

DeKalb History Center

Mary Elizabeth Jones Scrapbook

Scope and content: The Mary Elizabeth Jones scrapbook contains items pertaining to Mary Elizabeth Jones and her family, including the Ramspeck family.

Provenance: Accession information could not be determined. Scrapbook received prior to 1997.

Access: Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Reproductions of photographs and permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the Archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citations should be made as follows:

Description of specific item; Mary Elizabeth Jones Scrapbook, DeKalb History Center Archives.

Processed by Lindsey Breithaupt in 1998.

Size: One volume.

Biographical Sketch of Mary Elizabeth (Bessie) Jones: Mary Elizabeth (Bessie) Jones was the daughter of Judge Henry Clay Jones (1845-1912) and the former Mary Ramspeck (1848-1904) of Decatur, Georgia. Her father was better known as Hal. C. Jones. She was born on February 15, 1876 and had one brother, George Jones (1884-1951) and two sisters, Annie Belle Jones (1873-1951) and Florence, who first married B.M. Bennett, then in 1912, John Alva McCrary. Bessie attended Agnes Scott Institute in Decatur, graduating from the normal school in 1899. She taught in Tennille, Georgia before returning to Decatur in 1906. She taught mathematics at the North Avenue Presbyterian School in Atlanta 1912-1913. After that she began to teach first and second grade at Glennwood Elementary in Decatur.

Bessie Jones was a member of the Decatur Presbyterian Church. She also volunteered for the American Red Cross and was a member of both the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Humane Society. She died on April 16, 1965 and is buried in Decatur Cemetery.

Description: The Mary Elizabeth Jones scrapbook includes newspaper clippings, religious poems, church bulletins and other miscellaneous papers. The clippings are wedding announcements and travel information about friends and family. They also include horoscopes and news events that Jones found interesting, the most important being World War I. Many of the clippings document Agnes Scott College, its early administration and Decatur Presbyterian Church. Although Bessie Jones belonged to Decatur Presbyterian, there are bulletins and clippings regarding North Avenue Presbyterian church and Decatur Methodist Church. Glennwood Elementary School, where Jones taught for much of her career, is well represented in the clippings as well.

There are also membership cards to the various organizations to which Jones belonged. Also included are programs for the Redpath Chautauqua held in Decatur. The scrapbook is a rich resource for documenting Decatur in the early twentieth century.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main entry: Jones, Mary Elizabeth (1876-1965)

Subject/Added entries:

- Agnes Scott College (Decatur, GA)
- Decatur, GA – Social Life and Customs
- Decatur Presbyterian Church (Decatur, GA)
- Decatur Public Library (Decatur, GA)
- Gaines, Frank Henry (1852-1923)
- Glennwood Elementary School (Decatur, GA)
- Hopkins, Nannette (ca. 1861-1938)
- Howard, William Schley (1875-1953)
- Jones, George (1884-1951)
- Jones, Henry Clay (1845-1912)
- North Avenue Presbyterian Church (Atlanta, GA)
- Patton, Dr. J.G.
- Ramspeck, Carl Miller (1883-1975)
- Ramspeck, Charlotte (Lottie) (1886-1961)