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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.

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BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Correspondence, autograph albums, travel accounts and other miscellaneous material of Franklin, Kentucky native Gilbertine Moore. Moore owned a seed inspection business in Franklin and was interested in the arts, nature, and writing.

1 box. 14 folders. 166 items. Originals and photocopies.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Autograph albums  B1,F4
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