

INVENTORY TO THE  
REUBEN JONES PAPERS, 1841-1885

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## I. Biographical Sketch

Southern Baptist minister from Virginia. Born in Isle of Wight, VA in 1808. He served as a Methodist circuit rider in Western Tennessee and then as pastor of the Churchland Baptist Church in Norfolk County, VA. Elected as vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1885. On August 24, 1882 he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. He died on December 9, 1885 and buried at the Churchland Baptist Church cemetery between Suffolk and Portsmouth, Virginia. Jones had served as pastor at the Churchland Baptist Church.<sup>1</sup>

## II. Description

Collection consists of 33 documents, mostly correspondence to family members. Letters relate to family news, church events, and war activities during the Civil War. Also includes ordination certificate, a marriage certificate and letters from the Shoulders Hill Baptist Church to the Portsmouth Baptist Association in Virginia. Includes letters to his first wife Lanetta and his second wife Susan Deans.

### Folder 1

1841, November 7. Ministerial credentials granted from State of Virginia (portion of document)

### Folder 2

1844, Feb. 11. Letter to his wife, Mrs. Lanetta C. Jones, Suffolk, VA

1845, October. Letter to his wife, Mrs. Lanetta C. Jones, Suffolk, VA

### Folder 3

1846, May 22. Shoulders Hill Baptist Church, letter to Portsmouth Baptist Association, Tucker Springs, VA

### Folder 4

1847, July 30. Letter to his wife. He notes that "I am quite lonely, but find good company in my library." Notes in letter that Gen. Houston is in Huntsville.

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<sup>1</sup> George Braxton Taylor. *Virginia Baptist Ministers, Fourth Series* (Lynchburg, VA : J. P. Bell Company, Inc.), p. 11-12.

1848, April 22. Letter to his wife. Written from Grimes County, TX. Discusses his visit with family and preaching opportunities.

1848, April 26. Letter to his wife. Written from Huntsville, TX. Discusses his visit with family, preaching opportunities and homesickness.

#### Folder 5

1854. Marriage certificate handwritten form used by Jones.

#### Folder 6

1856, August 12. Letter to Susan Dean, concerning his romantic intentions. (Jones' wife Lanetta had died).

1856, September 13. Letter to Susan Dean, concerning his romantic intentions.

#### Folder 7

1857-1859. Correspondence to his wife (Susan Jones)

#### Folder 8

1860, May 23. Letter from the Shoulders Hill Baptist Church to the Portsmouth Baptist Association, Virginia.

1861, October 2. Letter from the Shoulders Hill Baptist Church to the Portsmouth Baptist Association, Virginia.

#### Folder 9

1861. Three wartime letters to his wife Susan Jones. The letter describes war news about battles in Virginia.

#### Folder 10

Correspondence to family, 1876-1885 and undated letters.