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**JONES – STERLING FAMILY COLLECTION**

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The collection has remained in the Jones and Sterling families since 1831. The donor, Frances Wallace Allen Kirby (1904-2004) was the niece of Mary Otway Sterling (1868-1946), the granddaughter of Sallie Willie Jones Sterling (1837-1907) and the great-grand-niece of James T. Jones (1789-1879). At her death, Mrs. Kirby bequeathed the collection to Jones Memorial Library.

**[Detailed finding guide available with the collection.]**

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- BOX 1**
- 1-1** Jones Family of Fluvanna County, Virginia by Phillip Wayne Rhodes
  - 1-2** Miscellaneous documents and letters
  - 1-3** Miscellaneous photocopies
  - 1-4** Memory Book (Lucia Sterling Allen) (ca. 1898-ca 1904)
  - 1-5** Daybook (Robert S. Sterling) (1888); Diary (Sallie Willie Jones Sterling) (1890-1892)
  - 1-6** French lessons (Sallie Willie Jones) (1852-1854); Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1876-1878)
  - 1-7** Diary (Mary E. Jones) (1867-1874)
  - 1-8** Diary (Lucia G. Sterling) (Aug-Oct 1879)
- BOX 2**
- 2-1** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1880-1887)
  - 2-2** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1888-1889)
  - 2-3** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1890)
  - 2-4** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1891)
  - 2-5** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1892)
  - 2-6** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1893)
  - 2-7** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1894)
  - 2-8** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1895-1896)
  - 2-9** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1896-Feb 1897)
  - 2-10** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (Mar 1897-1899)
  - 2-11** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1900-1902)
  - 2-12** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1903)
  - 2-13** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (Jan 1904-Jan 1907)

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- BOX 3**
- 3-1** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (Jan 1907-Jan 1909)
  - 3-2** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (Jan 1909-Jan 1910)
  - 3-3** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1911)
  - 3-4** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1912-1917)
  - 3-5** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1918)
  - 3-6** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1919-1920)
  - 3-7** Memo booklet (1927-1937); Trip booklets (1920-1923)
  - 3-8** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1921-1922)
  - 3-9** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1922-1924)
  - 3-10** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1925-1929)
  - 3-11** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1929-1931)
  - 3-12** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1932-1934)
  - 3-13** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (1935-1938, 1944-1945)
  - 3-14** Diary (Mary Otway Sterling) (Jun 1945-Jan 1946); Diary (Sallie Willie Sterling) (Jan 1946-Aug 1946)
- BOX 4**
- 4-1** Farm journal (James T. Jones) (1831-1841)
  - 4-2** Farm journal (James T. Jones) (1841-1851)

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**JAMES T. JONES (1789-1879)**

James T. Jones, son of George Jones and Elizabeth Wilson of Prince Georges County, Maryland, was born February 1, 1789 in Maryland. He moved with his parents to Fluvanna County, Virginia, before 1800. He married Sarah S. Richardson, daughter of James Richardson and Nancy Payne, on March 19, 1818, in Fluvanna County. They were the parents of nine children.

James T. Jones died May 31, 1879, in Fluvanna County and was buried on the “old Jones place.”

[Phillip Wayne Rhodes, Jones Family of Fluvanna County, Virginia, MS1247, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Va.]

**MARY E. JONES (1834-1894)**

Mary E. Jones, daughter of Robert Sharp Jones (half-brother of James T. Jones) and Mildred Duke Crewdson, was born June 7, 1834, in Fluvanna County, Virginia. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She died July 11, 1894, in Charlottesville, Virginia, and was buried at Maplewood Cemetery.

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**SALLIE WILLIE JONES STERLING (1837-1907)**

Sallie Willie Jones, daughter of Robert Sharp Jones and Mildred Duke Crewdson, was born December 25, 1837, in Albemarle County, Virginia. She married Charles Henry Sterling, son of Otway Sterling and Cathering Yeakle, on October 27, 1859, in Charlottesville, Virginia. She died November 29, 1907, in Charlottesville.

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**MARY OTWAY STERLING (1868-1946)**

Mary Otway Sterling, daughter of Charles Henry Sterling and Sallie Willie Jones, was born March 1, 1868 in Charlottesville, Virginia. She died January 4, 1946, in Charlottesville and was buried in Maplewood Cemetery.

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**SALLIE WILLIE STERLING (1870-1963)**

Sallie Willie Sterling, daughter of Charles Henry Sterling and Sallie Willie Jones, was born February 1870 in Charlottesville, Virginia. She attended Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Virginia, where she majored in music. She died in 1963 and was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Charlottesville.

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