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SUMMARY

Size	0.50 linear feet; 1 volume
Geographic Locations	Baton Rouge, La, Alexandria, La, and Pensacola, FL,
Inclusive Dates	1817-2012, undated
Bulk Dates	1882-2008
Languages	English
Summary	The Elmer Vincent Moore Family Papers consist of biographical materials, photographs, correspondence & miscellaneous items. Elmer Vincent Moore was a World War II veteran and LSU alumnus from Alexandria, La. The collection also includes genealogical materials and miscellaneous papers for the Moore & Sunday families.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Elmer Vincent Moore & Moore Family

Elmer Vincent Moore was the son of Alvah J. Moore and Beulah Carroll. Elmer was born on March 29, 1920, in Woodworth, Louisiana. He graduated from Bolton High School and joined the U. S. Army afterward. He was deployed to Keesler Army Air Base at Biloxi, Mississippi to attend Aviation Mechanics School. Then, after he wasn't qualified to become an aviator, he transitioned to Detroit, Michigan for training at the Pratt-Whitney School where he was taught to service and repair the R-1830 aircraft engines, and B-17 bombers. These engines were mass-produced during World War II. Elmer served in the U. S. Army Corps, Air Depot Group in North Africa, and Italy Campaigns from 1930-1950. Elmer was a part of the Causality Replacement Depot as they did not have anywhere for his team to go or a name for themselves.

Elmer served as the "acting sergeant" for some time until they were moved again. Elmer's team became a part of the 11th Air Depot Group operating a repair warehouse until the end of the Campaign battles. The last assignment Elmer was involved with was transitioning to Bari, Italy where he and his team stayed until the war ended. After his service, Elmer attended Louisiana State University and graduated with a B. S. in Commerce (1949). Afterward, Elmer obtained his CPA license and worked for Payne, Moore, and Herrington accounting firm in Alexandria, La. On July 15, 1950, Elmer Vincent Moore married Yvonne E. Mayeaux and they produced nine children, one of whom was Sheila Ann Moore. Elmer was very active in his community, receiving countless philanthropic awards over the years. He also served as the Society of Louisiana CPAs president in the 1970s. Elmer's hobbies included fishing, hunting, and wildlife photography like his great-grandfather, Harrison Sunday. During his retirement, Elmer worked for a local Catholic Diocese and the Catholic Foundation, including assisting the Bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria-Shreveport. Elmer's continuous commitment to his leadership positions in various organizations and membership at the St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church continued until his death on August 6, 2013.

The Sunday Family

There is limited information available on the first generation of the Moore family ancestors, the Sundays. The genealogical research conducted by Shelia Ann Moore focuses on Alvah J. Moore's side of the family. The journey begins when Dr. Francis Sunday and his wife, Ann Sunday migrated from France to the state of Georgia in 1817. Dr. Sunday and Ann had a son, John Sunday, who grew up and moved to Florida. John met and married Barshea Collins while living in Pensacola, Florida and they had eight children. There is no additional information available about John's first marriage or children. At the same time, John Sunday has an affair with his enslaved woman, Jane "Jinny" Harrison. The Moore Family Papers focus on John's family with Jinny Harrison and their children: Harrison, Amanda, David, and John Sunday Jr.

According to the 1830 census, John Sunday married Jinny, a "mulatto enslaved woman" after the death of his first wife, Barshea, and legally recognized their children. Jinny and her children

received their manumission papers through the legalized marriage to John Sunday. There is speculation that John Sunday's son-in-law, Elijah McCurdy, planned his murder, and hired one of John's enslaved men, Adam, to conduct his plan. Supposedly, McCurdy was embarrassed by the marriage between John and Jinny Harrison and decided to end John's life in his home on May 24, 1839. Jinny and her children fought for their freedom after John's death and won the trial that gave them their freedom as free people of color. John and Jinny's children continued to live in Escambia County, FL leading successful lives and influencing their communities. Their eldest child, Harrison Sunday, married Dhenise Smith and had two children: Mercedes Isabella Sunday (1860) and Christopher Crispin Sunday (1870).

Mercedes Sunday married Jacob Hamilton Moore, an Ohio native who had moved to Florida. This union was how the Sunday family became involved with the Moore family. The marriage between Mercedes and Jacob produced three children together including Alvah Joseph Moore. Alvah grew up and migrated from Molino, Florida to DeRidder, Louisiana for a sawmill job. Alvah worked for the Long-Bell Lumber Co. for twenty years as a Chief Engineer. Alvah and his wife, Beulah E. Carroll had five children together: Beulah Lucille (1912), Aline Cecila (1916), Alvah Joseph Moore Jr. (1918), Elmer Vincent (1920), and Jane Carroll (1929). The Moore family lived in the Alexandria, Louisiana area. For more information on the Moore & Sunday families, Sheila Ann Moore (daughter of Elmer) wrote a two-part article for the *Florida Genealogist* magazine called, "Miscegenation, Murder, and out-Migration from Florida in the Jim Crow Era: A Genealogical Study of the Sunday Family of Escambia County." Sheila's research goes into a deep history of the ancestors of the Moore family.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of the collection consists of Elmer Vincent Moore's biographical materials. From birth certificates to an unpublished autobiography manuscript, the Moore family collection primarily focuses on one member more than anyone else. A large part of the collection pertains to Elmer V. Moore's community service activities, certificates, and awards. Papers include club memberships, records of his presidential campaign for the 1973-1974 Society of Louisiana CPA organization, and various newspaper clippings of Elmer's motivational speaking and other leadership roles. Also included is Elmer's media recognition for various awards. In addition, Elmer's daughter, Shelia Ann Moore, did some genealogical research on the Moore family, and Elmer helped identify people in his immediate family briefly in a scrapbook. Shelia's notes and research as well as Elmer's narratives are included in the materials.

The collection's arrangement is divided into two series: Elmer Vincent Moore's Personal Papers (1904-2009, undated) and Moore Family Papers (1817-2012). The first series is about Elmer Vincent Moore's life including early school documentation, childhood pictures, an autobiographical essay, and correspondence during his time in World War II. The second series, the Moore Family Papers, consists of genealogical research, miscellaneous documents, Alvah J. Moore's correspondence, family correspondence, and family portraits. The collection is mostly housed in one box, with a high school newspaper in an oversized folder and a family scrapbook volume.

LIST OF SERIES AND SUBSERIES

Series I. Elmer V. Moore Personal Papers, 1904-2009, undated

Series II. Moore Family Papers, 1817-2012

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Elmer V. Moore Personal Papers, 1904-2009, undated

The first series is about Elmer Vincent Moore's life including early school documentation from grammar school to his college years at Louisiana State University. For example, Elmer V. Moore's early childhood school report cards, LSU report cards, etc. This information is in box one and folder two. An issue of the Bolton High School student newspaper that mentions Elmer V. Moore is also included in an oversize folder. Then, folder number three has papers from his childhood and young adult years during World War II and his time at LSU. In addition, the series includes a manuscript of Elmer V. Moore's retelling of the North African Campaign he was involved in during World War II. A sizable portion of the first series includes three folders of Elmer V. Moore Correspondence dating from 1942-1945. The main correspondence is between Elmer "Tiny" Moore to his mother, Beulah "Gege" Carroll Moore detailing his time during the North African Campaign in World War II. There are several letters with no authors, dates, or recipient names.

Series II. Moore Family Papers, 1817-2012

This series involves genealogical research on the earliest Moore family relatives, Jacob Hamilton Moore and Mercedes Isabella Sunday. The information available helped to create the Moore family tree from 1817. The ancestors of Alvah J. Moore's side of the family are the Dr. Francis Sunday family from the Milledgeville-Augusta area in Georgia and Pensacola, Florida. Also, there are folders of miscellaneous papers detailing Alvah J. Moore's school work, bank documents, etc. Additionally, there are three folders (13-16) in box one containing correspondence between Alvah Joseph Moore and Beulah "Gege" Carroll Moore (his wife) about a time the two were separated while Alvah was on a business trip. Lastly, one folder contains pictures of the Moore family members.

The Moore Family scrapbook contains pictures of Mercedes Isabella Sunday Moore, the first wife of Jacob Hamilton Moore, as well as other family members with descriptions. A folder containing the original narrative pages of each picture in the scrapbook is also included. The contents remaining are about Elmer Vincent Moore's professional accomplishments, awards, etc., including multiple certificates acknowledging his career as a CPA. Also included are certificates acknowledging his involvement in various professional and religious organizations.

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		2	Elmer V. Moore school documentation, 1904-1937
OS:M	--	--	Bolton High School Newspaper, 1937
Y:98	1	3	Elmer V. Moore photographs during childhood, undated
		4	Elmer V. Moore photographs, 1942-2009, undated
		5	Elmer V. Moore autobiographical manuscript, 1942-1945
		6	Elmer V. Moore correspondence, 1942-1943
		7	Elmer V. Moore correspondence, 1943-1945
		8	Elmer V. Moore correspondence, 1945
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		13	Miscellaneous papers, 1925-1965
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		15	Moore Family correspondence, 1943-1944
		16	Alvah J. Moore correspondence, 1916-1917
		17	Alvah J. Moore correspondence, 1917-1941
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	--	Vol. 1	Moore Family scrapbook, 1926- 2009