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Title: Jennings and Rebecca Jones Papers

Dates: 1950-1977

Creator: Jennings Jones

Summary/Abstract: These are the papers of former Murfreesboro Mayor and community activist Jennings Jones and his wife Rebecca. These papers document Jones's mayoral tenure and his community activities. Of particular interest are the photographs and materials related to General Douglas MacArthur's 1951 visit to the city of Murfreesboro. MacArthur's wife, Jean Faircloth MacArthur, had been a resident of Murfreesboro prior to her marriage.

Quantity/Physical Description: Approximately 1 linear foot

Language(s): English

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Restrictions on Access: None

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Arrangement: These papers are arranged into five series: Correspondence, Newspaper Clippings, Civic Service, Photographs and Ephemera. The first four series encompass one folder each, while the final series makes up the collection's second box.

Biographical Note: Jennings and Rebecca Jones have been community activists and staunch supporters of MTSU for many years. Jennings Jones, a successful businessman, is well-known for his visionary leadership in civic affairs. MTSU's School of Business now bears his name.

Scope and Content: The Jennings and Rebecca Jones Collection contains an oral history detailing the events of the Jones's lives, including memories of World War II, recollections of Murfreesboro's earliest urban planning commission, and reflections on the many civic projects to which the couple have devoted their time and resources. The collection also includes scrapbooks and photographs from General Douglas MacArthur's visit to Murfreesboro in 1951, when Jennings Jones was serving as mayor.

Related Collections: None.

Subject Terms

Persons

Jennings Jones
Rebecca Jones
General Douglas MacArthur
Jean Faircloth MacArthur

Places

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Subjects (General)

Mayors
Elected officials
World War II
Urban planning

Material Types

Photographs
Clippings
Correspondence
Printed Materials
Newsletters
Scrapbook
Coins

Collection Inventory:

Box	Folder	Series	Description of Contents
1	1	Newspaper Clippings	series contains both personal and public service items apparently from the 1950s; most are undated
1	2	Correspondence	Series dates from 23 April 1951 to 5 October 1960, with writers ranging from Jean Faircloth MacArthur to the District Director of Boy Scouts
1	3	Civic Service	printed bulletins, newsletters, and correspondence, including a 1960 speech given by Mr. Jones regarding planned urban growth. Mayoral speeches, Rotary Bulletin, and Kiwanis Club speaker appreciation certificate
1	4	Photographs	Most relate to General Douglas MacArthur's 1951 visit to Murfreesboro and were taken by a professional photographer from Life Magazine
2	0	Ephemera	Three foreign coins collected from the Jones' travels and a scrapbook of primarily newspaper clippings of Mr. Jones' mayoral term