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Ann Cary Randolph Jones Family Papers
Collection Number: 451 THL

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Initial processing undertaken in 1985. Last updated by Buffy Knappenberger in June 2024.

EXTENT: 0.21 linear feet

DATE: 1749 – 1946

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The Ann Cary Randolph Jones Family Papers include original letters to William Strother Jones from Alexander Burnet and the correspondence of Ann Cary Jones to family and friends. The letters mainly concern the Civil War, the issue of slavery, and the post-bellum period. The correspondence is transcribed. The Collection also includes land surveys, the Vaucluse farm plat and floor plans, and a codicil to Ann Cary Jones's will.

HISTORICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL: Ann Cary Randolph Jones (1794 – 1877) was the second wife of William Strother Jones Jr. (1783 – 1845). His father was William Strother Jones Sr., a captain in the Continental Army, and subsequently a colonel in the militia. His paternal grandfather was the attorney, legislator, and clerk of court Gabriel Jones (1724-1806). The younger Strother Jones and his wife Ann lived at Vaucluse, the manor house built by his father. They had two sons, Beverley Randolph Jones and Francis Buckner Jones. Ann Cary Randolph Jones is buried in the family cemetery at Vaucluse.

Vaucluse, their family home located near Stephens City, continued to be occupied by their descendants until the Civil War, after which it began to fall into disrepair. It had since been restored and is now a hotel.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Colt, Margaretta Barton. *Defend the Valley: A Shenandoah Family in the Civil War*, New York: Orion Books, 1994 [975.5 COL]; Lee, Mrs. Hugh Holmes, *The Civil War Journal of Mary Greenhow Lee*. Edited by Eloise C. Strader. Winchester, VA: Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society, 2011[973.782 LEE]

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of Frances Whittle Jones.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Chart of Ann Cary Randolph Jones family tree, 1651-1870, 1 leaf, manuscript

Codicil to the will of Ann Cary Randolph Jones, January 19, 1875, 1 page, manuscript; 1 leaf, typed transcript

Correspondence, Burnet, Alexander M. to William Strother Jones, February 5, 1803 to September 6, 1807, 9 pages, manuscript (folder contains the following):

1803 – February 5	at Farley, to Wm. Strother Jones at Chapel Hill, NC
1804 – February 13	at Farley, Culpeper Co., to William Strother Jones at home of Gabriel Jones, Rockingham
1805 – March 26	at Falmouth, to William Strother Jones at Vaucluse, personal letter
1805 – June 16	at Falmouth, to Wm. Strother Jones at Vaucluse, near Stephensburg, personal letter
1805 – July 3	at Falmouth, to William Strother Jones at Vaucluse, personal letter
1806 – January 3	at Falmouth, to William Strother Jones at Elm Grove, Culpeper, personal letter
1806 – January 25	at Falmouth, to Wm. Strother Jones, personal letter
1807 – January 19	to William Strother Jones at Fauquier C. H. - personal letter, describes Jones's baby son, Charles Marshall
1807 – September 6	at Falmouth, to Wm. Strother Jones at Belle Pre

Correspondence, Burnet, Alexander M. to William Strother Jones, February 5, 1803 to September 6, 1807, 10 leaves, transcript

Letter, Davis, Susie L. to Harriet Parkhill, May 24, 1863, 1 page, manuscript; 1 leaf, typed transcript (folder contains the following):

1863 – May 24	at Vaucluse, to Miss Harriet Parkhill of Florida
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Correspondence, Jones, Ann Cary Randolph to family members and friends, 1861-1876, 20 pages, 1 envelope, manuscript (folder contains the following):

1861 – June 10	at Vaucluse
1862 – October 15	at Winchester, to [cousin Harriet] - Yankee soldiers in Fauquier
1862 -- October 23	at Winchester, to cousin Harriet
1862 -- December 24	at Vaucluse, to cousin Harriet
1863 -- May 18	at Vaucluse, to Lucy

1863 -- May 18	at Vaocluse, to Harriet
1863 -- May 19	at Vaocluse (fragment), envelope addressed to Mrs. Lucy B. Parkhill of Tallahassee, Florida - Speaks of her brothers
1863 – June 6	at Vaocluse - Yankee soldiers keeping guard and detaining local people for questioning. Battle of Winchester
1863 – July 13	at Winchester
1863 – August 7	at Winchester, to Lucy - Has suffered from a slight typhoid fever Yankees have left the area for now Post Office in Winchester is closed, and there seems to be some difficulty in taking letters up the Valley to be mailed Her son is in Staunton People are anxious to leave Winchester; they are selling their homes A lot of people are sick and have fevers; diphtheria is also common
1864 – November 30	from Vaocluse, to cousin [Lucy] - A friend, Tom Marshall, was killed Searching of private property
1874 – June 22	at Vaocluse - Taxes on property Other personal news
1875 – March 2	from Vaocluse - Friendly gossip
1876 – August 21	from Buffalo Marsh
[1875 or 1876] – Winter	from Vaocluse - Mentions abolition of slavery Family news

Correspondence, Jones, Ann Cary Randolph to family members and friends, 1861-1876, 26 leaves, typed transcript

Letter, Jones, Francis Buckner to Ann Cary Randolph Jones (his mother), February 11, 1857, 1 leaf, manuscript; 1 leaf, typed transcript (folder contains the following):

1857 – February 11	to "my dearest mother" (Ann Cary Randolph Jones) on the death of his Mammy
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Letter, Parkhill, Harriet Randolph to Alexander T. Jones, 1916, 5 items, 1 leaf, 1 page, 2 envelopes, manuscript; 1 leaf, typed transcript (folder contains the following):

1916 – May 9	at Orlando, Florida, to "My Dear Cousin" (Alexander T. Jones) at Winchester, introducing herself
1916 – May 23	at Orlando, Florida, to "My Dear Cousin" (Alexander T. Jones) at Winchester, replying to his letter

Floor plan of Vaocluse - first floor, no date, 1 leaf, manuscript (photocopy available in collection)

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 20

List of slaves on unexecuted receipt to W. S. Jones, December 27, 1841, 1 page, manuscript

Miscellaneous, 1 page, 7 envelopes, manuscript

Newspaper articles, 3 leaves, printed (photocopy)

Oversize Plats:

Plat and survey of Jacob Crisman land, by John Baylis, March 21, 1749, 1 leaf, manuscript

Plat and survey of William Strother Jones' land, by John Wright, September 30, 1806, 1 leaf, manuscript (photocopy available in collection)

Plat of Vaocluse farm, April 26, 1815, 1 leaf, manuscript

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 20

Plat and survey, William Strother Jones' land by John Wright, September 30, 1806, 3 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Unidentified house plans (perhaps tentative sketches of Vaocluse), 3 leaves, manuscript

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