



Bethlehem Area Public Library
Local History Collections
Finding aid for the Dorothy Bovee Jones Collection

Creator: Jones, Dorothy Bovee (1893-1987)

Title: Dorothy Bovee Jones Collection

Dates: 1947-1981

Extent: 4 boxes (1.67 linear feet)

Location: Bethlehem Room

Language: English

Abstract: This collection contains 30 papers written by Dorothy Bovee Jones for the Current Events Club and 4 papers written for the Fortnightly Club. The collection also contains 5 papers written on miscellaneous topics. A few of her papers were submitted for consideration to be published in periodicals, such as *Woman's Day* and she has had articles published in the *New York Times* and *Herald-Tribune*. The collection also has 18 papers written on herbs and/or plants, as well as both editions of her book, *The Herb Garden*.

Access to materials: This collection is open to researchers in the Bethlehem Room.

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Historical Note: Dorothy Bovee Jones (1893-1987) moved to Bethlehem in the 1930s and lived there until her death in 1987. She was a member of Central Moravian Church and designed and maintained its Herb Garden on the Green. She was also a longtime member of the Herb Society of America (HSA) and often gave local talks on herbs. She was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1958 by the HSA and elected to a term as its president in 1968. She also contributed several articles to the HSA's journal, *The Herbarist*. She also wrote a book on herb gardening titled *The Herb Garden*. Mrs. Jones' interest in herb gardening grew following a visit to Cape Cod, Massachusetts where she and her husband, Jonathan took in the gardens of Cotuit.

She was a dedicated member of the Current Events Club and the Fortnightly Club and wrote several papers on various topics including folk music, Emil Gelhaar, and Alexander Graham Bell.

She married Jonathan Jones in 1924 and they had two daughters, Dorothy and Nancy.

Scope and Content: The Dorothy Bovee Jones collection is organized into five series. **Series 1** contains papers written for the Current Events Club. **Series 2** contains papers written for the Fortnightly Club. **Series 3** contains papers written on herbs and plants. **Series 4** contains papers written on miscellaneous topics, not specifically for any group. **Series 5** contains published works by Dorothy Bovee Jones, including two editions of her work, *The Herb Garden* and issues of *The Herbarist* that she contributed articles to.

Names:

Jones, Dorothy Bovee (1893-1987)

Subjects:

Bethlehem (Pa.) – History

Herb gardening

Herb gardening – Bethlehem (Pa.)

Related Materials:

Records of the Current Events Club, 1897-2006

Local History Pamphlets - 635.7 - Jones, Dorothy Bovee - The herb garden

Local History - 635.7 - Jones, Dorothy Bovee - The herb garden (Second edition)

Vertical Files

Heading: Gardens – Bethlehem

Administrative/ Biographical History

Acquisition and Appraisal

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Collection donated by Jones' granddaughter, Melanie Wicker in 2026.

Notes:

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Container Listing

Series 1: Current Events Club

Folder Title	Date	Box	Folder
The Great Pierpont Morgan	1950	1	1
The Herb Garden; its history and uses	1951	1	2

"Bethlehem, Pennsylvania: A Backward Glance"; "Eighteenth Century Christmases in Bethlehem"	1952, 1962	1	3	
Glimpses of France	1954	1	4	
Frederic Mistral: Poet of Provence	1956	1	5	
The Herb of Remembrance	1958	1	6	
The Story of Mistletoe	1959	1	7	
Emil Gelhaar: Artist of Bethlehem	1959	1	8	
Emil Gelhaar: Artist of Bethlehem	1959	1	9	
Folk Music in Pennsylvania	1963	1	10	
The John Heckewelder Paper	1964	1	11	
John Heckewelder Pictures	1966	1	12	
John Heckewelder of Bethlehem: A Memoir	1972	1	13	
Cooking with Herbs	1965	1	14	
William Blake and the Age of Revolution	1966	1	15	
"Miss Ruth" (Ruth St. Denis)	1969	2	1	
Excavating Homer's Cities	1970	2	2	
My Love Affair with the Herbs	1972	2	3	
Eakins of Philadelphia	1973		2	4
Eakins of Philadelphia	1973		2	5
The Search for Plants That Heal	1973	2	6	
Visitors from Afar	1974	2	7	
Visitors from Afar	1974	2	8	
Fluoridation: Friend or Foe?	1975	2	9	
Fluoridation: Friend or Foe?	1975	2	10	
George Whitfield and the Great Awakening	1976	2	11	
Dioscorides and His Herbal	1980	2	12	
Alexander Graham Bell	1981	2	13	
70 North to 50 South	undated	2	14	

Series 2: Fortnightly Club

Folder Title	Date	Box	Folder
Harold Nicholson: Diaries and Letters, 1930-1939	1967	2	15
Anthem by Ayn Rand	1972	2	16
What Is It Like to Have a Book Published?	1973	3	1
"The Joy of the Snow" - Elizabeth Goudge	1974	3	2

Series 3: Herbs and Plants

Folder Title	Date	Box	Folder
Talk on "Herbs" / Travels of the Herbs	1956	3	3
Letters, notes, etc. connected with "The Travels of the Herbs"	1958	3	4
A Crocus for Late Fall	1959	3	5

Herbs and Herb Gardens	1959	3	6
Herbs, Their Uses, Cultivation and History	1963	3	7
Talk on Herbs to the Lehigh Newcomers Group	1963	3	8
Botanical Intelligence: The Case of the Mysterious Herb	1965-1969	3	9
Recollections in an Herb Garden	1966	3	10
Introduction to Herbs	1970	3	11
Herb Gardens: Then and Now	1972	3	12
The Great Dittany of Crete: Then and Now	1973	3	13
History of the Members-at-Large (Herb Society of America)	1974	3	14
For Use and For Delight	1977	3	15
The Pleasure of Growing Herbs for the Kitchen and the Use of Herbs Over the Centuries	1977	3	16
Slides of Plants and Flowers	1981	3	17
Winter Beauty from Field and Wayside	undated	3	18

Series 4: Miscellaneous

Folder Title	Date	Box	Folder
Itinerary of J and D in France	1953	3	19
Moravian Christmas Cookery and A Little Portfolio of Moravian Christmas Recipes	1966	3	20
A Glimpse of Van Gogh's Provence Today	undated	3	21
Recipes from Rest Harrow	undated	3	22
A Visit to Micronesia. Mike Who?	undated	3	23

Series 5: Publications

Folder Title	Date	Box	Folder
The Herb Garden (First edition)	1947	4	1
The Herbarist (No. 24)	1958	4	2
The Herbarist (No. 25)	1959	4	3
The Herbarist (No. 27)	1961	4	4
The Herbarist (No. 28)	1962	4	5
The Herb Garden (Second edition)	1972	4	6
The Herbarist (No. 39)	1973	4	7
Herbs for Use and for Delight	1974	4	8