

Jones Fund for the Support of the Poor Collection

A finding aid to the records of the Jones Institute and Jones Manor on the Sound
at the Oyster Bay Historical Society

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Collection Summary

Title: Jones Manor on the Sound Collection

ID No.: 16.726

Creator: Jones Fund for the Support of the Poor

Extent: 2 archival record storage cartons; including printed, typeset, handwritten materials and photographs; 1 oversized box with institute registers and oversized photographs; 3.22 linear feet.

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Oyster Bay Historical Society, Oyster Bay, New York

Abstract: Administrative records, deeds and assignments of mortgages, correspondence, photographs, Citations and Proclamations, property records, receipts, invoices, insurance policies, registers.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Historical Society's online catalog. They are grouped by subject and listed alphabetically therein. This organization was known by various names during its long history, which include the following:
Oyster Bay and North Hempstead Town Almshouse

Jones Institute

Jones Manor

Jones Manor on the Sound

Subjects

Almshouses--New York (State)—History

Elderly poor

Quakers--New York (State)--Long Island--History--19th century

Historical Information:

In 1836, the will of Quaker Samuel Jones (a former Chancellor of the State of New York and resident of Oyster Bay) directed that a testamentary trust of thirty-thousand dollars be established for the support of the poor of the towns of Oyster Bay and North Hempstead, New York. Five trustees were appointed to oversee “The Jones Fund for the Support of the Poor,” and establish a residence for the indigent citizens of the towns.

For the first seventy-four years of the Jones Fund's history, the interest from the bequeathed sum was used to operate and maintain a residential farm facility known as the Oyster Bay and North Hempstead Town Almshouse in Brookville, New York. In 1914, the trustees of the Jones Fund moved the facility to a new and more modern location in Hicksville, New York. The Hicksville site was known as the Jones Institute and was in operation from 1914 to 1980. During the early years of operation, the residents were commonly referred to as inmates and those able to work farmed the properties to help sustain the facilities.

In addition to income from Jones Fund investments, funding for the Hicksville location was also derived from Social Security payments from the residents and a supplement provided by the Nassau County Department of Social Services (DSS). In 1974, residents began receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) after it was determined that the Nassau County Department of Social Services could no longer provide the necessary funding. The sale of a portion of the Hicksville property became necessary to close the deficit between operating costs and income. The Jones Institute was closed in 1980, the remainder of the Hicksville property was sold, and the residents were placed elsewhere.

In 1982, with the proceeds from the sale of the Hicksville location, the trustees purchased Tarytown Manor in Bayville, New York. After substantial renovation of the building, it was renamed Jones Manor on the Sound and used to accommodate forty-six residents. Jones Manor on the Sound ceased operations in 2015.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The Jones Manor on the Sound Collection was gifted to the Oyster Bay Historical Society by Jones Manor on the Sound in 2015.

Processing History:

The Jones Manor on the Sound Collection was received in 2015, and arranged and described in 2016.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished records of the Jones Manor on the Sound Collection is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C).

Access and Restrictions:

The Jones Manor on the Sound Collection is open to research.

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, folder number, Jones Manor on the Sound Collection courtesy of the Oyster Bay Historical Society, Oyster Bay, New York.

Scope and Content

This collection documents the establishment of the Jones Fund for the Poor and subsequent founding of residences for indigent citizens of the towns of Oyster Bay and North Hempstead, New York. It spans the years 1835 to 2006, and chronicles changes in location on Long Island, New York including Brookville, Hicksville, and Bayville. Contains financial records, photographs, newspaper articles, Trustee correspondence, Citations and Proclamations, property records, building plans, deeds and assignments of mortgages, title searches, affidavits, judgements, invoices, receipts, and registers. There are many gaps in the documentation.

Arrangement of the Records

As there was no original order to these records at the time of accession, this collection has been grouped by similar content or function, and arranged chronologically.

Container List

Description Trustee correspondence, Treasurer records, financial records, Advisory Board lists, property surveys and records, building plans, deeds and assignments of mortgages, title searches and notes, insurance policies, budgets, invoices, receipts, inventories, photographs, newspaper articles, histories, Citations and Proclamations, affidavits of unwed mothers, judgements, inmate writings, almshouse/ institute registers of inmates with indexes. Many gaps of documentation throughout.

Container

Box 1	Folder 1:	Loose Photographs I
	Folder 2:	Loose Photographs II
	Folder 3:	History of Jones Manor
	Folder 4:	Jones Family Genealogy
	Folder 5:	Jones Family Crest (lithograph)
	Folder 6:	Copy of Samuel Jones' Will and transcript
	Folder 7:	Records and Plans for Brookville location 1836-1914
	Folder 8:	Records of the Treasurer 1845-1861
	Folder 9:	Early management documents
	Folder 10:	Correspondence- Trustee Activity 1841-1897
	Folder 11:	Inventories 1880-1912
	Folder 12:	Letter between John Ketchum and William Hewlett 1837
	Folder 13:	Letters to Town Supervisor 1868
	Folder 14:	New York State Acts of Assembly 1866, 1867
	Folder 15:	Documents of North Hempstead Almshouse Occupants c.1840
	Folder 16:	Court judgements
	Folder 17:	Invoices for Department of City Works 1878, 1880
	Folder 18:	Bonds 1839-1880

Folder 19: Financial Agreements 1842-1970
Folder 20: Mortgage Assignments 1838-1897
Folder 21: Terms and Contracts of Sale 1840-1911
Folder 22: Title Searches/ Abstracts 1835-1902
Folder 23: Title Search notes
Folder 24: Records of Monfort property
Folder 25: Records of McCloskey property (dispute) 1839-1843
Folder 26: Records of Betts property (dispute) 1861-1879
Folder 27: Records of Bruns property (foreclosure) 1880
Folder 28: Records of Connolly property (foreclosure) 1880
Folder 29: Records of Roth property (dispute) 1883
Folder 30: New York State Board of Charities report, 1912
Folder 31: Referee's Deeds 1918-1937
Folder 32: Records regarding 1880 census
Folder 33: Receipts Miscellaneous- Property/ Taxes
Folder 34: Coal estimates 1883
Folder 35: Certificate of Citizenship of Joachem H.M. Gaieck 1892
Folder 36: Affidavits of unwed mothers 1895-1897
Folder 37: Judgement against Lillie Nelson 1906
Folder 38: Receipts from Trustees to Henry W. Underhill 1909-1912,
1915-1917

Folder 39: Correspondence 1908-1914
Folder 40: Correspondence January 1915-May 1915
Folder 41: Correspondence June 1915-July 1915
Folder 42: Correspondence August 1915-December 1915
Folder 43: Correspondence 1916-1918
Folder 44: Receipts Miscellaneous- Services 1910-1911
Folder 45: Invoices Miscellaneous 1881-1912
Folder 46: Invoices Miscellaneous 1915
Folder 47: Invoices Miscellaneous 1916-1917
Folder 48: Invoices of Dr. Mann (Physician) 1908-1915
Folder 49: Invoices of James Edward Downing (Attorney) 1909-1911
Folder 50: Invoices of F.J. and K. O'brien (Real Estate and Insurance)
1909-1911

Folder 51: Invoices of Charles Snedeker (Grocer) 1909-1912
Folder 52: Invoices of J. Van Sise (Butcher) 1909-1915
Folder 53: Invoices of Richard Downing Jr. (Landscape) 1909-1915
Folder 54: Invoices of Thomas E. Baldwin (Plumbing and Heating)
1909-1915

Folder 55: Invoices of Schroeder and Meyerdierks (Grocers) 1910-1912
Folder 56: Invoices for B. H. Powers (Sanitation) 1910
Folder 57: Invoices of A.J. and E.N. Hutchinson (Coal and Gas) 1911-1915
Folder 58: Invoices of Sammis Lumber Company 1911-1915
Folder 59: Invoices of Wilber F. Johnson (Furniture) 1911-1916
Folder 60: Invoices for New York Telephone Company 1911-1917
Folder 61: Invoices of Mullen and Buckley, Inc. (Furniture) 1915

Folder 62: Cancelled checks c. 1915
Folder 63: Invoices of Martin L. Brand (Mason) 1915-1916
Folder 64: Invoices of Nassau County Water Company 1915-1916
Folder 65: Invoices of George H. Van Wicklen (Blacksmith) 1915-1916
Folder 66: Invoices of Samuel J. Stammers (Architect) 1915-1916
Folder 67: Invoices of Joseph Funfgeld and Sons (Contractor) 1915-1916
Folder 68: Invoices of Henry F. Huettner (Furniture) 1915-1916
Folder 69: Invoices of William Braun (Butcher) 1915-1917
Folder 70: Invoices of Nassau Light and Power Company 1915-1917
Folder 71: Invoices of Westbury Coal Yard 1915-1917
Folder 72: Invoices of Meyerdierks and Waldron (Grocers) 1915-1917
Folder 73: Invoices of Griffin and Rushmore (Farm Supplies) 1915-1917
Folder 74: Invoices of Charles W. Raynor (Sanitary Plumber) c.1916
Folder 75: Invoices for Hick and Remsen (Grocers) 1916-1917
Folder 76: Invoices of Halleran Bros. (Blacksmith) 1916-1917

Box 2

Folder 1: Surety Bond of Stephen Belverd 1931
Folder 2: Bond with Citerella 1932
Folder 3: Records and Correspondence 1942
Folder 4: Miscellaneous Records 1945-1990
Folder 5: "Rules and Regulations" sign
Folder 6: Jones Institute letterhead (Hicksville)
Folder 7: Hicksville Property tax correspondence
Folder 8: Insurance Claim 1973
Folder 9: Bureau of Government Donated Foods/ Receipts 1974-1983
Folder 10: Property Surveys 1972-1975
Folder 11: Cost Study for new building addition
Folder 12: Sale to King Kullen Grocery 1981
Folder 13: Correspondence/ Records regarding site locations 1980-1983
Folder 14: Correspondence regarding Hiller Trust 1984
Folder 15: Seeking New Locations 1980-1982
Folder 16: History of Bayville
Folder 17: Brochure for The Renaissance, aka Callendar House- Bayville
Folder 18: Jones Manor- Bayville location
Folder 19: Budgets 1971, 1973
Folder 20: Bank books and statements c.1982
Folder 21: Bank Statements 1983
Folder 22: Advisory Board Lists/ Correspondence 1993-2000
Folder 23: Correspondence 1995-1999
Folder 24: Insurance Policy 1990-1991
Folder 25: Insurance Policy 1993-1994
Folder 26: Property Appraisal Reports 1969, 1974, 1980
Folder 27: Poetry book titled "Lace" 1979
Folder 28: Proclamations and Citations
Folder 29: Newspaper articles (facsimile) 1966-2006

Folder 30: Record of Inmates (register) 1914-1954

Oversize 1:

2 photographs, undated

Register of Oyster Bay and North Hempstead Town Almshouse/ Jones
Institute Inmates, 1894-1916

Register of Oyster Bay and North Hempstead Town Almshouse/ Jones
Institute Inmates, 1913-1943