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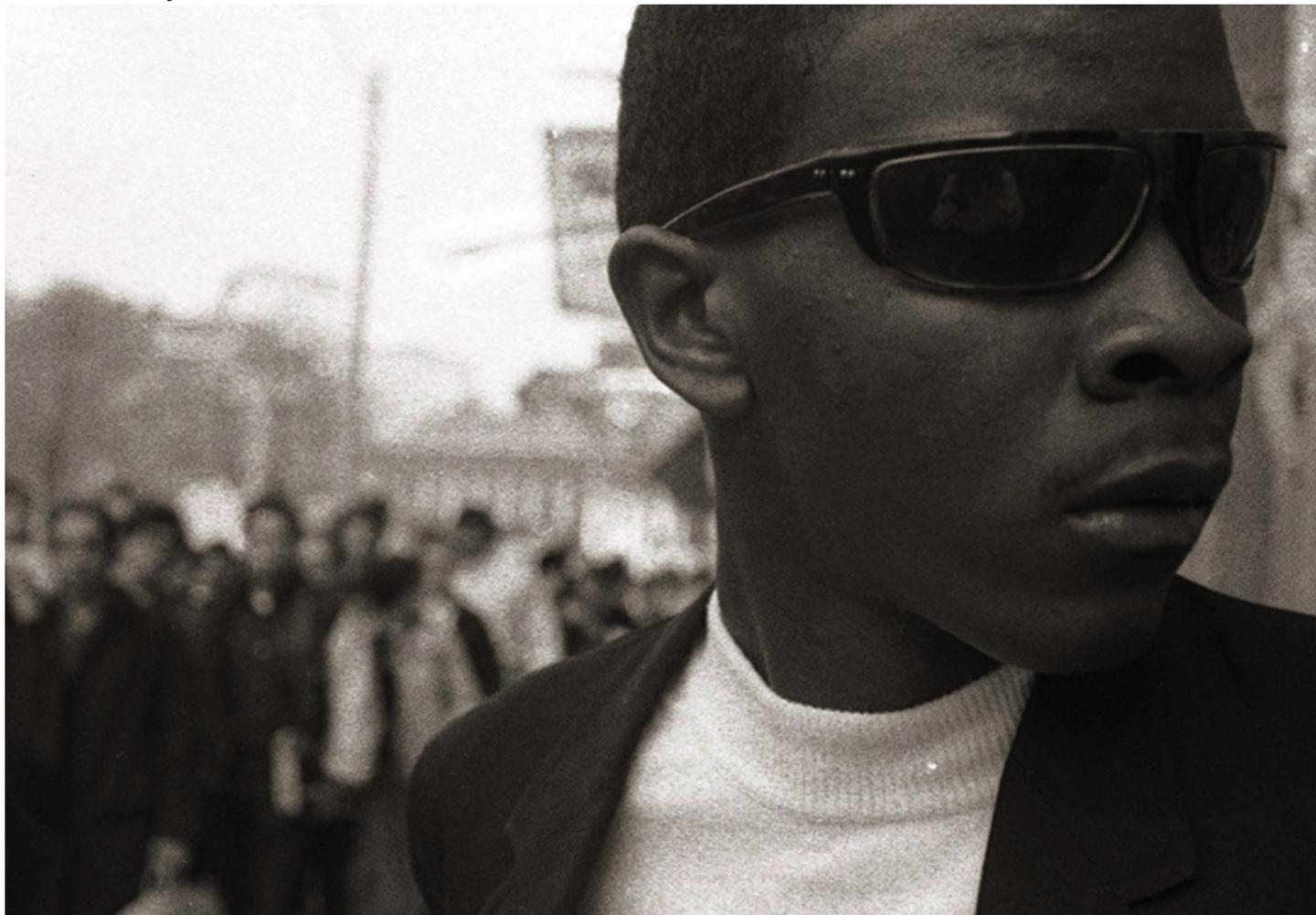
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Gerald Denison Jones Papers

1897-1968 (*Bulk:* 1897-1926)

2 boxes (1.0 linear feet)

Call no.: RG 050 J6647



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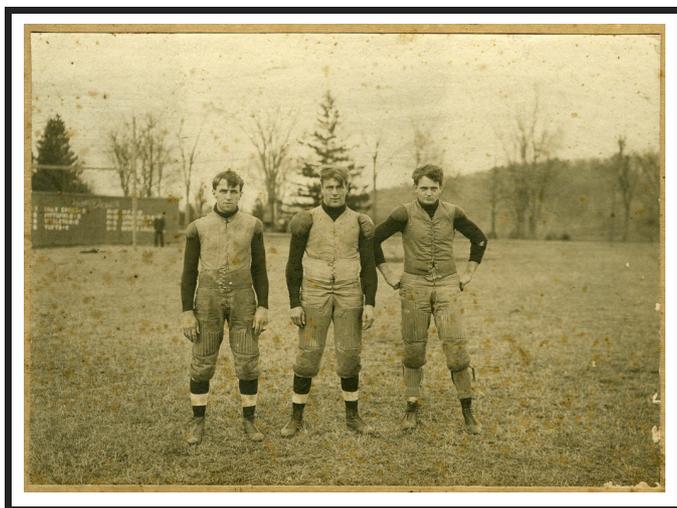
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Background on Gerald Denison Jones

Born in Hansport, Nova Scotia, on August 24, 1878, Gerald Denison Jones graduated from the Framingham High School and Academy (1899) before entering the Massachusetts Agricultural College with the class of 1903. Known by his peers for his wit, "Gerry" Jones was an active presence on campus as class Secretary and Treasurer and as a member of the QTV Fraternity, the staff of the *Index*, and the class football and baseball teams, and he later served as agent for his class.

Shortly after graduation, Jones began work as a foreman on a local onion farm owned by Walter D. Cowls, soon becoming his superintendent of trucking. In June 1907, he married Cowls' daughter Sarah, and thereafter joined his father-in-law in his various enterprises, which included substantial lumbering, farming, and realty interests. Jones became a well-respected figure in the Amherst community, serving on the board of investment for the Amherst Savings Bank during the mid-1930s and as a representative to the General Court from Hampshire County. Active in civic and church affairs, he supported both St. Andrews Episcopal Church in North Amherst and the North Congregational Church for many years and was a member of the Pacific Masonic Lodge in Amherst. At the time of his death on April 21, 1968, Jones was president of W.D. Cowls, Inc.



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The collection also includes two photographs, the first of what appears to be an early student protest (apparently opposing the "PUT bill") and the second depicting three members of the football team from the class of 1905; brief class notes from courses taken by Jones in 1903 on entomology (presumably taught by Charles Fernald) and physiological botany; and some banners, bunting, and other fabric signs, possibly related to an early reunion of the Class of 1903.

Inventory

Associate Alumni of the Massachusetts Agricultural College: letter to class secretaries

1926 Apr. 14

Box 1: 1

Jones, Gerald Denison: biographical information

1903-1968

Box 1: 2

Jones, Gerald Denison: class notes for entomology and experiments in physiological botany

1903

2 items

Box 1: 3

Jones, Gerald Denison: personal accounts

1897

Box 1: 4

Manual of Arms Adapted to the Springfield Rifle, Caliber .45 and to the Magazine Rifle, Caliber .30. New York: Army and Navy Journal

1897

Box 1: 5

Massachusetts Agricultural College Class of 1903 25th Reunion Program

1923 June 8-10

Box 1: 6

Massachusetts Agricultural College Class of 1903 Record book

1899-1903

Box 1: 7

Massachusetts Agricultural College Class of 1903: *History of the Class of 1903 Prepared for Their First Reunion* [Amherst, Mass.]

1906

Box 1: 8

Massachusetts Agricultural College ephemera: Commencement program 1903; Senior banquet menu, 1903; Senior Promenade dance card, 1903; Commencement program 1916

1903-1916

4 items

Box 1: 9

Massachusetts Agricultural College: First Annual Foot-ball Banquet menu

1902 Jan. 24

Box 1: 10

Massachusetts Collegian, vol 26: 1 and vol. 28:18

1915, 1918

2 issues

Box 1: 11

Photographs

1903

2 items

Box 1: 12

Student protest (?) with pickets

ca.1903



Chet Whitaker, Bill Munson, Chick Lewis (football players)

ca.1903



Reserve Officer Training Corps Horse Show: Fifth Annual Spring Horse Show Program (1926) and ROTC Horse Show Ribbon (1928)

1926-1928

2 items

Box 1: 13

Patriotic bunting

ca.1903

3 items

Box 1

"1903 Headquarters": large banner, possibly from a later reunion

ca.1903

Box 2

"'03" bibs: possibly from a later reunion

ca.1903

11 items

Box 2

Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

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Subjects

Demonstrations--Massachusetts--Amherst--Photographs.

Football--Photographs.

Lewis, Clarence Waterman.

Massachusetts Agricultural College--Alumni.

Massachusetts Agricultural College--Students.

Munson, Willard Anson.

Whitaker, Chester Leland.

Contributors

Jones, Gerald Denison [main entry]

Genres and formats

Banners.

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Menus.

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