



Record Group Number: 9200 **Subgroup Number:** J01 **Series Number:** 000

Records Title: William C. Jason Papers

Collection Name: Small Manuscript Collection

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Series Name: Private Papers

Beginning Date: 1892 **Ending Date:** 1906

Bulk Dates: 1898-1900 **Quantity of Material:** 0.24 cubic feet

Extent: 1 @ 0.24 box

Historical Note: Papers and letters relating to Rev. William C. Jason, minister for the Delaware Episcopal Methodist Church Conference for twelve years, first black president for Delaware State College (D.1895) for twenty-eight years, father, and husband to Madora Bailey.

Scope and Content: The types of documents include correspondence, account of Delaware State College, memorial service handout, constitution of Epworth League, wedding invitations, personal invitations, financial statements, education programs, and a grade report all to William C. Jason or written by him. It is unknown who is the original creator of all the materials but can be assumed William C. Jason is the creator of the compilation of letters.

The **Lincoln Memorial Service** folder contains old Civil War Hymns ("Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "The Soldiers Hope"). Henry C. Conrad as an attorney from Wilmington, Delaware. He corresponds with Rev. Jason frequently about the College Settlement. In the **Supreme Court of DE** folder contains a handwritten letter from Charles B. Lore, the chief of Justice. Rev. W. C. Jason received letters from many of his brothers of the church. Some of these men include; Brother W.F. Cotton, Rev. A.R. Shockley, Brother Johnson, and Brother Albert Tindley. In **Correspondence to W.C. Jason from Brother W.F. Cotton**, the average salary of \$380, which is not enough money. He is worried that he would go into debt after being ill, and he does not want to worry the church's elders to find a reason to dismiss him leaving him with nothing. **Correspondence to W.C. Jason from the College of West Africa** is a personal letter. The college used to be under the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. The college is in Monrovia, Liberia. The **Constitution of the 2nd General Conference District Epworth League** contains eleven articles that were amended by Saratoga Convention in 1898. Being the President of State College, he was in correspondence to teachers in the area. In the **Correspondence to W.C. Jason from Principal**

P.O. Connell, discusses the future of student from the Princess Anne Academy. There are two personal letters (**correspondence to W.C. Jason from Madora Bailey Jason and Letter from Madora Bailey Jason to W.C. Jason**) from his wife, Madora Bailey, written around Christmas in 1899. She lived in Philadelphia, PA with the kids, while W.C. Jason lived in Dover, DE. She writes on her choice of living there, and how she would like him to come home for the holidays to see the kids.

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically by date of letter.

Index: Internal [item-level content list](#) available in Checklists and Finding Aids.

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Condition of Material: Poor to fair. Tears, dirt damage, water damage.

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