

NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LIBRARY

Manuscripts
No. B 31

Date processed: August 1981

- I. Title Jones Family Collection, 1869-1964.
- II. The papers of E.A. Hill
deposited in the Library ~~xxx~~, by E. A. Hill
~~in as a gift~~ ~~converted the deposit to a gift~~
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 18" and 1 oversized packet
Approximate number of items: 7 volumes and 330 items
- IV. Restrictions: none
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of
in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of
the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated
to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.
- VI. Press release was issued on
- VII. Biographical note: see p.b.
- VIII. Analysis: see p.c.

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Biography

Edwin Allston Hill, compiler of this Jones genealogy, was born in New York City in 1850 and died in 1929 in Washington, D.C. where he had lived for 30 years. He graduated from Yale in 1875 and his biography from their Obituary Record of 1929-30 will be found here in Box IV Folder A.

His interest in early American history and genealogy was strong, as evidenced in his membership in many societies, especially as historian of both the Conn. Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Society of Colonial Wars. With his brother, Benjamin Scranton Hill, he had compiled a complete Hill genealogy (Mfilm #32) and he had given the family records to this Historical Society (MSS #104). He apparently was doing the same for the family of his mother, Elizabeth Stokes Jones, but the work is short of completion.

The first American Jones is Thomas, uncertain records stating him to be a son of the regicide Col. John Jones, who came to Guilford in 1639, married twice and then returned to England. He did, however, leave children here who carried on the line.

Another of the colonel's known sons, William, 1624-1708, married Hannah Eaton, daughter of Theophilus and Anne Eaton, in 1659 in London and returned with her to Boston in 1660, and then to New Haven where he soon became deputy governor of New Haven and Conn. Their grandson, a Yale graduate and minister, is the Isaac Jones Sen., Yale 1751, of this collection and his son is the Rev. Isaac Jones, 1775-1850, Yale 1792, whose manuscripts are an important part of this collection. Their biographies are in Yale's Biographical Sketches for their years. Whenever reference is made to the Jones manuscript, this Lewis copy is meant.

The Brown and Maunsell genealogies in Box IV Folder Q were included in this collection, but their connection is with Edwin Allston Hill himself and should more logically be part of MSS #104, Hill Family Records. This manuscript and Mfilm #32, Hill Family Genealogy should be consulted for additional biographical background of Hill.

The Historical Society also owns Mfilm #34, three microfilm reels of the first three boxes of this collection made in 1950 by the Genealogical Society of Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Analysis

Edwin Allston Hill, 1850-1929, compiled this collection of four boxes and one oversized scroll of genealogical material about the Jones family whose immediate English ancestor was the regicide, Col. John Jones, 1579-1660. The first two boxes consist of four hand-written volumes of genealogy with biographical material, almost in publication order. Box III contains three hand-written volumes of genealogical information in random order, which apparently was unused. All the material in Box IV through Folder O was tied together into a notebook by Hill, entitled, MSS of Rev. Isaac Jones-Sundry Data, which has been separated for ease of reading. Additional biographies, one letter, scant miscellany, and genealogies of the James Brown and Maunsell families complete this box. The oversize scroll packet is a genealogy of another Jones line.

Correspondence is interspersed throughout the collection and had been permanently attached where pertinent by Hill.

None of the documents or manuscripts mentioned are originals, all having been copied by hand, and little is dated. Elizabeth A. Hill's letter to her aunt in 1869 is the earliest original document. A.P. Lewis, a Jones descendant, had ordered a copy made of Rev. Isaac Jones's manuscripts in 1866, which preserved them as the originals were destroyed in the Chicago Fire of 1871.

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Box I.

- Folder A (in 2 parts)
Index volume of Jones genealogy: part I by given name;
part II by surname [Reel A of microfilm #34] (1v.)
- Folder B (in 4 parts)
Jones genealogy volume, items 1-698 [Reel B of
microfilm #34] (1v.)

Box II.

- Folder A (in 4 parts)
Jones genealogy volume, items 700-1699 [Reel B of
microfilm # 34] (1v.)
- Folder B (in 4 parts)
Jones genealogy volume, items 1700-2832.
[Reel B of microfilm #34] (1v.)

Box III.

- Folder A (in 3 parts)
Additional genealogical notes, transcriptions, other
genealogies and miscellany, apparently unused
[Reel C of microfilm #34] (1v.)
- Folder B (in 2 parts)
Genealogical notes chiefly pertaining to Col. John
Jones, 1579-1660, apparently unused,
[Reel C of microfilm #34] (1v.)
- Folder C (in 2 parts)
Notes on Col. John Jones and Deputy Gov. William Jones,
1624-1708, apparently unused.
[Reel C of microfilm #34] (1v.)

Box IV.

- Folder A
Biography of Edwin Allston Hill, 1850-1929, from
Obituary Record of Yale (2)
Chart of ancestry of Rev. Isaac Jones (1)
Copy of an original manuscript by Isaac Jones
entitled Jones Family Memoirs, containing this
Life of the Hon. Teophilus Eaton, Esq. and
Gov. Eaton's Will, made in 1887 from a copy made
in 1866 by A.P. Lewis, a Jones descendant.
Original destroyed in Chicago Fire. Margin corrections
by E.A. Hill pp. 1-32 (16)
- Folder B
Continuation of above pp. 33-64 (16)
- Folder C
Memoir of the Right Rev. Bishop Thomas Morton,
1564-1659, from Isaac Jones's manuscript 6pp. (4)
Life of the Hon. Edward Hopkins Esq. 12 pp. (6)
Memoir of the Hon. Elihu Yale 4 pp. (2)
David Yale genealogical notes (7)

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Folder D	Copied from Mather's <u>Magnalia, The Life of Theophilus Eaton Esq. Governor of New Haven Colony</u>	(3)
	<u>Early New Haven History</u> from the <u>Magnalia Biography of Theophilus Eaton</u> copied from <u>Dictionary of National Biography</u>	(6)
Folder E	Notes about Theophilus Eaton copied from various cited sources	(12)
Folder F	Same as above	(10)
	Copy of will of Eaton and disposition of his land	(4)
Folder G	Notes on Anne Eaton and her family from various sources	(22)
Folder H	<u>Life of Col. John Jones Esq.</u> from Isaac Jones's manuscript 17 pp.	(9)
	Envelop containing facsimiles of signatures and places pertinent to the Jones family	(18)
Folder I	<u>Life of the Hon. William Jones Esq.</u> from Isaac Jones's manuscript 19 pp.	(10)
	<u>Life of Deputy Gov. William Jones of New Haven</u> by Edwin A. Hill	(10)
Folder J	Continuation of above	(15)
Folder K	Continuation of above	(15)
Folder L	Request of committee of the Church at New Haven to Increase Mather of Boston, written by William Jones	(2)
	Notes about William and Hannah Jones and their friendship with Whalley and Goffe	(4)
	Notes on Isaac Jones of North Bolton, line of strong genealogy	(1)
	Notes on Jones family in Saybrook (pad glued to one sheet)	(32)
Folder M	<u>Memoir of the Benjamin Family</u> , from Isaac Jones's manuscript 3 pp.	(2)
	Memoir of Isaac Jones, Sen., from Isaac Jones's manuscript 5 pp.	(3)
	Reflections on the death of Isaac Jones, Sen. by Sybill Benjamin, his third wife and mother of Rev. Isaac Jones	(1)
	A tribute to parental affection, written by Isaac Jones to his sister, Harriet Brooks, on May 29, 1812 after the death of their father on May 18 6 pp.	(3)
	Pious reflections of a deceased father, Isaac Jones, Sen. 1790-1812 2 pp.	(1)
	Letters of Isaac Jones, Sen. to his brother, William, and to his children 19 pp.	(10)

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Box 4

Folder N

- Transcription by Hill from a manuscript of John Jones 14 pp. (7)
- Copy of genealogical manuscript of Isaac Jones, including explanatory note of 1896 (3)
- Bibliography of authorities on John Jones (4)
- Pencil sketch of part of nine squares of New Haven showing Jones property (1)
- Incomplete jottings of Hill (2)

Folder O

- Notes from Life of Samuel G. Tilden about William Jones, mostly copied from various cited surces (21)

Folder P

- Notes by Hill about Jones family members (2)
- Broadside circulated by Hill and Timothy Jones in 1893 to descendants of William and Hannah Eaton Jones requesting information for and subscription to a Jones family genealogy (1)
- Envelop containing photo of unidentified gravestone, newspaper clipping about Joseph Bolles Jones of Virginia, Hill's maternal grandfather, and 2 letters from Elizabeth A. Hill and her Aunt Harriet, one to each other 1869-1871 (1)
- Statement of Dept. of Interior concerning pension application of John Jones of Saybrook in 1832 1905 (1)
- Letter to Hill concerning possible publication of the Jones genealogy 1914 (1)

Folder Q

- James and Esther Broughton Brown genealogy furnished Hill by Mrs. E.A. Russell of Middletown, Conn. (4)
- Maunsell genealogy (Hill progenitor) sent from Dalkey, Ireland with accompanying letter 1910 (6)

Oversize

- Historical record and genealogy of Col. J. Wesley Jones and interrelated lines, including first families of Nantucket. Compiled by Stella Worth Jones Voorhees 1964 (21)