



# Guide to the Charles Colcock Jones Papers, 1757-1926

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Charles Colcock Jones papers, 1757-1926

**Creator:**

Jones, Charles C. (Charles Colcock), 1831-1893

**Abstract:**

Jones was a lawyer, collector, Confederate soldier and historian from Savannah, GA. Collection includes correspondence, journals, commonplace books, lecture notes, scrapbooks, autograph albums and other papers. The material ranges in date from 1757-1926.

**Extent:**

4.5 Linear Feet  
approx. 920 Items

**Language:**

Material in English

**Collection ID:**

RL.00642

**Permalink:**

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**Preferred Citation**

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## Background

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**Scope and Content**

The collections contains correspondence, journals, commonplace books, lecture notes on literature, natural philosophy, and physics, scrapbooks, addresses, autograph albums, and other papers, many dealing with the collecting of historical materials. Many letters from famous literary and civic figures are in acknowledgment of copies of Jones' books. Other subjects include Washington's Indian policy; hardships of travel to and life in California in the mid-19th

century; Union volunteer generals of foreign birth; numbers of troops furnished to the U.S. Army by certain states (1861-1865); campaigns, battles, and conditions during the Civil War; manufacturing in Georgia; militia in Chatham Co., Ga., during the Revolution; slavery; and abolitionists. Includes records of the Harvard Law School Moot Court, and the manuscript texts of Jones' *The History of Georgia* (1883) and of *The History of the Church of God* (1867) by Jones' father, Charles Colcock Jones. There are also two manuscript maps with information on the Battle of Savannah (29 Dec. 1778) drawn by Jones for his books *Siege of Savannah* and *The Life and Services of the Honorable Maj. Gen. Samuel Elbert, of Georgia*.

## **Biographical/Historical**

Charles Colcock Jones, Jr. was born October 28, 1831 in Savannah, GA to a Presbyterian Minister. He graduated from Princeton University in 1852 and received a law degree from Harvard University in 1855. That same year, Jones returned to Savannah and was elected mayor in 1860. Jones served in the Confederate army during the Civil War and moved to New York City after the war to rebuild his lost fortune. In 1877, Jones returned to Georgia where he began to write and publish books about Georgia's history and collecting historical materials. He died in 1893.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Access Restrictions**

Collection is open for research.

### **Use Restrictions**

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the Regulations and Procedures of the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

### **Acquisition Information**

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### **Processing Information**

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Material**

Edgar G. Dawson Papers, 1845-1889 David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library; Duke University  
John Brown Gordon Papers, 1872-1949 (bulk 1877-1899) David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library; Duke University

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Campaigns
- Southern States -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783
- South Carolina -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783
- Savannah (Ga.) -- History -- 18th century
- Georgia -- History -- Revolution, 1775-1783
- California -- Description and travel
- Chatham County (Ga.) -- Militia
- Slavery -- United States
- Industries -- Georgia

- Historians -- Southern States
- Indians of North America -- Government relations -- 1789-1869
- Abolitionists -- United States
- United States. Army -- Officers
- Jones, Charles C. (Charles Colcock), 1831-1893
- Harvard Law School

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## Bibliography

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Penn, Neil S.. Charles Colcock Jones Jr., Georgia Archaeologist, Collector and Historian. Master's Thesis (Durham, NC: Duke University, 1958).

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## Collection Inventory

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### Correspondence Series, 1775-1907, undated

**Physical Description:** 3 boxes

Correspondence, 1775-1872	Box 1
Correspondence, 1873-1886	Box 2
Correspondence, 1887-1907, undated	Box 3

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### Clippings and Printed Material Series, 1760-1888

**Physical Description:** 1 box

Clippings, 1760-1888	Box 4
Printed Material, 1877-1886	Box 4

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### Addresses, Writings and Notes Series, 1807-1899, undated

**Physical Description: 5 boxes**

Addresses and Writings (Miscellany), 1807-1899, undated	Box 5
"Casimir Pulaski"	Box 5
"The Lovers of Ty-sing-pan"	Box 5
"Negro Myth from the Georgia Coast Told in the Vernacular"	Box 6
"Biographical Sketches of the Dellegates from Georgia to the Continental Congress"	Box 7
Volumes [?]	Box 7
Notes on the History of Georgia, 1730s-1770s	Box 8
Notes (Miscellany)	Box 8
Notes on the History of Georgia, 1780-1809	Box 9

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**Other Papers and Oversize Series, 1757-1891, undated**

**Physical Description: 1-2 boxes plus folders**

Legal papers, 1757-1883	Box 10
Financial papers, 1763-1891	Box 10
Military reports, 1863-1864	Box 10
Miscellany	Box 10
Pictures	Box 10
Volumes [?]	Box 10
Papers, 1764-1809 and manuscript maps of the Battle of Savannah (1778)	Oversize-folder 1
Military reports	Oversize-folder 2
Georgia Portfolio, II	Box 11

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## Volumes Series, 1850-1894

Address on Sergeant Jasper before Hibernian Society, 1881 Volume M-2005

**Physical Description:** 53 pages

**Scope and Contents note**

Augusta, Ga.

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"Ancient Monuments of the Etowah Valley," read before Georgia Historical Society-A series, 1864-1865 Volume L-2006

**Physical Description:** 79 pages

**Scope and Contents note**

Savannah, Georgia

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Autograph album used for classmates and professors at Princeton University, 1852 Volume M-2007

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Commonplace Book, 1852 Volume M-2008

**Physical Description:** 309 pages

**Scope and Contents note**

Nassua Hall, Princeton, New Jersey

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History of the Church of God (Vol. 1), 1854-1855 (online item available) Volume L-2010

**Physical Description:** 276 pages

**Digital Object:** [History of the Church of God \(Vol. 1\), 1854-1855](#)

**Scope and Contents note**

Augusta, Georgia

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History of the Church of God (Vol. 2), 1855-1856 (online item available) Volume L-2011

**Physical Description:** 592 pages

**Digital Object:** [History of the Church of God \(Vol. 2\), 1855-1856](#)

**Scope and Contents note**

Augusta, Georgia

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History of the Church of God (Vol. 3),  
1856-1860 (online item available)

Volume L-2012

**Physical Description:** 315 pages

**Digital Object:** [History of the Church of God \(Vol. 3\), 1856-1858](#)

**Scope and Contents note**

Augusta, Georgia

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History of the Church of God (Vol. 4),  
1856-1858 (online item available)

Volume L-2013

**Physical Description:** 290 pages

**Digital Object:** [History of the Church of God \(Vol. 4\), 1856-1858](#)

**Scope and Contents note**

Augusta, Georgia

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History of the Church of God (Vol. 5),  
1858-1860 (online item available)

Volume L-2014

**Physical Description:** 161 pages

**Digital Object:** [History of the Church of God \(Vol. 5\), 1858-1860](#)

**Scope and Contents note**

Augusta, Georgia

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History of Georgia, 1883, Vol. 1 Part 1

Volume F-2015

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History of Georgia (1883), Vol. 1, Part 2

Volume F-2016

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History of Georgia (1883), Vol. 2 Part 1

Volume F-2017

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History of Georgia (1883), Vol. 2, Part 2

Volume F-2018

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Journal, 1879 June 4-July 5

Volume S-2019

**Physical Description:** 150 pages

**Scope and Contents note**

Journal of a trip to Europe; description of journey from New York to Liverpool.

Journal, 1879 July 6-15	Volume S-2020
<b>Physical Description:</b> 125 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Journal of a trip to Europe; London and its vicinity.	
Journal, 1879 July 16- 26	Volume S-2021
<b>Physical Description:</b> 152 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Journal of a trip to Europe; Northern England and Scotland.	
Journal, 1879 July 27-Aug. 5	Volume S-2022
<b>Physical Description:</b> 152 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Journal of a trip to Europe; Scotland, Belgium, Germany.	
Journal, 1879 Aug. 16-17	Volume S-2023
<b>Physical Description:</b> 152 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Journal of a trip to Europe; Germany, Austria, Italy.	
Journal, 1879 Aug. 18-23	Volume S-2024
<b>Physical Description:</b> 151 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Journal of a trip to Europe; Italy, Switzerland.	
Journal, 1879 Aug. 24-Sept. 3	Volume S-2025
<b>Physical Description:</b> 121 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Journal of a trip to Europe; Switzerland, France.	
Journal, 1879 Sept. 4-16	Volume S-2026
<b>Physical Description:</b> 131 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Journal of a trip to Europe; France.	

Journal, 1879 Sept. 18-Oct. 15	Volume S-2027
<b>Physical Description:</b> 115 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Journal of a trip to Europe; France, England, Homeward.	
Lecture notes (Literature), 1850	Volume M-2028
<b>Physical Description:</b> 236 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Princeton University, New Jersey	
Lecture notes (Natural Philosophy), 1851	Volume L-2029
<b>Physical Description:</b> 300 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Princeton University, New Jersey	
Lecture notes (Physics), 1851	Volume L-2030
<b>Physical Description:</b> 400 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Princeton University, New Jersey	
Letter Press Copy Book, 1864	Volume M-2031
<b>Physical Description:</b> 500 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Savannah, Georgia	
Letter Press Copy Book, 1864-1867	Volume L-2032
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Letter Press Copy Book, 1867-1869	Volume L-2033
<b>Physical Description:</b> 974 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Wall Street, New York	

Letter Press Copy Book, 1869-1870	Volume L-2034
<b>Physical Description:</b> 951 pages	
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Letter Press Copy Book, 1870-1872	Volume L-2035
<b>Physical Description:</b> 994 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Wall Street, New York	
Letter Press Copy Book, 1872-1874	Volume L-2036
<b>Physical Description:</b> 999 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Wall Street, New York	
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<b>Physical Description:</b> 976 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
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Letter Press Copy Book, 1877-1878	Volume L-2039
<b>Physical Description:</b> 708 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
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Letter Press Copy Book, 1877-1881	Volume L-2040
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<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Augusta, Georgia	

Letter Press Copy Book, 1878-1880	Volume L-2041
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<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
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Letter Press Copy Book, 1880	Volume L-2042
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Letter Press Copy Book, 1881	Volume L-2043
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Letter Press Copy Book, 1881-1883	Volume L-2044
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Letter Press Copy Book, 1881-1883	Volume F-2045
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<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
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Letter Press Copy Book, 1883	Volume F-2046
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Augusta, Georgia	
Letter Press Copy Book, 1883-1884	Volume F-2047
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<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Augusta, Georgia	

Letter Press Copy Book, 1884-1885	Volume F-2048
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Letter Press Copy Book, 1884-1885	Volume F-2049
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Letter Press Copy Book, 1885-1886	Volume F-2050
<b>Physical Description:</b> 998 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Augusta, Georgia	
Letter Press Copy Book, 1885-1889	Volume F-2051
<b>Physical Description:</b> 697 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Augusta, Georgia	
Letter Press Copy Book, 1886	Volume F-2052
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<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Augusta, Georgia	
Letter Press Copy Book, 1886-1887	Volume F-2053
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Augusta, Georgia	
Letter Press Copy Book, 1887-1888	Volume F-2054
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<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Augusta, Georgia	

Letter Press Copy Book, 1888	Volume F-2055
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<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
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Letter Press Copy Book, 1889-1890	Volume F-2058
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<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
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Augusta, Georgia	

Letter Press Copy Book, 1891-1892	Volume F-2062
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Letter Press Copy Book, 1892-1893	Volume F-2063
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<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Augusta, Georgia	
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<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Augusta, Georgia	
Occasional Addresses, 1882-1883; newspaper clippings	Volume M-2066
<b>Physical Description:</b> 130 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Savannah, Georgia	
Records of Harvard Law School Moot Court, 1853-1854	Volume M-2067
<b>Physical Description:</b> 144 pages	
Scrapbook; Antiquities of Georgia, 1877-1878	Volume M-2068
<b>Physical Description:</b> 75 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Augusta, Georgia	
"The Private Soldier of the Present Revolution," 1864	Volume F-2069
<b>Physical Description:</b> 47 pages	
<b>Scope and Contents note</b>	
Savannah, Georgia	

Autograph letters and portraits of the signers  
of the Constitution of the Confederate States,  
collected by Charles Colcock Jones, Jr.

Volume ff-756

**Physical Description:** 151 pages

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Original roster of general officers, War Dept.-  
Adjutant General's office, [1861-1865?]

Volume ff-775

**Physical Description:** 65 pages

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