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### Abstract

The Samuel D. Jones Letter to Henry C. Wysor is a letter written on March 10, 1893, from Jones (1856-1930) in Glade Spring, Virginia, to Wysor (1847-1927) in Dublin, Virginia. The letter details a payment for an insurance policy and is written on Southwest Virginia Institute for Young Ladies letterhead. Jones was principal of the institute, and Wysor was an agent for the New-York Life Insurance Company.

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Jones, Samuel D., 1856-1930

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## **Biographical Note - Samuel D. Jones**

Samuel D. (Dews or Dewes?) Jones was born on May 27, 1856, to William S. and Virginia J. Jones in Campbell County, Virginia. He graduated with a B.S. in Agriculture from Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College (now Virginia Tech) in 1878. He worked as a lawyer according to the 1880 census, and by 1893, he served as principal of the Southwest Virginia Institute for Young Ladies in Glade Spring (later Virginia Intermont College in Bristol). He married Elizabeth "Bettie" Harrison (1862-1928) on October 10, 1883, in Washington County. She was the daughter of Rev. J. R. Harrison, founder of the Southwest Virginia Institute, and his wife Sarah. The couple had several children, including Harrison, Saunders, Lula Dean, and Bolling H. Jones.

In 1898, Jones became Vice President of Atlanta Stove Works, and the family moved to Atlanta, Georgia. Jones became the president of the company the next year, and he and his brother Bolling Jones later founded what became the Birmingham Stove & Range Company in Birmingham, Alabama. Jones died on April 6, 1930, and is buried in the Westview Cemetery in Atlanta.

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## **Biographical Note - Henry C. Wysor**

Henry C. Wysor was born to George Washington and Margaret Ann Wysor in October 21, 1847, in

Washington County, Virginia. During the American Civil War, Henry enlisted with the Confederacy at the age of 16 in 1864 with the 45th Infantry and later transferred to Company F of the 54th Infantry. He married Mary Elizabeth Shipp (1846-1922) in 1873, and the couple had six children, Mary S., William W., Henry, Cora R., Rufus J., and Davidson C.

Wysor primarily worked as a Life Insurance Agent who ran his own branch of the New-York Life Insurance Company in southwestern Virginia. He also owned an apple orchard and sold apples to people throughout southwestern Virginia and West Virginia. He died on August 7, 1927, in Dublin, Pulaski County, Virginia.

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## Scope and Content

The Samuel D. Jones Letter to Henry C. Wysor is a letter written on March 10, 1893, from Jones in Glade Spring, Virginia, to Wysor in Dublin, Virginia. The letter details a payment for an insurance policy and is written on Southwest Virginia Institute for Young Ladies letterhead.

## Related Archival Materials

Virginia Tech Special Collections and University Archives maintains several related Wysor family papers:

Rufus J. Wysor Papers, Ms1968-008

James M. Wysor Letter, Ms2013-035

Henry Wysor Family Papers, Ms2015-026

Henry C. Wysor Family Papers, Ms2023-012

F. P. Miles Letter to Henry C. Wysor, Ms2024-052

John C. Wysor Letter, Ms2024-056

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