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Descriptive Inventory

**MSS 139 BURGESS-Moody Funeral Home – Bowling Green, Kentucky –
Records**

7 boxes. 65 folders. 1,209 items. 1930-1969.

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

Orval O. Burgess, a native of Bluffton, Indiana, operated a licensed funeral home in Bowling Green from 1922 until his death in 1969. Burgess had a number of partners over the years, so the firm went through numerous name changes. He had a long partnership with Otis C. Moody, lasting from 1954 to 1967. The firm had several Bowling Green locations: 240 East Main Street, 826 State Street, 534 East Main Street, and 512 East 12th Street. Like most funeral homes of the period, the Burgess operation offered ambulance service and “dignified, thoughtful personalized service.” Burgess is said to have embalmed the body of Floyd Collins, who died in a cave accident in 1925.

Burgess died on October 15, 1969, and is interred in the Stahl Cemetery in Bluffton, Indiana. Shortly after his death the funeral home closed.

THE COLLECTION

This collection consists chiefly of funeral records for individuals, dating from 1935 to 1969. These records include biographical information about the deceased, funeral arrangements, and costs. Some records are more detailed than others. The collection also includes a summary of receipts dating from 1930 to 1969, as well as financial and payroll records for the facility and staff. Two funeral registers, 1944-1950, include some biographical information about the deceased and funeral costs.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	BURGESS-Moody Funeral Home Records	1935-1969	196 items
Folder 1	Descriptive Inventory and collection database printout	2002	2 items
Folder 2	Funeral records: A	1937-1969	23 items
Folder 3	Funeral records: Ba	1937-1964	19 items
Folder 4	Funeral records: Be	1935-1964	16 items
Folder 5	Funeral records: Bi-BI	1936-1964	15 items
Folder 6	Funeral records: Bo	1936-1967	12 items
Folder 7	Funeral records: Bra	1942-1965	8 items
Folder 8	Funeral records: Bro	1938-1965	11 items
Folder 9	Funeral records: Bru-Bry	1937-1968	10 items
Folder 10	Funeral records: Bu-By	1937-1969	30 items
Folder 11	Funeral records: Ca	1936-1964	20 items
Folder 12	Funeral records: Ce-Ch	1936-1969	17 items
Folder 13	Funeral records: Ci	1936-1966	13 items
BOX 2	BURGESS-Moody Funeral Home Records	1935-1969	220 items
Folder 1	Funeral records: Cob-Com	1936-1967	17 items
Folder 2	Funeral records: Con-Cr	1936-1965	24 items
Folder 3	Funeral records: Da	1937-1968	15 items
Folder 4	Funeral records: De-Di	1935-1966	14 items
Folder 5	Funeral records: Di-Du	1936-1969	35 items

Folder 6	Funeral records: E	1935-1969	16 items
Folder 7	Funeral records: F	1935-1965	31 items
Folder 8	Funeral records: Ga	1935-1969	18 items
Folder 9	Funeral records: Ge-Gl	1935-1965	17 items
Folder 10	Funeral records: Go-Gu	1935-1969	33 items
BOX 3	BURGESS-Moody Funeral Home Records	1935-1969	230 items
Folder 1	Funeral records: Hag-Harp	1936-1969	25 items
Folder 2	Funeral records: Harr-Haz	1935-1967	28 items
Folder 3	Funeral records: He-Hi	1935-1968	27 items
Folder 4	Funeral records: Ho	1935-1966	36 items
Folder 5	Funeral records: Hu	1936-1968	18 items
Folder 6	Funeral records: I	1935-1961	4 items
Folder 7	Funeral records: J	1936-1969	45 items
Folder 8	Funeral records: K	1935-1968	21 items
Folder 9	Funeral records: La-Le	1936-1965	26 items
BOX 4	BURGESS-Moody Funeral Home Records	1935-1969	239 items
Folder 1	Funeral records: Li-Ly	1935-1969	30 items
Folder 2	Funeral records: Ma	1935-1969	39 items
Folder 3	Funeral records: Me-Mi	1936-1969	35 items
Folder 4	Funeral records: Mo-Mu	1938-1969	33 items
Folder 5	Funeral records: Mc	1935-1965	21 items

Folder 6	Funeral records: N	1936-1966	13 items
Folder 7	Funeral records: O	1936-1967	19 items
Folder 8	Funeral records: Pa	1935-1969	19 items
Folder 9	Funeral records: Pe-Ph	1936-1968	12 items
Folder 10	Funeral records: Pi-Pr	1941-1965	18 items
BOX 5	BURGESS-Moody Funeral Home Records	1935-1969	182 items
Folder 1	Funeral records: Ra-Re	1935-1969	21 items
Folder 2	Funeral records: Ri-Ru	1935-1968	34 items
Folder 3	Funeral records: Sa-Sc	1938-1964	12 items
Folder 4	Funeral records: Se-Sh	1936-1968	13 items
Folder 5	Funeral records: Si-Sm	1937-1966	30 items
Folder 6	Funeral records: So-Sw	1935-1966	39 items
Folder 7	Funeral records: Ta-Th	1935-1966	26 items
Folder 8	Funeral records: Ti-Tu	1936-1969	7 items
BOX 6	BURGESS-Moody Funeral Home Records	1930-1969	139 items
Folder 1	Funeral records: U-V	1941-1967	12 items
Folder 2	Funeral records: Wa-We	1936-1962	21 items
Folder 3	Funeral records: Wh	1936-1964	26 items
Folder 4	Funeral records: Wi	1960-1969	24 items
Folder 5	Funeral records: Wo-Wr	1936-1964	16 items
Folder 6	Funeral records: Y-Z	1935-1965	14 items

Folder 7	Receipts for funerals	1930-1968	14 items
Folder 8	Financial records	1960-1965	7 items
Folder 9	Payroll records	1964-1969	5 items
Folder 10	Register of funeral receipts	1930-1968	1 item; 31p.
Folder 11	Miscellaneous	1950; 1964	4 items
Folder 12	Funeral register	1951-1953	1 item; 90p.
BOX 7	BURGESS-Moody Funeral Home Records	1944-1968	3 items
Folder 1	Cash book	1964-1968	1 item
Folder 2	Funeral register	1944-1946	1 item
Folder 3	Funeral register	1944-1950	1 item

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

MSS 139 BURGESS-Moody Funeral Home – Bowling Green, Kentucky – Records 1930-1969

Funeral records for individuals and financial records of Burgess-Moody Funeral Home, Bowling Green, Kentucky. 7 boxes. 65 folders. 1209 items. 1999.242.1

SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Burgess, Orval O., 1882-1969 - Relating to
 Funeral homes – Burgess-Moody – Bowling Green
 Funeral rites and ceremonies – Bowling Green, 1930-1969
 Funerals – Expenses, 1930-1969
 Funerals, 1930-1969
 Moody, Otis C.
 Undertakers and undertaking – Bowling Green, 1930-1969

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