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JONES, SAMUEL B.

**MEMPHIS AND OHIO RAILROAD PAPERS,
1852-1887**

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INTRODUCTION

The Samuel B. Jones Memphis and Ohio Railroad Papers, 1852-1887, are centered around items that focus on the life of Samuel B. Jones and his involvement with the Memphis and Ohio Railroad. The papers are a gift of the Smith College Archives in Northampton, Massachusetts. They were donated to the Smith College Archives by Miss Mary Breese Fuller, who was a graduate of Smith College as well as a Professor of History there.

The materials in this collection measure .25 linear feet of shelf space. There are approximately 152 items included in the collection. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Samuel B. Jones Memphis and Ohio Railroad Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Samuel B. Jones and the Memphis and Ohio Railroad

Samuel B. Jones was the General Superintendent for the Memphis and Ohio Railroad. The Memphis and Ohio Railroad was a railroad chartered by the State of Tennessee in 1852. The railroad, completed in 1861, was a key factor in many battles during the Civil War. General Ulysses S. Grant mentions the Memphis and Ohio Railroad in his *Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant* (Chapter XXVIII).

Source: Information in the biographical note was gleaned from various items within this collection and the following websites on the Internet:

<http://www.csa-railroads.com>

<http://www.worldwideschool.org/library/books/hst/biography/PersonalMemoirsofUSGrant-1/chap28.html>

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Samuel B. Jones Memphis and Ohio Railroad Papers, containing approximately 152 items, spans the period 1852-1887. The collection is composed of correspondence, receipts, newspaper clippings, stock certificates, notes, accounts, articles of agreement, building project information for a Catholic Church and a bank, legal documents, and notes of promise. Items of note include articles of agreement for the Southern Railroad Company, the Memphis and Ohio Railroad, the Alabama and Tennessee River Railroad Company, and the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad (located in folder 3). Other interesting items include building plans for a Catholic Church and a bank (located in folder 4) as well as an 1862 letter from J. M. Homeny to Samuel B. Jones regarding collections from "Confederate Pirates" (located in folder 5).

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Accounts, 1852-1863, n.d.
2. Accounts -- Passenger, 1873-1875
3. Articles of Agreement, 1862-1863, n.d.
4. Building projects -- Bank and Catholic Church, 1853-1855, n.d.
5. Correspondence, 1853-1887, n.d.
6. Legal documents, 1854-1855, n.d.
7. Newspaper clippings, 1861-1866, n.d.
8. Promissory notes, 1853-1855
9. Receipts, 1852-1864, n.d.
10. Stock certificates -- N. M. T. Green, 1854-1870, n.d.