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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 435 MOORE, Gilbertine Douglass, 1914-2008**

1 box. 14 folders. 166 items. 1873-1992. Originals and photocopies.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Gilbertine Douglass Moore (often called Gilly) was born on 21 May 1914 to Randolph Gilbert Moore and Essie Douglass Moore in Franklin, Kentucky. Born at home at 321 South College Street, Gilbertine would reside in the same house her entire life. She attended Franklin public schools prior to matriculating at Ward-Belmont School (2 years) and Vanderbilt (2 years) in Nashville, graduating in 1937.

Ms. Moore never married. After getting her degree, Gilbertine obtained a job with the Farmer's Grain Elevator in Franklin. Partly through necessity and partly through interest she began a study of the technique of testing seed for quality and content. Several years later, she became owner and operator of Franklin Seed Laboratory, which became known as a business that hired women employees. At the time there was only one other such facility in Kentucky. Gilbertine joined the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists in 1951. She sold the business in 1966.

Moore was a dog lover and was a member of the Nashville Humane Society. She also enjoyed reading, photography, birdwatching, opera and nature. She was a member of the Nashville Opera Association and the Metropolitan Opera Association. Moore, an amateur artist, illustrating several of her own books as well as Evelyn Thurman's *The Canary Who Wants to Talk*. Gilbertine authored four books: *Tyree Springs: A Memory* (1972), *Gilly Goes to Ward Belmont* (1973), *Never Another Mam-ma* (1974), and *History of the R. H. Moore Drug Company, Franklin, Kentucky: A Century of Progress* (1974).

Ms. Moore died on 2008 July 30 at her residence and was interred in Franklin's Greenlawn Cemetery.

**COLLECTION NOTE**

This collection consists chiefly of family materials collected by Gilbertine Douglass Moore. It includes a small amount of correspondence (Folder 2) and postcards (Folder 5); two autograph albums that belonged to Essie Moore (Folder 4); a travel journal kept by Gilbertine on a trip to Canada in 1951 and one kept by her father R.G. Moore while touring Europe in 1900 (Folders 6 & 7); family information on the Willock and Moore families; and miscellaneous items

from Moore's time at Ward-Belmont and Vanderbilt. The Special Collections Library has copies of Moore's publications, scrapbooks from her time at Franklin High School and Ward Belmont as well as other ephemera items.

### ***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Gilbertine Douglass Moore</b>	<b>1873-1992</b>	<b>166 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Letters to Gilbertine Moore	1914-1987	30 items
Folder 3	"Life of Ms. Gilbertine Moore" by Jessica McMillan	n.d.	1 item
Folder 4	Autograph albums	1890-1894	2 items
Folder 5	Postcards	1908-1930	55 items
Folder 6	Travel diary kept by Gilbertine Moore of a Canadian trip	1951	2 items
Folder 7	Travel diary kept by Gilbert Moore of a European trip	1900	1 item
Folder 8	Moore family – documents, new clippings, letters, etc.	1874-1992	14 items
Folder 9	Willock family – news clippings, correspondence, etc.	1908-1952	21 items
Folder 10	Douglass, J. C. – correspondence, news clippings, etc.	n.d.	12 items
Folder 11	Ward, Belmont School – news clippings and stray items.	n.d.	13 items
Folder 12	Vanderbilt University – miscellaneous items, diplomas	1873-1937	5 items
Folder 13	News clippings and receipt from seed	1948-1984	6 items
Folder 14	Heraldry crest for Moore and Douglass family	n.d.	3 items

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

MSS MOORE, Gilbertine Douglass, 1873-1992  
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 C1-D15,  
 #12 Correspondence, autograph albums, travel  
 accounts and other miscellaneous material of  
 Franklin, Kentucky native Gilbertine Moore. Moore  
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 was interested in the arts, nature, and writing.  
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**SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

Autograph albums B1,F4  
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 Heraldry – Douglass family B1,F14  
 Heraldry – Moore family B1,F14  
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 Diplomas – Vanderbilt University, 1898, 1937 B1,F12  
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 Douglass, James Chasteen, 1847-1925 – Relating to B1,F12  
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 Moore, Gilbertine Douglass, 1914-2008 – Letters to B1,F2  
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 Vanderbilt University – Relating to B1,F12  
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