DeWitt Clinton Fort (noted as Captain 'Clubfoot' Ford in Jones' memoir). They were imprisoned at Cahaba Confederate prison until the end of the war.

After the war Henry moved to St. Louis where his older sister Mary lived. He worked various jobs at hotels and as security following the war before joining the St. Louis Police Department serving for 20 years. He was a first sergeant of Company C of the Jefferson guard during the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. After his retirement he moved to Carthage, Missouri.

Henry married Elorius Buchanan in 1875 and had a son together, David B. Jones (1876-1945). The couple was living separately by 1900 and divorced by 1910. In 1910, Henry married again to Dorothy B. Baur and together the couple had one child, Harriette R. Jones (1911-2009). Henry died on June 1, 1930, from complications following surgery.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 3 series:

Personal Papers
Photographs
Oversize

Scope and Content Note:

Personal Papers

This series contains his obituary, personal letters including a letter sent by Jones to his father from Cahaba prison, records from his military and police service including his application to join the police department, items from the Worlds' Fair, and some of his poetry. Also included is a nearly 400-page memoir written by Henry M. Jones in 1915, in which he recounts his experience during the American Civil War from a young boy in Franklin County watching his older brothers

enlist and march off to war, to his own enlistment at fifteen. In the memoir he describes the realities of being a soldier including illness, travel, food, drills, military engagements, camp life, his capture in Tennessee and life in a Confederate prison including an attempted prison break. He frequently mentions names of officers and fellow soldiers with some mistakes regarding spelling. The series is arranged by subject and dates from 1865 to 1923.

Photographs

This series consists of images of Henry M. Jones and other family members. Of note are an image of Jones during the Civil War, him as a police officer in St. Louis, and a photograph with his second wife Dora in folder 8. This series is arranged by subject.

Oversize

This series contains a photograph of Henry M. Jones with fellow police officer possibly at the Worlds' Fair, music sheets with lyrics by Jones, and a family history; a typed copy of which can be found in folder 1. The music includes "My Mother's Love is with me Still," 1910; "The Universal Fair," 1904; "Our National Jubilee," 1907; "Grand Old Missouri," 1909. The materials are arranged by type of item.

Container List:

Personal Papers

Box 001	f. 1	Biographical information, 1910, 1930
	f. 2	Correspondence, 1865-1905
	f. 3	Military and police records, 1864-1926
	f. 4	Poetry, 1889-1923
	f. 5	Louisiana Purchase Exposition, 1902-1905
	f. 6	Memoir – "A Boy at War: A first-hand narrative depicting the experience and observations from 1860 to 1865..." 1915
	f. 7	Miscellaneous, no date

Photographs

f. 8	Henry M. Jones, 1864-1920s
f. 9	Wilson Jones, circa 1898-1901
f. 10	Family, 1860-1890s

Oversize

Box 002	Item 1	Photograph, police officers, no date
	Item 2	Writings, music sheets, 1904-1910
	Item 3	Family history, no date

Index:

Index Terms	Folder	Mediums	Image
Baker, George H., 1859-	10		Yes

Index Terms	Folder	Mediums	Image
Baker, Mary J. Jones, 1832-1915	6		
Baker, William, -1863	6		
Bauer, Josyline	10		Yes
Bauer, Loren	10		Yes
Bauer, Virginia	10		Yes
Bell family	6		
Bell, Jim	6		
Benton Barracks (St. Louis, Mo.)	6		
Bollinger, Benjamin F., -1865	6		
Briggs, Adam	6		
Bushwhackers	6		
Caldwell, Jim	6		
Civil War--Prisoners and prisons--Cahaba Prison (Ala.)	2, 6		
Confederate States of America. Army. Missouri Infantry, 33rd	6		
Crabtree, Zeke, -1860	6		
Dean, B.D.	6		
Dolle, August, 1832-1863	6		
Fort, DeWitt Clinton "Clubfoot," 1830-1868	6		
Franklin County (Mo.)	6		
Gallagher, Michael, 1846-	6		
German immigrants	6		
Guntown (Miss.)	6		
Harvey, Jim	6		
Hayden, Thomas F.	6		
Hilman, John	8		Yes
Holly Springs (Miss.)	6		
Hopkins, Charles	6		
Hospital--Illness	6		
Johnston, Alphonso, -1862	6		
Jones, Claire Valentine	10		Yes
Jones, David B., 1876-1945	10		Yes
Jones, David, 1846-	6		
Jones, Dora Bauer	1, 8		Yes
Jones, George W., 1843-1865	6		
Jones, Henry McEuen, 1848-1930	1-10	Item 1-3	Yes
Jones, Jackson, 1840-1861	6		
Jones, Joel, 1838-1913	6, 10		Yes
Jones, John Haines, 1800-1874	1, 6		
Jones, John, 1841-1908	10		Yes

Index Terms	Folder	Mediums	Image
Jones, Rosannah McEuen, 1810-1886	1, 6		
Jones, Sarah J.	10		Yes
Jones, Thomas, 1836-	6		
Jones, Wilson M., 1839-1927	6, 9-10		Yes
Koch, Henry, -1861	6		
Leviathan (ship)	6		
Lockwood, Kelly	10		Yes
Loesch, George	6		
Louisiana Purchase Exposition, 1903-1904	2, 5	Item 1-2	
Marmaduke, John S.	6		
Maupin, Amos	6		
McEuen, William	6		
Memphis (Tenn.)	6		
Meyer family	6		
Meyer, Henry	6		
Mississippi--History--Civil War, 1861-1865	6		
Missouri--History--Civil War, 1861-1865	6		
Murphy, Milton F.	6		
O'Reilly, Miles, 1840-	6		
Poindexter, Jim	6		
Prichett, Edward I.	1, 3		
Raymond, William	6		
Rhodus, Nathan	6		
Rolla (Mo.)	6		
Saint Louis (Mo.)	1, 3-6		
Smith, A.J.	6		
Smith, Granville	6		
Snider, John	6		
Sullivan (Mo.)	6		
Sultana (ship)	4, 6		
Tennessee--History--Civil War, 1861-1865	6		
Timmons, Steve	6		
United States. Army. Cavalry, 8th	9		
United States. Army. Illinois Infantry Regiment, 18 th	6		
United States. Army. Missouri Cavalry Regiment, 10th	6		
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Colored Troops	6		
USS Louisville (Ironclad)	6		
Valentine, Ben	6		
Vicksburg (Miss.)	6		

Index Terms	Folder	Mediums	Image
Walsh, Jim	8		Yes
Ward, George	8		Yes