



Guide to the Moses family papers, 1859-1951

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Summary

Collection Title:

Moses family papers, 1859-1951

Creator:

Moses family

Abstract:

Papers relate to a Jewish family originally from South Carolina and Georgia, and residents of New York City, whose members included drama critic and journalist Montrose Jonas Moses, his wife Dorothy Herne and other Herne sisters, and his sister, author Belle Moses. The collection primarily consists of manuscripts written by Belle Moses, as well as her research notes and letters. Notes, clippings, diaries, letters, and other papers of Montrose J. Moses and Dorothy Herne also represent a substantial portion. There are also five scrapbooks assembled by the Herne sisters. Also included are family and travel photographs, nitrate negatives, physician Montefiore Moses' visiting books, and memorabilia such as pins, calling cards, programs, and other keepsakes. Print materials include literature, poetry, and textbooks published around the turn of the century.

Extent:

14 Linear Feet (10 boxes)

Language:

Material in English

Collection ID:

RL.00916

Permalink:

<https://idn.duke.edu/ark:/87924/m1k05f>

Preferred Citation

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Background

Scope and Content

The Moses family papers primarily consist of manuscripts written by Belle Moses, and include her research notes and letters. Notes, clippings, letters, telegrams, diaries, theater advertisements, book reviews, and other papers of Montrose J. Moses and Dorothy Herne also represent a substantial portion.

Additional materials include five scrapbooks assembled by the Herne sisters; family and travel photographs dating from the 19th to the 20th centuries, along with corresponding nitrate negatives; and 19th century doctor's visiting books belonging to Montrose and Belle's father, who was a physician in Georgia. Also present are memorabilia such as pins, calling cards, programs, and other keepsakes. Print materials found in the collection include literature, poetry, and textbooks published around the turn of the century.

Biographical/Historical

Jewish family originally from Charleston, S.C., and residents of New York City, whose members included physician Montefiore Moses (1841-1878), who served in the Confederate Army, eventually as assistant surgeon in Mississippi, and practiced medicine in Georgia and New York; his son, New York City drama critic and author Montrose J. Moses (1878-1934); Montrose's wife Dorothy Herne and several Herne sisters; and Montrose's sister, author Belle Moses.

Belle Moses was the author of approximately thirty works written for children and adults on American figures such as Louisa May Alcott, Charles Dickens, Lewis Carroll, and Paul Revere.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Access Restrictions

Negatives are closed to use; corresponding prints are available in the collection.

Access restricted. Collection includes nitrate negatives, which are closed to use. Nitrate negatives removed for digitization and deaccessioning in August 2025. Digital access copies will be available after digitization.

Use Restrictions

The copyright interests in this collection have not been transferred to Duke University. For more information, consult the copyright section of the Regulations and Procedures of the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library.

Acquisition Information

The Moses family papers were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a deposit in 1986.

Processing Information

Accessioned by Rubenstein Library staff, 1986.

Encoded by Paula Jeannet and Elizabeth Shesko, June 2011.

Updated by Paula Jeannet to reflect presence of nitrate negatives. Negatives processed by Holly Ren, March 2020.

Materials have not been ordered and described beyond their original condition.

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Related Materials

Related Material

[Montrose Jonas Moses Papers](#) David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Duke University

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Names and Subjects

- Authors, American -- Correspondence
- Drama -- History and criticism
- English literature -- History and criticism
- Jewish families -- New York (State) -- New York
- Jewish families -- Southern States
- Physicians -- Georgia -- History -- 19th century
- Physicians -- New York (State) -- History -- 19th century
- Theater -- United States -- History
- Women authors, American -- 19th century
- Women authors, American -- 20th century
- Georgia -- History
- Lake George (N.Y.) -- Photographs
- Lake Luzerne -- Photographs
- New York (N.Y.)
- Sewanee (Tenn.) -- Photographs
- Cellulose nitrate film
- Diaries
- Negatives (photographs)
- Photographic prints
- Scrapbooks
- Moses, Montrose Jonas, 1878-1934
- Moses, Belle
- Herne, Dorothy

Collection Inventory

Dorothy Herne Moses personal letters	Box 1
Diary, 1864	Box 1
Photographs	Box 1
Memorabilia	Box 1
Dr. M.J. Moses physician's visiting books, 1869, 1874	Box 1

Scope and Contents note

Probably Belle Moses's father, Montefiore J. Moses.

Belle Moses manuscript, 1924	Box 1
Montrose J. Moses correspondence, 1921-1928	Box 1
Photographs	Box 2
Katherine Chrystal Herne scrapbooks, 1892	Box 2
Dorothy Herne scrapbook, 1902	Box 2
Julie A. Herne scrapbooks, 1896-1898	Box 2
Print materials	Box 2
Photographs	Box 3
Belle Moses manuscripts, 1905	Box 3
Montrose J. Moses ledgers, 1923-1934	Box 3
"Papa's poems," 1864	Box 3
Correspondence, programs, clippings, class notes 1899-1924	Box 3
Print materials	Box 3
Rose J. Moses correspondence, 1900-1916	Box 3
Scope and Contents note	
Belle Moses's mother.	
Montrose J. Moses correspondence, 1900-1906	Box 3
Correspondence, 1860-1870	Box 4
Belle Moses manuscripts	Box 4
Belle Moses correspondence, address books, receipts, 1860-1940	Box 4
Print Materials	Box 4
Montrose J. Moses correspondence, 1890-1920	Box 5

Dorothy Herne correspondence and diary, 1903	Box 5
Photographs	Box 5
Mrs. Moses medical receipts	Box 5
Belle Moses manuscripts and notes, 1890s	Box 5
Belle Moses manuscripts, clippings, notes, 1900-1930	Box 6
Print materials	Box 6
Belle Moses manuscripts, 1890-1900	Box 7
Belle Moses correspondence, clippings, notes, diary, 1900-1937	Box 7
Franklin Delano Roosevelt: The Minute Man of '33, by Belle Moses	Box 7
Belle Moses manuscripts	Box 8
Belle Moses correspondence, notes, book lists, clippings, 1892-1940	Box 8
Photographs	Box 8
Card catalog	Box 9
Belle Moses manuscripts	Box 9
Belle Moses correspondence, notes, clippings, 1930s	Box 9

Nitrate negatives, 1906-1912, undated

Physical Description: nitrate negatives

Access Restrictions:

Access restricted. Nitrate negatives are closed to use. Negatives removed for digitization and deaccessioning in August 2025. Digital access copies will be available after digitization.

Related Material:

Corresponding prints for all or most of the images are available in the collection.

Lake George, 1906 August

Box 10 > Image RL00916-N-0001 through RL00916-N-0017, RL00916-N-0019 through RL00916-N-0031

Physical Description: 30 items ; nitrate negatives; 4 x 5 in.

Access Restrictions:

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Luzerne, undated

Box 10 > Image RL00916-N-0032 through RL00916-N-0049

Physical Description: 18 items ; nitrate negatives; 4 x 5 in.

Access Restrictions:

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"The Purdy's, etc.", undated

Box 10 > Image RL00916-N-0050 through RL00916-N-0059

Physical Description: 10 items ; nitrate negatives; 4 x 5 in.

Access Restrictions:

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Miss Fannie Jordan and Others, 1907

Box 10 > Image RL00916-N-0060 through RL00916-N-0075

Physical Description: 16 items ; nitrate negatives; 4 x 5 in.

Access Restrictions:

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Luzerne, undated Box 10 > Image RL00916-
N-0076 through RL00916-
N-0080

Physical Description: 5 items ; nitrate negatives; 4 x 5 in.

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Luzerne, unveiling of Verdi statue, undated Box 10 > Image RL00916-
N-0081 through RL00916-
N-0097

Physical Description: 17 items ; nitrate negatives; 4 x 5 in.

Access Restrictions:

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Sister, 1916 August Box 10 > Image RL00916-
N-0098 through RL00916-
N-0103

Physical Description: 6 items ; nitrate negatives; 4 x 5 in.

Access Restrictions:

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Groups, R. J. M., B. M., E. M. M., 1907 May Box 10 > Image RL00916-
N-0104 through RL00916-
N-0121

Physical Description: 18 items ; nitrate negatives; 4 x 5 in.

Access Restrictions:

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Marble's Pharmacy, undated Box 10 > Image RL00916-
N-0122 through RL00916-
N-0132

Physical Description: 11 items ; nitrate negatives; 120 film

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Mother, sister, sister E., me, 1906 Box 10 > Image RL00916-
N-0133 through RL00916-
N-0142

Physical Description: 10 items ; nitrate negatives; 4 x 5 in.

Access Restrictions:

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Lake Luzerne, 1906 August-September Box 10 > Image RL00916-
N-0143 through RL00916-
N-0172

Physical Description: 30 items ; nitrate negatives; 4 x 5 in.

Access Restrictions:

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Sewanee, 1912 Box 10 > Image RL00916-
N-0173 through RL00916-
N-0191

Physical Description: 19 items ; nitrate negatives; 5 x 7 in.

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