

# Hilary Pollard Jones Papers

## A Finding Aid to the Papers in the Naval Historical Foundation Collection in the Library of Congress



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Hilary Pollard Jones Papers

**Span Dates:** 1889-1937

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1920-1930)

**ID No.:** MSS50088

**Creator:** Jones, Hilary Pollard, 1863-1938

**Extent:** 2,400 items

**Extent:** 9 containers

**Extent:** 3 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm70050088>

**Summary:** Naval officer. Correspondence, orders to duty, speeches, and other material relating primarily to his participation in conferences relating to the limitation of armaments, the Presidential Oil Commission, and the Naval Oil Reserve Commission.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Chester, Colby Mitchell, 1844-1932--Correspondence.  
Gibson, Hugh, 1883-1954--Correspondence.  
Grew, Joseph C. (Joseph Clark), 1880-1965--Correspondence.  
Holland, George West, 1885-1948--Correspondence.  
Jones, Hilary Pollard, 1863-1938.  
Kellogg, Frank B. (Frank Billings), 1856-1937--Correspondence.  
Knox, Dudley Wright, 1877-1960--Correspondence.  
McDonald, John Daniel, 1863-1952--Correspondence.  
Smith, George Otis, 1871-1944--Correspondence.  
Stimson, Henry L. (Henry Lewis), 1867-1950--Correspondence.  
Wilbur, Curtis Dwight, 1867-1954--Correspondence.  
Wilbur, Harry Curran--Correspondence.

### Organizations

Conference on the Limitation of Armament (1921-1922 : Washington, D.C.)  
London Naval Conference.  
United States. Navy--Aviation.  
United States. Navy.  
United States. Navy. Atlantic Fleet.  
United States. Navy. General Board.  
United States. Presidential Oil Commission.

### Subjects

Disarmament.  
Naval aviation.  
Petroleum reserves--United States.  
World War, 1914-1918--Naval operations, American.

### Occupations

Naval officers.

## Provenance

The papers of Hilary Pollard Jones, naval officer, were deposited in the Library of Congress by the Naval Historical Foundation in 1951, 1955, and 1969 and converted to a gift in 1998.

## Processing History

The papers of Hilary Pollard Jones were arranged and described in 1969 and 1980. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

## Additional Guides

In 1980 the Library published *Hilary Pollard Jones, Holden Chester Richardson, Registers of Their Papers in the Library of Congress*.

## Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Hilary Pollard Jones is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Hilary Pollard Jones are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Hilary Pollard Jones Papers, Naval Historical Foundation Collection, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1863, Nov. 14	Born, Hanover County, Va.
1884	Graduated, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1887-1890	Duty in USS <i>Nipsic</i>
1898	Duty in USS <i>Dorothea</i> during Spanish-American War
1904-1906	Commanded USS <i>Scorpion</i>
1909	Executive officer, USS <i>Idaho</i>
1911	Commanded USS <i>Birmingham</i> and USS <i>Tennessee</i>
1911-1912	Commanded USS <i>Rhode Island</i>
1912-1914	Commandant, Washington Navy Yard, and superintendent, Gun Factory, Washington, D.C.
1914-1916	Commanded USS <i>Florida</i>
1917	Commanded Squadron No. 1, Patrol Force Married Virginia Lippincott
1918	Commanded Division No. 1, Cruiser Force
1919-1920	Commanded Battleship Squadron No. 2, Atlantic Fleet
1920	Commanded Battleship Force, Atlantic Fleet
1921-1922	Commander-in-chief, Atlantic Fleet

1922-1923	Commander-in-chief, United States Fleet, admiral rank
1923	President, General Board, United States Navy
1926-1927	Naval adviser on American delegation to the Preparatory Commission for Limitation of Armaments, Geneva, Switzerland
1927-1928	United States navy representative, Three Power Conference for Limitation of Naval Armament, Geneva, Switzerland
1930	Naval adviser, London Arms Conference, London, England
1938, Jan. 1	Died, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Hilary Pollard Jones (1863-1938) span the years 1889-1937, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the years 1920-1930. The collection consists of orders to duty, general correspondence, a subject file, a speech file, and other papers which document Jones's naval career, including his services in World War I, his command of the Atlantic Fleet, his services on the General Board, and his role in naval aviation. The greater part of the material, however, is concerned with the conferences on limitation of armaments, which Jones attended as an adviser or a delegate, and the Presidential Oil Commission and Naval Oil Reserve Commission, on which he served as a member.

The material concerning the armament conferences includes Jones's statements or testimony before the various sessions, correspondence, reports and memoranda. While Jones was attending the London Naval Conference in 1930, he wrote day-by-day reports of negotiations with the conference delegates. There are letters concerning the conference from Hugh Gibson, Joseph C. Grew, Frank B. Kellogg, and Henry L. Stimson.

The purpose of the Presidential Oil Commission, formed by Calvin Coolidge in 1924, was to investigate and study the oil resources in the United States. Material relating to the commission includes articles, reports, photographs, and printed matter, as well as letters from Colby Mitchell Chester, George West Holland, George Otis Smith, and Curtis Dwight Wilbur.

Attached to Richard Stockton's letter of request for criticism prior to the publication of his book *Inevitable War* (New York, Perth Co., 1932) are Jones's comments on the chapters relating to the armament conferences. The collection is rounded out by miscellaneous material such as invitations, newspaper clippings, photographs, and printed matter concerning Jones's tours of duty.

## Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.

# Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Orders to duty, 1901-1929 (4 folders)
BOX 1	General correspondence
BOX 1	“A-B” miscellaneous
BOX 1	Bristol, Mark L.
BOX 1	“C-G” miscellaneous
BOX 1	Coontz, Robert E.
BOX 1	Daniels, Josephus
BOX 1	Eberle, Edward W.
BOX 1	Gardiner, William Howard
BOX 1	Gibson, Hugh
BOX 1	Gleaves, Albert
BOX 1	Grew, Joseph C.
BOX 2	“H-J” miscellaneous
BOX 2	Houghton, Alanson B.
BOX 2	Jelicoe, John
BOX 2	Johnson, Hiram
BOX 2	Joyner, Sterling J.
BOX 2	“K-N” miscellaneous
BOX 2	Kellogg, Frank B.
BOX 2	Knox, Dudley Wright
BOX 2	Lejeune, John A.
BOX 2	McDonald, John Daniel
BOX 2	“O-S” miscellaneous
BOX 2	Stimson, Henry L.
BOX 2	Stockton, Richard
BOX 2	“T-W” miscellaneous
BOX 2	Virginia Machinery & Well Co.
BOX 2	Wilbur, Curtis Dwight
BOX 2	Wilbur, Harry Curran
BOX 2	Wilson, George Grafton
BOX 3	Subject file
BOX 3	Atlantic fleet, 1921-1923 (3 folders)
BOX 3	Aviation
BOX 3	Aircraft carriers
BOX 3	House Committee on Aviation
BOX 3	“Naval Aviation of Certain Countries”
BOX 3	Special board data
BOX 3	USS <i>Shenandoah</i>
BOX 3	Court data
BOX 3	Loss of

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BOX 3	Clippings and printed matter (2 folders)
BOX 4	Conferences on limitation of armaments
BOX 4	Washington Conference (1921-1922), 1924-1929
BOX 4	Preparatory Commission for Disarmament Conference, Geneva, Switzerland, 1926-1928, undated (6 folders)
BOX 5	London Naval Conference, 1929-1930 (3 folders)
BOX 5	Limitation and reduction of armaments, 1932-1935
BOX 5	Crow Indians, 1924
BOX 5	Cruiser force, Atlantic fleet, 1917
BOX 5	Naval oil reserves investigation, 1924
BOX 5	Naval reserve
BOX 5	Presidential Oil Commission
BOX 5	1924 (2 folders)
BOX 6	1925-1932 (3 folders)
BOX 6	Articles and reports
BOX 6	Photographs
BOX 6	Printed matter
BOX 6	Submarine design 142-A
BOX 6	USS <i>Scorpion</i> , 1906
BOX 7	Speech file
BOX 7	Speeches by Jones, 1916-1931, undated (3 folders)
BOX 7	Articles and speeches by others
BOX 7	Gardiner, William Howard
BOX 7	Miscellaneous
BOX 7	Memoranda
BOX 7	Miscellaneous notes
BOX 8	Miscellany
BOX 8	Biographical file
BOX 8	Commission
BOX 8	Financial papers, 1914-1932 (4 folders)
BOX 8	Genealogy
BOX 8	Invitations
BOX 8	Memorabilia
BOX 8	Newspaper clippings
BOX 8	Photographs (2 folders)
BOX 8	Printed matter, 1912-1924
BOX 9	Print, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
BOX 9	Receipts
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BOX 9	Will
BOX 9	Theses
BOX 9	"The Battle of Jutland," by A. H. Wiley
BOX 9	"Blue-Orange Estimate of the Situation," by George Brown
BOX 9	Translations of J. H. Klein from German works
BOX 9	"In a Torpedo-Boat Against England"
BOX 9	"U-202, a War Diary"
BOX 9	"The War Cruises of HMS <i>Karlsruhe</i> "