Guide to the Papers of
Lewis Wade Jones

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Collection Summary

Creator: Lewis Wade Jones (1910-79)
Title: Papers of Lewis Wade Jones
Dates: 1939-79
Quantity: 3.67 cubic feet
Identification: Abstract: Lewis W. Jones was a sociologist and educator at Tuskegee Institute from 1966 until his death in 1979. From 1941-42, Jones collaborated with Charles S. Johnson and John W. Work, III on the Archive of American Folk Song, a study documenting the folk culture of a specific community of African Americans in the Mississippi Delta region and conducted by the Library of Congress and Fisk University. He served as associate editor of the Negro Yearbook in 1952 and was director of the Tuskegee Institute Rural Development Center from 1966-79.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation
Papers of Lewis Wade Jones

Acquisition Information
Papers were acquired by the Tuskegee Archives following the death of Dr. Jones in 1979. Parts of the collection were received at different times over the course of 1979 as they were discovered.

Processing Information
The papers were received in sixteen 1/3 c.f. archival boxes. There is no evidence that original order had been preserved. It is apparent that Daniel T. Williams, Archivist at Tuskegee Institute, received these files and placed them in boxes according to an order that he determined. A copy of the box titles assigned by Mr. Williams, dated October 5, 1979, was found in one of the boxes during processing and was placed in the collection file for Lewis Wade Jones. During processing in 2003, metal fasteners were removed and the documents were placed in acid-free folders. Copies were made of newspaper clippings that had been taped or glued to paper. As no original order was apparent, an order was imposed and series were created according to the subject matter of the records. Original file names were preserved as they were found on the folders. Blank folders were assigned titles according to the contents of the original folder. These artificial titles are noted in the inventory with square brackets.

Index Terms

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Tuskegee University Libraries online catalog. Researchers seeking materials about related subjects, persons, organizations or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Subjects:
- Archive of American Folk Song
- Coahoma County, Mississippi
- Clarksdale, Mississippi
- Negro Yearbook
- Tuskegee Institute Rural Development Center
- Fort Valley Project

Persons:
- Lewis Wade Jones
- Charles Spurgeon Johnson
- John W. Work, III

Biography

Lewis Wade Jones was born March 13, 1910 in Cuero, Texas. He received his B.A. degree from Fisk University in 1931; an M.A. in 1939 and a Ph.D. in 1955 from Columbia University. Jones collaborated with Charles S. Johnson and John W. Work, III on the Archive of American Folk Song conducted by the Library of Congress and Fisk University from 1941-42. This study documented the folk culture of a specific community of African Americans in the Mississippi Delta region, specifically in Coahoma County, Mississippi. Jones followed this with the Fort Valley recordings in March 1943. Jones served three years in the United
States Army, completing his service as a reports analyst for the domestic branch of the Bureau of Special Services, Office of War Information. He served as associate editor of the Negro Yearbook in 1952. A prolific writer and speaker, Jones contributed to a variety of journals and spoke before audiences in a number of venues. Jones was a professor of sociology and director of the Tuskegee Institute Rural Development Center from 1966 until his death in September 1979.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of documents generated or received by Lewis Wade Jones while working as a professor at Tuskegee Institute and serving as director of the Tuskegee Institute Rural Development Center. The bulk of the records date between 1966 and 1979; with some dated as early as 1939. They include correspondence, newspaper clippings, articles, pamphlets and other miscellaneous documents. The records are potentially valuable to those interested in researching a history of sociological thought regarding the lives of rural African Americans, the history of Tuskegee Institute’s Rural Development Center, or the relationship between African American Colleges and other institutes of higher learning.

Arrangement

The documents are arranged into three series.

Series I: Personal Records and Correspondence, 1966-78
Series II: Research, Special Reports, Studies, and Publications, 1939-79
Series III: Community and other Organizations, Correspondence and Reports, 1942-79

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access

There are no restrictions on these papers.

Restrictions on Use

Researchers are responsible for addressing copyright issues on materials not in the public domain.
Inventory

Series I. Personal Records and Correspondence, 1966-78.

Box Folder

1 1 Lewis W. Jones (Vita)
1 3 The Essence of Lewis Wade Jones: The Making of a Black Sociologist – LDR (drafts)
1 4 Lewis Wade Jones – Bibliography (annotated)
1 5 Photographs; Jones, Lewis Wade (Polk photo)
1 6 Jones, Lewis Wade d. 9-19-79 [articles, correspondence]
1 7 Correspondence (General) 1967
1 8 Correspondence – Personal, Lewis W. Jones, 1968
1 9 Correspondence 1969
1 10 General Correspondence 1969
1 11 Correspondence 1970
1 12 General Correspondence 1973-74

Box Folder

2 1 Correspondence 1974
2 2 Correspondence
2 3 [Columbus Enquirer-Columbus Ledger, August 21, 1975]

Series II. Research, Special Reports, Studies and Publications, 1939-79.

Box Folder

2 4 File Guide: Project Outreach
2 5 [Queen E. Shootes – “Historical Sketch of Tuskegee Institute”]
2 6 [Articles and papers]
2 7 Lewis W. Jones – The Agent as a Factor in the Education of Negroes in the South
2 8 Pamphlets:
   “Informal Adoption in Black Families in Lowndes and Wilcox Counties, Alabama;” Jones, 1975
   “Demographic Study of Negroes in Alabama;” Jones
   “Demography of Disadvantage in Alabama;” Jones and Williamson, 1975
2 9 [Lewis W. Jones, Keynote Address, National Sharecroppers Fund Conference, 11-14-62]
Jones, Lewis “Twentieth Century Rural America”  
Jones, Lewis “Negro Youth in the South”

Box Folder

1. 1979 Report to the Carver Foundation Board on Soc. Sci. at Tuskegee
2. Health Needs Assessment in Five Counties of Alabama (Rough Draft) [2 folders]
3. Health Needs Assessment in Five Counties of Alabama (Rough Draft)
4. Informal Adoption [1974]
6. The Lazy Susan [1971]
9. National Center on Black Aged, Inc. 1424 K Street, NW, Suite 500 Washington DC, 20005
10. Dr. Handy – Colloquium [1978]
11. Oral History – Highlander Center [1979]
12. (Paul L. Wall) Project – Baseline Sociological Studies of Rural Communities in Macon County, Alabama [1978]
15. Current Involvements
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3. Economic Charges and Social Consequences in the Rural South, 1958
4. A Southern Answer to Booker T. Washington…Lewis W. Jones 1/7/58
7. “Plowing the Crop Again” – Lewis W. Jones, National Sharecroppers Fund Conference 11/14/62
8. Growing Pains of a New Leadership, Lecture at Morehouse College, February 20, 1963
4 9 The School and the Disadvantaged Child, Address to Oak Ridge, Tenn. Teachers, August 29, 1963
4 10 Study – The Value System of Rural Low Income Families as Reflected in the Family Budget Pattern, with Particular Reference to Expenditures of Health Services – Health Information Foundation
4 12 The Church and Mass Society – A Sociological View – 1st Unitarian, 10th Anniversary, Nashville – 10/18/64
4 14 Extra-mural Adventures of Tuskegee Institute, Lewis W. Jones, Penn State 4/13/67
4 17 The Times of Rap Brown and Russell Brown, Footnotes on Race Relations in the U.S. [1-11-68]
4 18 An Overview of Rural Poverty – Lewis W. Jones
4 19 Education for the Disadvantaged Adult 1968
4 21 Stop Babbling Long Enough to Get the Message [1969]
4 22 A Role for the Privately Operated School in the Black Community
4 23 The Plight of the Black College 10/13/70
4 24 Research and Training Guides Office Copies, Hampton, Jan. ‘71
4 25 Elementary Social Research Discussion Guide # 1
4 26 Elementary Social Research Discussion Guide # 2
4 27 Elementary Social Research Discussion Guide # 3
4 28 Elementary Social Research Discussion Guide # 4

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5 1 Speech: Resurrection of the Damned, 4-22-71, Montgomery, Ala, Association of Social and Behav. Sci.
5 2 Innovation and Communication. M, [1971]
5 3 Rural Research Needs [1972]
5 4 Rural Development- The Tuskegee Institute Prospective [Perspective]
5 5 He whom a Dream Hath Possessed [1973]
5 6 Rural Development in the South- An Overview-Lewis W. Jones [1973]
5 7 The Agenda Makers and Communication [1974]
5 8 Unexplored Areas of Research- The Non-Metropolitan Outland
5 9 Speech- Preparing An Agenda That Communicates [1975]
5 10 The Traditional Black College Continuity and Change [1975]
5 11 Informal Adoption-Presented at the Tuskegee-Auburn-Montgomery
Home Econ. Association-October 29, 1975
5 12 A Rural Development Center- Case Study (Ala.-Miss. Socio. Assn. 10/31)
5 13 “Rural America: New Focus on Its Problems and Programs- 1976
5 14 Research Can Be Fun: How Can The Librarian Help? – 9/29/76, Atlanta, GA
5 15 Bicentennial Research Symposium, November 11-13, 1976, Washington DC
5 17 E. B. Henderson, February 5, 1977
5 18 Black History: As It Relates to Agricul., Food and Water Nutr. Ser., USDA, Atlanta 2/23/77
5 19 Administration of Delivery Systems of Local and Rural Governments,
3/31/77 Atlanta, Georgia- Public Admin. Program
5 20 “Mental Health In Southern Rural Culture” Nov. 14, 1977 (Mobile, AL)
5 21 Oliver Cromwell Cox, The Happy Scholar Address- Lincoln Univ.,
Jefferson City, Missouri, February 15, 1978
5 22 Rural America! Nostalgic Fancy and Present Facts- Lewis W. Jones,
Colloquium Series, Vanderbilt Univ., Nashville, Tennessee- 11/10/78
5 23 Sociological Solutions To Rural Poverty, 1978
5 24 Perspectives of Black Sociologists (Annual Sociology Club- 1978)
5 25 Options for Improving the Quality of Life In Rural America, 12/3-5/78
5 26 Lewis Wade Jones- Interview By Dr. Wilbur Watson, National Black
Aged- Washington, D.C. Rec’d July 1979
5 27 [Field Reports on Desegregation In the south Voting Rights And
Economic Pressure By Lewis Jones and Stanley Smith]
5 28 [The Changing Status of the Negro In Southern Agriculture Proceedings
of Tuskegee Rural Life Conference June 18-20, 1950 by Lewis W. Jones]
5 29 [The Agent As a Factor In the Education of Negroes in the South By Lewis
W. Jones]
5 30 [Manuscript: “The Cotton Community Changes” By Lewis W. Jones and Ernest
E. Neal]

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6 1 [The Sphinx, December, 1951, Volume 37, Number 2]
6 2 [“The Hinterland Reconsidered” By Lewis W. Jones]
6 3 [“The Negro Farmer” Lewis W. Jones]
6 4 [“Current History,” November, 1958]
6 5 [“Negro Youth in the South” By Lewis W. Jones]
6 6 [“Desegregation of Public Education in Alabama” Lewis W. Jones]
6 7 [The Journal of Educational Sociology, February, 1959]
6 8 [Rural Research Needs by Lewis W. Jones]
6 9 [Demography of Disadvantage In Tennessee, September 1, 1973]
6 10 [Demography of Disadvantage In Alabama]
6 11 [Informal Adoption in Black Families in Lowndes And Wilcox Counties,
Alabama]
6 12 [Program from Women’s Studies Program Conference April 2-7, 1979,
Bennett College-Greensboro, North Carolina]

6  13 [Research In the Humanities And Social Sciences, Volume IV, 1976-77]
6  15 Education of the Negro Child in Alabama and in Macon County.
6  16 Training of Pre- and In-service Teachers of Disadv. Adults
6  17 [The Influence of Student Demonstrations on Southern Negro Colleges, Parts I, II, III. Lewis W. Jones and Paul B. Foreman
6  18 Problems and Special Needs of Youth (Negro) in Rural Areas-National Congress on Problems of Rural Youth in 9-23-63.

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7  1 [The American Negro College, 1968, Lewis Jones
7  2 The Hinterland, Agri-Business and the Small Industry-Rural Living Complex, 1968, Lewis W. Jones
7  3 Colleges Predominantly Attended By Afro-American Students Face the 1970s
7  4 Potential Socio-Economic Impact of Land Acquisition Project on Neighboring Small Farms
7  5 The Black Student Market
7  6 Rural Blacks a Vanishing Population
7  7 The Black Farmer, By Lewis W. Jones
7  8 Blacks in Agriculture- Research Needs and Opportunities
7  9 Experiences and the Learning Process for the Mental Health of Freshmen Students- June 26, 1976, Central State
7 10 Carver Foundation Board Report
7 11 Miscellaneous Articles – Memoranda
7 12 Rural People and the Doctor
7 13 The Social Definition of Ill Health, L.W. Jones
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7 15 The Civil Rights Movement in Alabama 1950-1970
7 16 The Crisis in Negro Leadership
7 17 An Economic Study of the Alabama Black Belt
7 18 Four Rural Neighborhoods: Social Organization
7 19 The Education and Outlook of College Students (5 Colleges)
7 20 Education of an Elite as a Function of the Negro College – Lewis W. Jones
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7 24 Ordeals Facing the Negro College Administration
7 25 Recent Changes in Intra-Racial Statuses and Shifts in Prestige Positions in the South
7 26 Rural Development Study (Iowa)
7 27 Rural Family Identification Schedule by Lewis W. Jones

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| 11   | 3      | Macon Co. Project (Kitchens) [John W. Kitchens] |
| 11   | 4      | Tuskegee Citizens Fact-Finding Comm. [1974-75] |
| 11   | 5      | Tuskegee Citizens Fact Finding Committee and Utilities Board of Tuskegee, March 11, 1975 |
| 11   | 6      | Tuskegee Citizens Fact Finding Committee |
| 11   | 7      | Citizens Review Board for Tuskegee, Alabama Police Department |