

JONES

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY

SOLOMON JONES PAPERS

Biographical:

The parents of Solomon Jones emigrated from Walet to New Jersey c. 1750 and later removed to Fort Edward, N.Y. Born in 1756, Solomon Jones attended medical school in Albany and in 1776-77 served as surgeon's mate with Sir John Johnson's corps. After the British surrender at Saratoga, he escaped to Canada where he served with the army, chiefly at Three Rivers and Montreal, until 1783. He then settled with his mother, sister and brothers in the township of Augusta, Grenville County. Here he farmed a Crown grant of 650 acres and practised medicine (as one of the first doctors in Upper Canada). From 1796 to 1800 he sat in the Legislative Assembly as member for Grenville County. He was appointed a judge of the Johnstown District court in 1800 and later served as commissioner of highways and member of the Land Board. He married Mary Tunacliffe of Richmond, N.Y.; there were four sons and three daughters of the marriage. Solomon Jones died on Sept. 22, 1822, at his home in Augusta township.

x birthplace uncertain

Provenance:

The Solomon Jones Papers were presented to Queen's University by Dr. Lorne Pierce and form part of the Edith and Lorne Pierce Collection of Canadiana.

General Description:

The collection is composed of some 50 letters, legal and business papers, militia returns, papers pertaining to public offices held by Dr. Jones and biographical material (notably the Reminiscences of Andrew Jones', grandson of Solomon.) The militia records are almost entirely those of Capt. Dunham Jones' company, 1st Regiment, Grenville Militia, for a brief period in 1838-9. (Dunham was Dr. Jones' second son).

In addition to a number of family letters, the correspondence includes letters to Dr. Jones from the Hon. D. W. Smith, Thomas Ridout, Richard Cartwright and Rev. George Okill Stuart. There are eight letters from John Strachan, written between 1806 and 1812 from Cornwall, where the sons of Solomon Jones attended Strachan's grammar school.

I Correspondence: Jones Family et al. 1795-1830; 1842. (50 letters).

II Accounts and Receipts:

- a) miscellaneous - Solomon and Dunham Jones 1796 - 1859. 22 l.
- b) Account Book - Solomon Jones 1785 - 92. 139 l. * includes index.
Account Book - Solomon Jones 1799 - 1802. 167 l.

III Commission of the Peace: 1801 - 1808

- a) complaint against Daniel Sherwood of Lansdowne for retailing spirituous liquor without a licence. December 23, 1804. 1 l.
- b) Recognizance of Johnathan Dunham of Augusta, innkeeper. January 2, 1808. 1 l.
- c) Holograph note (unsigned) on judge's fees. 1801-03. 1 l.
Holograph note (unsigned) on procedures, Court of King's Bench etc. n.d. 2 l.

IV Highways Commission: 1800 - 1806

- a) Petition of the inhabitants of 2nd concession, Augusta. June 20, 1800. 1 l.
- b) Deposition of freeholders of 3rd and 4th concessions, Augusta. May 4, 1805. 1 l.
- c) Petition for exemption from road work. March 13, 1806. 1 l.
- d) Summons to freeholders of lower division, Augusta. July 14, 1806. 1 l. (names on reverse)

V Legal and Business Papers: 1798-1820

- a) Petition of Mary Haly, U.E.L. ("for Mary Haly/Solomon Jones"). May 26, 1798. 1 l.
- b) Notice to Assessors and Collector of Township of Edwardsburgh concerning money to be raised for Solomon Jones as M.L.A. for Grenville County. January 16, 1800. 1 l.
- c) Agreement between Louis Brillière, mason and Solomon Jones. March 6, 1800. In French. 3 l.
- d) Bond of Solomon Jones in sale of land, Township of Augusta, to George Everts. January 25, 1811. 1 l.
- e) Articles of indenture. William Jones to Alexander Chisholm, merchant, of Montreal June 21, 1819. 2 l.

f) Will of Daniel Jones of Brockville (copy). July 27, 1820. 5 l.

VI Militia papers 1832, 1838-39

- a) Return of Capt. Solomon Jones' Company. n.d. 1 l.
- b) Returns of Capt. Dunham Jones' Company. 1832, 1838-39. 20 pieces. Including Roll call of Company, June 4, 1832; morning reports, December 1838 - January 1839; District Order dated at Prescott, December, 1838.

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VII Miscellaneous

- a) Constitution of the Maitland Division of the Sons of Temperance, Canada West. Brockville, 1850. 39 l.
- b) medical notes. 3.1.
- c) military time sheet. 1 l.
- d) miscellaneous notes.
- e) newspaper clipping of poem "Jenne M'Crea" who was fiancée of David Jones and murdered by Indians.
- f) "The Omnipresence of God" Ms. poem by Miss Sophia [?] sek.
- g) Statute 1811 Chp IX. An Act to repeal an Ordinance of the Province of Quebec.

VIII Biographical

- a) Doctor Solomon Jones: United Empire Loyalist by Lorne Pierce, (offprint of Queen's Quarterly [July 1929] article corrected & revised by Dr. Pierce)
- b) Reminiscences or a Biography of the Jones Family "written by Andrew Jones, of 'Homewood', Township of Augusta, County Grenville ... in the year 1904." Typescript. 27 pp. With additional notes by Barbara Jones on the history of St. James' Church, Maitland (3 l.) and by "A.H.M." on Andrew Jones' Reminiscences (1940; 5 l.)
- c) 5 A.L.S. Harold Jones to Lorne Pierce. 1926-30. (re history of Jones family)

Also letters to Lorne Pierce from:

Alexander Fraser, Deputy Minister of the Department of Public Records and Archives; September, 1925.

H.R. Morgan of The Recorder and Times, Brockville. August, 1929

C.C. Jones, President of The University of New Brunswick, fragment.n.d.

Photograph of "Olde Homewood"