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Descriptive Summary

Identifier: ICU.SPCL.JONESEM

Title: Jones, Ella May. Papers

Date: 1902-1938

Size: 3.5 linear feet (5 boxes)

Repository: Special Collections Research Center
University of Chicago Library
1100 East 57th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract: Ella May Jones (circa 1884-1975), teacher. The collection comprises diaries, certificates, and other personal items documenting Jones life and career.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Jones, Ella May. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

Ella May Jones was born in Indiana in around 1884. She graduated from the Hyde Park High School in 1902 and then moved on to study at the University of Chicago. She received her associate’s degree in 1904 and her baccalaureate in 1906, both in philosophy. Following her graduation, Jones stayed in the Chicago area to begin a career in secondary education. She received several teacher’s certificates that permitted her to teach in the Chicago Public School system. She lived in Hyde Park for the rest of her life. Upon her death in 1975, she was laid to rest in the First Unitarian Church Crypt in Chicago.

Scope Note

The majority of the collection comprises 17 diaries that chronicled the daily life and activities of Ella May Jones from 1922-1938. It also contains various teacher’s certificates issued by the City of Chicago that allowed her to teach high school in the Chicago area. The rest of the collection contains a folder with 6 unidentified photographs of a woman in an envelope marked “A.H.M.” and a University of Chicago convocation program dated to June of 1906, a passport issued in 1928, a notebook detailing Jones’s bird-watcher’s excursions from 1930-1938, two travel journals recording trips throughout Europe and the Middle East, and an address book.
This collection was formerly cataloged as codex manuscript 1084.

**Subject Headings**

- Jones, Ella May
- University of Chicago -- Students
- Teachers -- Illinois -- Chicago
- Diaries

**INVENTORY**

**Box 1**

**Folder 1**

Folder of photographs inside an envelope marked “A.M.H.”; Convocation Program, June 12, 1906

**Box 1**

**Folder 2**

Passport, 1928

**Box 1**

**Folder 3**

“My Trip Abroad”, volume 1

**Box 1**

**Folder 4**

“My Trip Abroad”, volume 2

**Box 1**

**Folder 5**

Bird-watching excursions notebook, 1930-1938

**Box 1**

**Folder 6**

Diary, 1922

**Box 1**

**Folder 7**

Diary, 1923

**Box 2**

**Folder 1**

Diary, 1924

**Box 2**

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Diary, 1925

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Diary, 1926

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**Folder 4**

Diary, 1927

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Box 3
Folder 3
   Diary, 1932
Box 3
Folder 4
   Diary, 1933
Box 3
Folder 5
   Diary, 1934
Box 4
Folder 1
   Diary, 1935
Box 4
Folder 2
   Diary, 1936
Box 4
Folder 3
   Diary, 1937
Box 4
Folder 4
   Diary, 1938
Box 4
Folder 5
   Address book, no earlier than 1929
Box 5
Folder 1
   Palmer Method of Business Writing, Teacher’s Certificate, May 1911; Teacher’s Certificate, City of Chicago, October 1922
Box 5
Folder 2
   Diploma, Associate in Philosophy, U of C, December 1904; Teacher’s Certificate, City of Chicago, October 1911
Box 5
Folder 3
Diploma, Hyde Park High School, June 1902; Diploma, BA in Philosophy, U of C, June 1906