The papers of Dr. Sarah Van Hoosen Jones were donated to the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm by Ms. Alice Serrell. The papers were opened for research in 1992.

Sarah Van Hoosen Jones was born on 23 June 1892 and was a fifth generation descendant of 1822 settlers in Avon Township in Stoney Creek Village (now a portion of Rochester Hills, Michigan). The Rochester Hills Museum was Dr. Jones’ home and farm, which she inherited from her grandmother, Sarah Taylor Van Hoosen, in 1921. While most of her early years were spent in Chicago and on the West coast, Dr. Jones spent her summers on the family farm in Stoney Creek.

Dr. Jones graduated from the University of Chicago in 1914 with a bachelor’s degree in foreign languages. Rather than follow her aunt, Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen, and attend medical school, Dr. Jones decided on farming and pursued graduate work in animal husbandry at the University of Wisconsin. In 1921, Dr. Jones became the first woman to earn a doctorate in animal genetics. In 1932 she was the first woman in the United States named “Master Farmer.”

Dr. Jones also was an avid traveler and toured Europe, Africa and the Far East between 1908-1927. From 1944-1955, Dr. Jones served on the State Board of Agriculture of Michigan State University. As a result of her work and dedication to agricultural studies, Michigan State University named one of their dormitory buildings in her honor. Later in life, Dr. Jones wrote and autobiography, Chronicle of Van Hoosen Centenary Farm. She died on 26 August 1972.

The papers of Dr. Jones reflect her farm work, civic activities and personal life.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

- The history of the Van Hoosen and Taylor Families
- The history of Stoney Creek Village in Rochester Hills, Michigan
- Important developments in the field of animal husbandry and animal genetics

Among the important correspondents are:

- Eleanor Roosevelt
- Governor Harry F. Kelly
- Governor G. Mennen Williams
- U. S. Representative William S. Broomfield
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* It should be noted that this collection contains approximately 10 photocopies of correspondence and newspaper clippings from the Michigan Historical Collections, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan and the Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections. This material may be protected by copyright law (Title 17, US Code). Permission to quote from, publish, reproduce, display or deposit in other institutions must be obtained from the copyright holder.

Sarah’s collection at the Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections contains records pertaining to the operation of the dairy farm and her successes in breeding cattle.

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This series contains correspondences, diaries and other material that document Dr. Jones’ personal life from adolescents until her death. Most of the materials concern family correspondences to Dr. Jones. There is a miscellaneous file with items that were important to Dr. Jones but could not fit into a particular category. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject and then chronologically per item. There are gaps in material covering the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s.

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