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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 387 MOORE, Mary Elizabeth (Taylor) Leiper, 1885-1973

6 boxes. 147 folders. 2,564 items. 1800-1968. Originals and photocopies.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Mary Elizabeth (Taylor) Leiper Moore was born 21 August 1885 in Nashville, Tennessee. After completing high school, Moore attended Peabody College in Nashville and received a teacher's certificate. She spent three years teaching for the Nashville City Schools.

On 27 November 1907, she married Macon Anderson Leiper, an English professor. They had one daughter, Elizabeth. The couple moved to Bowling Green in January 1908 after Leiper received a faculty position at Western Kentucky State Normal School. It was in Bowling Green that Moore took her first job as a librarian. She served as the librarian for Bowling Green High School for two years. Leiper retired from the English department in 1926, due to his poor health. Moore's next position was as librarian of the Training School at WKU, while working on her library science degree during the 1930s.

In 1931, President Henry Hardin Cherry hired Moore to collect Kentuckiana and organize the Kentucky Library & Museum. Leiper's health progressively worsened, and he died in 1936. On 16 February 1938, Mary married her second husband, Frank P. Moore, a clothing merchant.

Mrs. Moore was active in many organizations throughout the state. She served as president of the Kentucky Library Association (KLA). She participated in the League of Women Voters, Kentucky Education Association, the Filson Club, Bowling Green Country Club and the Bowling Green Rotary Club auxiliary. Moore was named to Who's Who in Kentucky, Who's Who in South & Southwest and Who's Who Among American Women.

Moore wrote several articles about the Kentucky Library & Museum and Bowling Green history. She also gave many speeches through her position, addressing the Filson Club, WKU, the people of Bowling Green, and the KLA. She served as the hostess of a radio show for four years concerning Kentucky history and the resources found in the Kentucky Library & Museum.

Moore retired in 1956, changing her position from active librarian to writer and adviser. Her second husband, Frank Moore, died in 1963 after suffering from a three-year illness. Mrs. Moore died at age 87 at her daughter's home in Louisville on 24 April 1973.

COLLECTION NOTES

The collection consists chiefly of radio scripts, research notes, newspaper clippings, and correspondence of Mary (Taylor) Leiper Moore; the files deal with Kentucky history and culture. Boxes 1-3 contain scripts, research notes, and correspondence relating to the radio shows which Moore hosted. These are arranged alphabetically by title or topic. Her discussion topics typically included items and stories related to Bowling Green or Kentucky. A few items of particular interest include dueling, the Harpe brothers, "the Cry of Rachel" radio drama about Rachel Eddington, and the Great Diamond Hoax.

Box 4 and 5 contain articles written by Moore concerning Kentucky and the materials found in the Kentucky Library & Museum. Also included in these boxes are research materials for potential radio show topics. Box 5 also contains public relations material and business correspondence about the Kentucky Library & Museum. Box 6 contains speeches given by Moore at various organizations (KLA, etc.), but the majority of this box contains items relating to the Kentucky Library & Museum: material about the building's dedication, correspondence, and additional public relations material. Boxes 7-10 are chiefly correspondence between Moore and potential donors to help build the Kentucky Library & Museum's collections. Also included in boxes 7-10 are requests from various researchers, authors, genealogists, etc. for reference material.

SHELF LIST

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Folder 4	Radio Show: Bowling Green, Kentucky	Apr. 1950	1 item
Folder 5	Radio Show: Bowling Green Railroad	Feb. 1947	1 item
Folder 6	Radio Show: Bowling Green and Warren County in 1840 and 1950	Jan. 1953	3 items
Folder 7	Radio Show: "Bundles for America"	n.d.	1 item
Folder 8	Radio Show: Mary Jo Diddle's Button Collection	Feb. 1947	1 item
Folder 9	Radio Show: The California Gold Rush	1952	6 items

Folder 10	Radio Show: Choctaw Indian Academy	Oct. 1948	2 items
Folder 11	Radio Show: Church Minutes	Sept. 1941	3 items
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Folder 16	Radio Show: Dolls and Toys	Dec. 1947	2 items
Folder 17	Radio Show: Dueling in Kentucky	Mar. 1953	1 item
Folder 18	Radio Show: Earthquake of 1811	Apr. 1951	1 item
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Folder 23	Radio Show: Girls' Basketball at WKU	Feb. 1953	2 items
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Folder 4	Radio Show: Kentucky Derby	May 1952	1 item
Folder 5	Radio Show: Kentucky Editors and Newspapers	1938-1947	18 items
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Folder 13	Radio Show: George Mercer	Nov. 1946	1 item

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