

DeKalb History Center

Akins-Jones Family Papers (1827-1966)

Scope and content: The Akins-Jones Family Papers includes letters and receipts from Dora Akins Jones and her family, as well as copies of religious literature collected by Mrs. Jones from the late nineteenth century to the mid-twentieth century.

Provenance: Gift of Linda C. Chesnut, 1998 (Accession # 1998.31)

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Description of specific item; Akins-Jones Papers, DeKalb History Center Archives.

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Size: 4 document boxes

Biographical Sketch of Dora Akins Jones: Dora Akins Jones was born in 1886 in Doraville, Georgia. She was the daughter of Mr. James F. Akins and his wife. In 1900, at the age of fourteen, she was adopted by her aunt, Mary Sparks, because of her mother's death and her father's advancing age. She went to school in Doraville and attended Prospect Methodist Church. In the early 1900's she married Carlos Jones, who would go on to become mayor of Doraville.

Description: The Akins-Jones Papers are composed mainly of letters, receipts, and religious literature. The first box contains mementos from Samuel McElroy, Dora's grandfather and an early nineteenth century schoolteacher, and correspondence and possessions of Dora's aunt, Mary Sparks, and other relatives. The second box contains religious literature collected by Dora Akins Jones through a span of seventy-two years. The third box contains the personal correspondences of Dora Akins and her husband Carlos Jones. The fourth box contains personal possessions of Carlos and Dora, including Dora's report cards and school writings as well as miscellaneous papers of the two.

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

Main Entry: Jones, Dora Akins (1886-)

Subject/Added Entries: Jones, Carlos
 Religious Literature
 Confederate money
 Freemasonry
 McElroy, Samuel

Folder List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
1	1	Samuel McElroy's arithmetic book	1827
	2	Misc. receipts of Samuel McElroy	1834-1904
	3	Samuel McElroy's pocketbook	1836
	4	Misc. receipts of John and Mary Harris	1856-1886
	5	V.C. Sparks' Mason papers	1859-1892
	6	Correspondence of John Harris	1868-1888
	7	Letters to W.A. Headen	1870s
	8	Letters from W.A. Headen	1874-1875
	9	John McElroy's Exhorter's License	1875
	10	Diary of William A. Headen	1876
	11	Letters from E.P. Headen	1876, 1882
	12	Letters from Mary Headen	1878
	13	Misc. receipts of V.C. and Mary Sparks	1878-1904
	14	Misc. envelopes addressed to John Harris	1885
	15	Misc. receipts of James F. Akins	1890-1899
	16	Correspondence of V.C. Sparks	1891-1904
	17	Correspondence of James F. Akins	1894-1899
	18	Court Summons for James F. Akins	1899
	19	Money – Confederate Bills	1862-1864
	20	Confederate Bond	Feb. 20, 1863
2	1	<i>The Gold Evangel Hymnal</i>	1887
	2	<i>Our Little People</i>	1888-1892
	3	<i>The United Presbyterian Young People's Christian Union</i>	1889
	4	<i>Gospel Voice & Echoes of Love Hymnal</i>	ca. 1890s
	5	<i>The Intermediate Quarterly</i>	1893-1902
	6	<i>Lesson Paper</i>	1893-1895
	7	<i>Senior Quarterly</i>	1902-1903; 1905; 1911
	8	<i>Primary Stories</i>	1911
	9	<i>The Christian Herald Almanac</i>	1913
	10	<i>Advanced Gospel Quarterly</i>	1920
	11	<i>The Sunday School Magazine</i>	1925
	12	<i>The Methodist Intermediate Senior Quarterly</i>	1926; 1928
	13	<i>The Methodist Intermediate Senior Quarterly</i>	1935
	14	<i>The Methodist Senior Quarterly</i>	1941
	15	<i>Wesley Quarterly for Adults</i>	1946
	16	<i>The One Divine Library</i>	ca. 1950

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2	17	<i>The Herald</i>	Dec. 1958-Jan. 1959
	18	<i>The Herald</i>	Feb. 1959- May 1959
	19	<i>The Herald</i>	July 1959- Sept. 1959
3	1	Letters from Green Henderson to Dora Akins	1898-1901
	2	Letters from Ella Whitley to Dora Akins	1901-1903
	3	Letters from Dora Akins to Carlos Jones	1897-1902
	4	Letters from Dora Akins to Carlos Jones	1903-1904
	5	Letters from Carlos Jones to Dora Akins	1904
	6	Letters from Carlos Jones to Dora Akins	1905-1927
	7	Letters from Dora Akins to Linnie Holcomb	1912
	8	Dora Akins' Correspondence with the Decatur Orphan's Home	1912
	9	Correspondence from D.S. Chambers to Carlos Jones	1919
	10	Dora Akins Jones' Diary	1924; 1927-1928
	11	Letter to Carlos Jones from U.S. Rep. James C. Davis	1949
	12	Misc. letters to Dora Akins Jones	1895-1955
	13	Misc. letters to Carlos Jones	1904-1958
4	1	Sheriff Sale receipts	1876-1877
	2	Dora Akins' copy of <i>Pilgrim's Progress</i>	unknown
	3	Book of Dora Akins' signed by friends	1896
	4	Dora Akins' guardianship papers	1896-1900
	5	Report cards and school papers of Dora Akins	1898-1900
	6	Carlos Jones' labor card	1904
	7	Misc. religious books of Dora Akins Jones	1904-1942
	8	Account Book	1918-1922
	9	Pictures of cotton pickers from C. Jones' field	1920
	10	Mason cards of Carlos Jones	1920-1930
	11	<i>Grier's Almanac</i>	1925-1927
	12	Conference Reports of Prospect Church by Carlos Jones	1927
	13	Misc. receipts of Carlos Jones	1929-1944
	14	Misc. newspaper clippings	1960s
	15	Misc. flyers, notices, bulletins	1871-1915
	16	Misc. papers	1863-1938
	17	Misc. writings, unknown author (probably D.A. Jones)	unknown
	18	Items found 3 rd floor Oct 2011 Whitney of Lockwood's English Grammar	1897

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4	19	Documents removed from grammar book	
	20	Book, <i>Dick Whittington</i> Found Dec 2011, has Dora Akin on cover Loose pages, no covers or binding left	