SUMMARY INFORMATION

Title:  Hattie Finlay Jones Papers
Dates:  1974-1975 and undated
Accession #:  1974-123
Creator:  Jones, Hattie Finlay, 1889-1987
Physical Description:  0.42 linear feet (1 box)
Languages:  Collection material in English.
Processing:  Julia A. Cowart processed the collection in 2018.
Collection Summary:  Writings about Greenville from a long time Greenville native and former educator.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition:
Hattie Finlay Jones donated this material in 1974.

Related material:
- Furmaniana file for Hattie M. Finlay Jones, Special Collections, Furman University
- Andre Mailhet Letters, #2253-z, Southern Historical Collection, The Wilson Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- John F. Finlay Papers, South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina.

Biographical Sketch:
Hattie M. Finlay was born on October 16, 1889 in Greenville, S.C. to James and Elizabeth Griffin Finlay. Her father had emigrated to the U.S. in 1871 with his father John and her father’s five brothers. The family became prominent in business in Greenville and in Hendersonville, N.C.

Hattie’s father passed away in 1899. Hattie attended Chicora College for two years before she and her mother moved to Colorado Springs, Colo. for her mother’s health. Hattie entered the
freshman class at Colorado College, graduating in 1910. After graduation, Hattie and her mother moved to Chattanooga, Tenn. where her two brothers were practicing law, and lived with her brother James F. “Jim” Finlay (1882-1955). She taught for a year and then attended Radcliffe College receiving an M.A. in Modern Languages. Hattie spent 14 years teaching in various colleges and private girl’s schools, including Greenville Woman’s College (1912-1916). Hattie returned to Greenville to take care of her mother before she died in 1928. After her mother’s death, Hattie became involved with the local Red Cross and spent the next 18 years with them. She married Dr. Ben C. Jones, a local dentist, in 1947.

Hattie enjoyed writing and over the years contributed articles about local history to the local newspapers. She wrote several small books, including one book of poetry whose sales were contributed to Greenville’s new Art Museum in the Gassaway Mansion in the 1970s.

- The venomous captain, translated from the Spanish of D. Petro A. de Alarcon by Hattie M. Finlay, Greenville, S.C., Peace printing company [1915]
- Jones, H. F. (19-?), The town was theirs: Ten sketches. Greenville, S.C.

Hattie died on July 15, 1987 in Greenville.

**USING THE COLLECTION**

**Access Restrictions:** None.

**Preferred Citation:** [Identification of item], Hattie Finlay Jones Papers, Acc. 1974-123, Special Collections and Archives, Furman University, Greenville, S.C.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Hattie Finlay Jones Papers consist of correspondence between Jones and Dr. Robert Tucker, Furman University Librarian in 1974 regarding her writings. There is a draft of her manuscript, “The Town Was Theirs: Ten Sketches,” that appears to be expanded to twelve sketches. Jones indicates in her correspondence that her intention is to expand the manuscript to eighteen sketches and provides a list. Some of the additional sketches are handwritten and some are typescript.

The other manuscript in the collection is a memorial to her brother James F. Finlay (1882-1955). There are also clippings and photocopies of her writings from newspapers.
COLLECTION INVENTORY

Folder 1. Correspondence, 1974
Folder 2. Manuscript draft, “The Town Was Theirs: Twelve Sketches”
   1. Wash Howell
   2. Old Preacher Green
   3. The Misses Campbell
   4. Mr. Peter Goldsmith
   5. Mrs. Donahue
   6. Professor Hughes
   7. Mrs. Clyde
   8. Lawyer Ansel
   9. Aunt Sally Baker
  10. Miss Jane
Folder 3. Additional Sketches
   1. Miss Emmie Asbury
   2. Professor Carlisle and his school for young children
   3. Uncle Johnny Cureton
   4. The Old Choice Place
   5. The Magnolia House
   6. The Alston House
Folder 5. Newspaper articles, 1975