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JONES FAMILY FONDS

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JONES FAMILY FONDS. – 1906-1988. – 72 cm of textual records. – 73 photographs. – 2 maps.

Gordon R. Jones (1885-1952) was born in Brantford, Ontario; volunteered for China at the Nashville Student Volunteer Convention in 1906; studied theology at Victoria College, 1907-1910; left for China in November 1910. In China, he served initially in Chengtu, Junghsien, Chungchow and Chungking. He married Clara E. German on August 30, 1914, at Karuizawa, Japan. He served with the Chinese Labour Corps in Europe during the First World War; and upon returning to China, continued to serve in Chungking, with a brief stay in Chengtu in the mid-1940s ; and returned to Canada in 1947.

Clara E. (German) Jones (1887-1969) was born in Strathroy, Ontario. She graduated from the Methodist National Training School in 1913 and was appointed by the Woman's Missionary Society to Japan in 1913. She resigned in 1914 when she married Gordon R. Jones. Clara and Gordon Jones had two daughters, Eleanor and Barbara, and one son, Stephen.

Fonds contains three series: 1) Correspondence and Ephemera, 1906-1988, 2) Photographs, [ca.1897]-1937, 3) Maps, 1928-1933.

SERIES 1: CORRESPONDENCE AND EPHEMERA. –1906-1988. --72 cm of textual material.

Series consists of a family tree; letters from Gordon Jones to Clara German, 1910-1914 primarily of a personal nature leading up to their 1914 wedding, with some references to work as a missionary in China; letters from Clara to Gordon, 1911-1914, including responses to letters above, primarily personal with some references to missionary work in Japan; letters re the engagement, wedding and honeymoon; letters of Gordon Jones (primarily) and Clara, 1906-1944, primarily to family members dealing with the trip to China, details of life upon arrival and thereafter; typescript copies of "form letters" describing his journey from China to Canada via Manchuria, Siberia, and Germany; typescript of "form letters" describing air raids on Chungking from May 3, 1939 to September 1, 1941; letters of Clara Jones, 1916; poem, 1919; photograph of 1928 West China Mission Council; correspondence of Gordon Jones to Clara Jones while he was overseas with the Chinese Labour Corps, 1917-1919; correspondence of Clara Jones to Gordon Jones, 1917-1918; diary of Gordon Jones, 1920; reports, 'With the Chinese on the Western Front', 'With the Chinese Labour Corps in France'; Report of the Kukong Wartime Relief Committee, 1942; letter and handbook of the Chungking International Women's Club, 1941-1942; programme and notes for dedication of a plaque to Gordon Jones at Brant Avenue United Church, 1954; annotations by Eleanor MacGregor on her father's 1917 correspondence, 1988.

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	3-7	Notes on Gordon Jones' trip from Ichang to Chungking by houseboat	1920
	3-8	Programme and notes for dedication of a plaque to Gordon Jones at Brant Avenue United Church, Brantford	1954
	3-9	Annotations on Gordon Jones letters by Eleanor MacGregor (Gordon and Clara Jones' daughter)	1988

SERIES 2: PHOTOGRAPHS. –[ca.1897]-1937. –73 photographs.

Series contains photographs of the Jones' family, Gordon R. Jones' time served with the Chinese Labour Corps, and the family's missionary work in China, [ca. 1897]-1937.

See AtoM for item level descriptions of photographs.

SERIES 3: MAPS. –1928-1933. –2 maps.

Series contains two maps of Chongqing where the Jones family served as missionaries, 1928-1933. The 1933 map includes an index to city references and east foreshore references, motor roads in red, and list of air raid bombs and dates, 1938 to 1939.

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