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Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Jones-Young Families, an African-American South Carolina family, consist of family history and biographical files, correspondence, topical files, institutions and organizations files, and photographs.

The family history files, 1913 to 2001, are contained in one carton. These records pertain mainly to the Young family but include the family of Vivian Young Jones. Files on Vivian Young Jones and her husband, Thomas Banes Jones, include school papers and books.

One linear foot of correspondence, 1918 to 1985 and undated, documents the life of Vivian Young Jones. Early correspondence is primarily between Vivian and Thomas Banes Jones. Also included among Vivian's correspondents are her brothers and sisters. Later letters between Vivian and her children are represented as well.

The one-quarter linear foot of topical files covers aging and the elderly, arts, black history, Columbia, education, race relations, and women. Biographical files within this series contain information on Mary McLeod Bethune, Charles Bolden, Dizzy Gillespie, Benjamin Mays, and Woodrow Wilson, among others.

Two cartons of files on institutions and organizations, 1917 to 1988, show the kinds of activities in which the Jones-Young families were involved. Significant files are present for Barber-Scotia College, Harbison College, Links Inc., the Mid Carolina Mental Health Association, Northminster Presbyterian Church in Columbia, the Presbyterian Church of the United States, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, and the YWCA.

Photographs, 1890s to 1970s, document both the Jones-Young families and the history of Harbison College.

Biographical Sketch

Thomas Banes Jones, born 1893 in Concord, N.C., to Thomas and Eva Jones, was educated at Biddle University (now Johnson C. Smith University) where he received his B.A. in 1921, Northwestern University, where he received his M.A. in 1927, and Columbia University, where he was a Rosenwald Fellow from 1933 to 1935. Before beginning active service in the field of education, he served his country as a Musician during World War I. From 1921 to 1940, he was Registrar and Professor of Education at A. and T. College in Greensboro, North Carolina. From 1940 to 1943, he served as President of Mary Allen Junior College in Crockett, Texas. He was called to the presidency of Harbison Junior College in Irmo, South Carolina in 1941, a position he held until his retirement in 1958. He then served as professor in the Social Science Department at Benedict College until his death in 1967. Jones was prominent in the affairs of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. He was chairman of National Missions for the Fairfield-McClelland Presbytery of the South Carolina-Georgia Synod for more than forty years. He served as grammateus in the Alpha Iota Boulé of Sigma Pi Phi and was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Thomas Banes Jones married Vivian Ethel Young, born 1897 in Rock Hill, S.C., to Calvin Monroe and Clarkie Hannah Hughes Young. She was educated at Barber-Scotia College in Concord, N.C., where she received her B.S. in 1954. She worked as a teacher and librarian. She was Chairman of the Senior Citizen Project Committee of the Mid-Carolina Mental Health Association and served as executive-director of the Phyllis Wheatley Branch, Columbia's black chapter of the YWCA. Together she and Thomas Banes Jones had two children: Ethel Clarice Jones and Thomas Banes Jones, Jr. Vivian Young Jones died in 1988.

Calvin Monroe Young was born a slave at Due West, S.C., in 1859. He went to Biddle University at age 23, graduating with an A.B. in 1891 and a S.T.B. in 1894. He served as a pastor in Rock Hill until 1906 when he was called to the presidency of Williams Institute, later renamed Harbison Institute. He served in that capacity until his death. He married Clarkie Hannah Hughes of Greenville, S.C., and Sarah Naomi Russell of Blackstock, S.C. With his first wife he had seven children between 1897 and 1913: Vivian Ethel (m. Thomas Banes Jones), William Herman (m. Mittie McCain and Leona Moore), Sara Lucille (m. Eugene Boyd), Jennie Elberta (m. Oscar McAdams), Louise Marion (m. Charlie Warren), Calvin Monroe Jr. (m. Margaret Reese), and Morris Satterfield (m. Eleanore May). Calvin Monroe Young married Sarah Russell in 1920 and they had Miriam Emma (m. Mr. Fanuiel). He was president of Harbison Institute in Abbeville, S.C., during the fire of 1910 and helped to relocate the school to Irmo, S.C., the following year. He died in 1929.

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- Dormitory, Abbeville campus
- The Parochial School
- Irmo First Presbyterian Church, c. 1910
- Landscaping "new" campus, 1913
- Electric generator, Harbison Agricultural Institute, 1916.

Harbison People

- Graduating class, c. 1890s
- Mrs. Ida Brock Amos, Dr. Thomas H. Amos, Mrs. Mary Louise Richie Pope, and four others
- In front of old building that burnt
- Twelve men, by R. H. McAdams, Due West, SC
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- Graduating class, 1916
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