

# Leslie A. Jones papers, 1963-1995

## Overview of the Collection

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| <b>Creator</b>             | Jones, Leslie A., (Leslie Allen), 1922-  |
| <b>Title</b>               | Leslie A. Jones papers   |
| <b>Dates</b>               | 1963-1995 (inclusive)<br>1963 1995   |
| <b>Quantity</b>            | 0.1 linear feet  |
| <b>Collection Number</b>   | Accn1705   |
| <b>Summary</b>             | The Leslie A. Jones papers (1963-1995) contain interviews, a chronology, river running accounts, and a river runner journal. Leslie A. Jones is a civil engineer in Salt Lake City, Utah who has been active as a river runner for many years. He has also made several contributions to canoe and kayak design.   |
| <b>Repository</b>          | <a href="#">University of Utah Libraries, Special Collections.</a><br>Special Collections, J. Willard Marriott Library<br>University of Utah<br>295 South 1500 East<br>Salt Lake City, UT<br>84112-0860<br>Telephone: 801-581-8863<br><a href="mailto:SPCreference@lists.utah.edu">SPCreference@lists.utah.edu</a> |
| <b>Access Restrictions</b> | Twenty-four hour advanced notice encouraged. Materials must be used on-site. Access to parts of this collection may be restricted under provisions of state or federal law.  |
| <b>Languages</b>           | English  |

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## Biographical Note

Leslie A. Jones was born in Montana in 1922. He developed his love for rivers early on living by the Missouri River. It was not unusual for him to be found at that time rowing a boat under the moonlight fishing for catfish. Jones remained in Montana for his professional training as a civil engineer. In 1953, he moved to Salt Lake City. In the same year, Jones rafted the Lodore Canyon of the Green River with his cousins. This raft trip was in conjunction with the Sierra Club's attempt to create awareness about a proposed dam that would have flooded the canyon. It was on the same trip that Jones began to combine his love of river running and civil engineering. A broken oar compelled Jones to develop a self-support single person craft. Over the years, he has made several contributions to canoe and kayak designs.

## Content Description

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# Use of the Collection

## Restrictions on Use

It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain any necessary copyright clearances.

Permission to publish material from the Leslie A. Jones papers must be obtained from the Special Collections Manuscript Curator.

## Preferred Citation

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# Administrative Information

## Acquisition Information

Gift of Leslie A. Jones in 1996.

## Processing Note

Processed by Luke Kelly in 2000.

Addendum processed by Karen Carver in 2006.

## Related Materials

Forms part of the Utah River Running Archive.

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# Detailed Description of the Collection

| Container(s) | Description   | Dates     |
|--------------|---|-----------|
| Folder       |   |           |
| 1            | Interviews<br>Contains an interview with Jones conducted by Rod Huck in January 1995. Jones discusses Dark Canyon Rapid in Cataract Canyon, the Grand Canyon, the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, the Frazer River in Canada, and the rise of whitewater rafting. Also contains notes on an interview with Jones in 1994 in which he discusses his childhood, Bus Hatch, various river trips, boat design, and the organization "American Rivers." | 1994-1995 |

| Container(s) | Description                       | Dates |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| 2            | "Kayaks thru the Grand Canyon"    | 1963  |
| 3            | Leslie Jones Chronology           | 1994  |
| 4            | <i>Boatman's Quarterly Review</i> | 1994  |

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Rafting (Sports)--Utah

Rivers--West (U.S.)--Recreational use--History--Sources

### Personal Names :

Jones, Leslie A., 1922---Archives

### Form or Genre Terms :

Articles

Oral histories

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2000 (updated: 2017)



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