

Horatio Jones III (1806-1863)
Papers
A Finding Aid

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I. Collection Summary

Title	Horatio Jones III (1806-1863) Papers
Collection Titles	Horatio Jones III Papers 1 (C141); Horatio Jones III Papers 2 (C121)
Collection Nos.	C141 and C121
Accession No.	2820
Extent	1 linear foot
Date Range	1822-1862 (bulk 1836-1857)
Abstract	This record group comprises two collections of correspondence sent to Horatio Jones III (1806-1863) of Leicester, Livingston County, New York. As a postmaster for the village of Moscow (later renamed Leicester) and a justice of the peace for many years, the papers relate to matters of the postal system such as dead letters, accounting, subscriptions, and other general business. There are also assorted judgements, executions, bills, and receipts relating to his service as justice of the peace. Some correspondence relates to land matters, including deeds and tax payments in the Midwest with Ogden & Jones, land agents. There are a few scattered letters to Horatio Jones III from family, including from his siblings John Hunter Jones, Jr., William C. Jones, Maretta Jones, and George W. Jones, and a cousin, Dick C. Jones.
Condition and Arrangement	Documents in this collection are in good condition, with normal wear and aging. They are arranged chronologically and, where applicable, by correspondent or subject.
Languages	English.
Access and Restrictions	Use of the documents in the collection is for serious research and by request and permission of the Livingston County Historian's Office. Any use of the material in publications must be cited as follows, "Courtesy of Livingston County Historian's Office, New York." Additionally, all documents should be handled with care. To arrange to conduct research with the documents in the collection, contact the Livingston County Historian by mail at: 5 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY, by phone at (585) 243-7955, or by e-mail at Historian@livingstoncountyny.gov .
Copyright	There are no items subject to copyright.

II. Biographical and Background Information

Horatio Jones III was the fourth son of Judge John Hunter Jones and Harriet “Kate” or “Caty” Ewing, and was born about 1806 in Leicester, where he spent all his life. He was sometimes called Horace by friends, and was a nephew of Capt. Horatio Jones, the well-known interpreter for the Six Nations of the Iroquois. The interpreter was John H. Jones’ elder brother, and the men settled in the Genesee Valley when it was still a frontier. John Hunter Jones was made the judge of what was then Genesee County, and continued in that position after Livingston County had formed around him in 1821, serving until disqualified by age. He continued to live in Leicester until his death on January 4, 1856, at age 85.

Horatio Jones III served as the postmaster at Moscow, now the village of Leicester, as early as 1829 to about the 1850s, and was a Justice of the Peace for many years as well. He served as Town Clerk in Leicester in 1845. He also was an assistant judge in the county at one time and was well respected in his community for good and frank counsel. One of his brothers was named John Hunter Jones after their father.

He was married to Clarinda, daughter of Gideon T. and Sarah Jenkins, also early residents of Leicester. Gideon kept a hotel in a home in which the widow Clarinda Jones lived after the death of Horatio in 1863. She died in 1891. One of their children, Mary Ann, never married and passed away in 1911.

The Horatio Jones III Papers Collection 1 was donated to the Livingston County Historian’s Office by Mrs. Arthur Starr of Leicester in 1968; it is not known how she came into possession of the correspondence.

Most of the Horatio Jones III Papers Collection 2 was donated to the Livingston County Historian’s Office in December 2013 by the Leicester Town Historian, Thomas Roffe. A second portion of letters in the Collection 2, currently held in the possession of the Leicester Town Historian, was donated to the County Historian in digitized form in May 2015. These are letters to Horatio Jones III from friends, siblings, relatives, and others and concern similar subjects to those found in both hard-copy collections. These letters have been digitized and are stored in digital form at the Livingston County Historian’s Office.

III. Contents List

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Box 1	Folder 4	Collection 2, correspondence to Horatio Jones III, 1822-1833
Box 1	Folder 5	Collection 2, correspondence to Horatio Jones III, 1836, 1839-1840
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Box 3	Folder 1	Collection 2, correspondence to Horatio Jones III, 1830-1857
Box 3	Folder 2	Collection 2, correspondence to Horatio Jones III, 1830-1862

IV. Related Materials

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- 1) Jones family correspondence file – genealogical materials
- 2) Jones family file originals – letters, genealogical materials, biographies