

**Reference code:** GB 0214 D532

**Title:** Jones Family of Canton Papers

**Dates :** 1894-2001, 2008

**Level of description:** Fonds

**Extent and medium:** 0.1 cubic metres (5 boxes)

**Name of creator(s):** Jones Family

### **Administrative/biographical history**

The Jones family were residents of Preswlfya Street, Canton. Mr David Jones was a "practical tailor" and local preacher. He and his wife Emma (nee Marsh), had two sons, Trevor David (1908-1984) and Arthur Vincent ("Vince") (Nov 1916-Jan 2001).

Vince was born in Canton and educated at Canton Intermediate School. He married Beatrice ("Beatty") Mary Owen (?-1994) in 1941, and together they had one son, Bryan (Sep 1943-Feb 1996). During World War II, Vince served with the Meteorological Office at various RAF airfields, and following the War he worked for the Woolwich Company in Cardiff for 40 years before retiring. He also became a prominent figure in St John's Church, Canton, after the War, where he was a licenced reader and secretary of the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

Vince's son Bryan suffered ill-health as a child and was never formally employed at any time in his life. He was, however, much involved in voluntary work in the community, particularly at St John's Church, where he made use of his abilities in drawing and calligraphy. His interest in local history led to his involvement in the staging of exhibitions at Canton Library and ultimately to his book, "Canton" (Chalford Publishing, 1995), part of the Archive Photograph Series. Bryan also assisted Doreen Woodford in the compilation of a study on the Llandaff Deaf and Dumb School.

Bryan introduced his father to the study of local history and after his son's death, Vince began work on a sequel to Bryan's Canton book; however, Vince died before this could be completed.

### **Archival history**

After the death of Vince Jones, his papers were sorted and arranged by Dr DA Bassett, a family friend. Dr Bassett added material relating to Vince's death and biographical details of the Jones family; as well as reinstating copies of certain papers provided to him by Mr Jones where the originals were no longer present.

### **Immediate source of acquisition**

Deposited in February 2008 by Dr Bassett.

### **Scope and content**

The collection consists largely of historical notes and photographs relating to the history of Canton in Cardiff, researched and compiled by Bryan Jones for the book "Canton" (Chalford Publishing, 1995) and by Vince Jones in preparation for a second volume, never completed due to his death. The collection also includes personal photographs and papers of the Jones family, as well as material reflecting Vince Jones' involvement with St John's Church, Canton, including papers relating to his role on the PCC, an inventory of the church and notes on its history.

### **Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information**

All records which meet the collection policy of the Glamorgan Record Office have been retained; the collection requires appraisal and more detailed listing.

### **Accruals**

Accruals are not expected.

### **System of arrangement**

As received.

### **Conditions governing access**

Items containing information on named individuals may be restricted in accordance with the Data Protection Act and Record Office policy.

### **Conditions governing reproduction**

Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

### **Language/scripts of material**

English

### **Physical characteristics and technical requirements**

Good condition

### **Finding aids**

Detailed list in preparation, box-list available.

### **Existence and location of originals**

Not applicable.

### **Existence and location of copies**

Not applicable.

### **Related units of description**

Not applicable.

### **Publication note**

Parts of the collection were published in "Canton" by Bryan Jones (Chalford Publishing, 1995).

### **Archivist's note**

Compiled by Geoff Edwards for the Glamorgan Record Office.

**Rules or conventions**

This description follows Glamorgan Record Office guidelines based on ISAD(G) compatible cataloguing guidelines for fonds level descriptions used by the Archives Network Wales.

**Date of description**

27 Mar 2008