



Janes Family Papers (CG0085)

Collection Number: CG0085

Collection Title: Janes Family Papers

Dates: 1908-1969, no date

Creator: Edith (Jacob) Janes, 1891-1970

Abstract: This collection consists of multiple sets of photographs and some paper materials, dating from approximately the end of the 1800s through the mid-1900s. The majority of the labeled photographs depict the lives of Jasper and Edith (Jacob) Janes and their three children: Doris Sue, Thomas Maurice, and Cosbert Janes. More than half of the photographs are unlabeled.

Collection Size: 0.8 cubic feet
(43 folders, 610 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Most of this collection is open for research; however, some materials from folder seven are not open to researchers. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Cape Girardeau](https://www.shsmo.org/research-center-cape-girardeau). If you would like more information, please contact us at capegirardeau@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Historical Note:

Jasper Lee Janes (1886-1957) was born October 23rd, 1886, to Isaac W. Janes and Elizabeth Caroline (Owens) Janes, on the Janes family farm near Leora in Stoddard County, Missouri. On February 4, 1911, he married Edith Jacobs (1891-1970). Together they had three children: Cosbert Earl (1912-1927), Thomas Maurice (1914-1951), and Doris Sue (1921-1960). He passed in 1957 and is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery (Kennett, Missouri.)

Edith Jacobs (1891-1970) was born January 23rd, 1891, to William J. Jacobs and Ella Jane “Jennie” (Kick) Jacobs, in Jackson County, Illinois. By 1910 her family had moved to Kennett in Dunklin County, Missouri, where her father William worked as a water pumper for the railroad; Edith was working as a house-worker when she married Jasper Lee Janes in 1911. After her marriage, she worked for several decades as a seamstress. She outlived her husband and all three of their children; she passed in 1970 and is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Cosbert Janes, the oldest of their three children, passed away as a freshman in high school from meningitis. Thomas Maurice entered the National Guard in 1936, and later served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Marcella Diebold in 1942, and together they had one daughter, Maria Sue Janes. He passed in 1951 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Doris Sue graduated with a degree in nursing in 1942. Her lifelong friend Maxine Stout is also featured regularly in the pictures of Doris Sue as a young woman. Doris Sue married Ralph L. Ray in 1946; they had no children and later divorced. She passed in 1960 and is buried in Kennett, Missouri, in the Oak Ridge Cemetery along with her parents and oldest brother Cosbert.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Papers
Photographs

Scope and Content Note:

Papers

This series contains materials related to the personal and academic papers of members of the Janes family. There is schoolwork from Doris Sue and Cosbert; correspondence and postcards to Jasper and Edith, both before they were married as well as after they became a couple; a certificate for Jasper Lee for his excellence in war production by his work at the Pine Bluff Arsenal; two visitor passes for U.S. Congressional buildings and a Valentine’s Day card to Maria Sue; and an article about the investigation into the death of Thomas Maurice, who died from drinking poisonous wood alcohol. The dates in this series range from 1909 to 1960; folders have been arranged in alphabetical order.

Photographs

This series consists of photographs of members of the Janes and Jacobs families. The listed dates in this series range from 1931 to 1969; however, some of the photographs appear to have been

taken much earlier than 1931, from around the late 19th century through the first part of the 20th century. More than half of the photos are not labeled, and the majority are undated. The folders have been arranged in alphabetical order.

Container List:

f. 1-11	Papers
Box 1	f. 1 Correspondence from Doris Sue to Jasper and Edith Janes, 1949-1959
	f. 2 Correspondence from Thomas Maurice to Jasper and Edith Janes, 1944, n.d.
	f. 3 Correspondence (miscellaneous) to Jasper and Edith Janes, 1911-1959, n.d.
	f. 4 Correspondence (miscellaneous) to Jasper Janes and Edith Jacobs, 1908-1909
	f. 5 Cosbert Earl papers, 1922-1926
	f. 6 Doris Sue accounting workbook, 1937-1938
	f. 7 Doris Sue papers (contains PII), 1942-1960
	f. 8 Doris Sue school autograph book, 1930-1937
	f. 9 Jasper Lee certificate, 1943
	f. 10 Maria Sue papers, 1952, 1959
	f. 11 Thomas Maurice article, 1951
f. 12-43	Photographs
	f. 12 Buildings and homes, n.d.
	f. 13 Cosbert Janes and siblings, n.d.
	f. 14 Daphne (last name unknown) nurse portraits, n.d.
	f. 15 Doris Sue Janes candids, 1954-1959, n.d.
	f. 16 Doris Sue Janes portraits, 1942-1958, n.d.
	f. 17 Edith Jacobs portraits, n.d.
	f. 18 Family of Jasper Lee Janes, n.d.
	f. 19 House with spindle columns, women ca. early 1900s, n.d.
	f. 20 Janes family album, n.d.
	f. 21 Jasper and Edith Janes family photos, 1955-1968, n.d.
	f. 22 Jasper and Edith Janes family photos, n.d.
Box 2	f. 23 Maxine Stout, n.d.
	f. 24 Labeled candids—children, 1931-1969, n.d.
	f. 25 Labeled portraits—adults, 1942, n.d.
	f. 26 Possibly Cosbert, Thomas, and Doris Sue, very young, n.d.
	f. 27 Possibly Doris Sue Janes, n.d.
	f. 28 Possibly Lavana McAnally, Ernestine, and Jerry Moore, n.d.
	f. 29 Ralph “Rob” Roy, 1947-1958, n.d.
	f. 30 Thomas Maurice Janes, n.d.
	f. 31 Trip to Knott’s Berry Farm and Los Angeles, 1958
	f. 32 Unknown family portraits in housing, n.d.
	f. 33 Unknown mine, n.d.
	f. 34 Unknown soldiers, n.d.
	f. 35 Unlabeled candids—Adults, n.d.
	f. 36 Unlabeled candids—Children, n.d.
	f. 37 Unlabeled candids—Families and groups, ca. early 1900s, n.d.
	f. 38 Unlabeled candids—Families and groups, ca. late 1800s, n.d.

- f. 39 Unlabeled candida—Porch with square columns, n.d.
- f. 40 Unlabeled portraits—Adults, n.d.
- f. 41 Unlabeled portraits—Adults, no housing, n.d.
- f. 42 Unlabeled portraits—Children, 1934, n.d.
- f. 43 White house with gap porch—Unknown family candida;
includes Doris Sue and possible Maxine, n.d.

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Index Terms	Folder	Image
Janes, Cosbert Earl, 1912-1927	5, 13, 18, 20-22, 26	Yes
Janes, Doris Sue, 1921-1960	1, 6-8, 13, 15-16, 18, 20-22, 26-27, 31, 43	Yes
Janes, Edith (Jacobs), 1891-1970	17-18, 20-22	Yes
Janes, Jasper Lee, 1886-1957	9, 18, 20-22	Yes
Janes, Maria Sue	10	No
Janes, Thomas Maurice, 1914-1951	2, 11, 13, 18, 20-22, 26, 30	Yes
Photography of families	12-43	Yes
Roy, Ralph "Rob"	29	Yes
Stout, Maxine, 1921-2010	23	Yes