

Guide to the J.H. Moores Scrapbook Collection 20706

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Summary Information

Repository	Capital Area District Library/Forest Parke Library & Archives
Title	J.H. Moores Scrapbook Collection
Date	1866-1917
Extent	1.0 Cubic feet
Location:	Downtown/Basement/Stacks/Bay D/Section 5/Shelf 4
Language	English
Abstract:	This collection comprises two scrapbooks containing primarily newspaper clippings, promotional materials, and correspondence related to the business endeavors of J.H. Moores, spanning the years 1866 to 1917.

Preferred Citation:

[Item], The J.H. Moores Collection, Forest Parke Library & Archives, Capital Area District Library.

Biographical Note

James Henry Moores was born in Ohio c. 1846, married Sarah Frances Goodman, who was born in Wisconsin, c. 1852. Daughter Josephine F. is born February 11, 1875, and she married William M. West and moves with him to Alabama. She dies in Alabama on June 2, 1900, an event that is documented in this collection. Moores loses his fortune in the crash of 1893, but returns in 1906 after regaining his fortune. He then becomes an organizer in the Atlas Drop Forge Company. In 1909 Moores donated the land for Moores Park (also known as Belvedere Park), which became a zoo until Potter Park was donated and developed. Moores died in 1918 and gifted to Lansing the land for Frances Park in his will.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

Although it is unclear whether the scrapbooks were assembled by J.H. Moores, due to the nature of the organization and the hand-written dates in the margins, it is strongly believed these were created by Moores himself to document his professional career. The materials span the years 1866 to 1917, and consist primarily of newspaper clippings, promotional materials, and correspondence. The correspondence is contained in this collection. Also, the correspondence is generally of a salutary and congratulatory nature, and contain very little business matters or transactions.

Arrangement:

Two scrapbooks, one covering 1866-1900, the other 1910-1917.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Lansing (Mich.)

Subject(s)

- Field, L.H.
- McPherson, William Jr.
- Michigan History
- Moores, J.H. (James Henry)
- Prudden, W.K.

Access Restrictions:

This collection is open for research. However, due to the fragile condition an advance appointment is required.

Acquisition Information:

Unknown donation history, originally combined with the Lansing Local History Pamphlet Collection (Collection number 20603).

Collection Inventory

Scrapbook A - 1866-1900 Contains advertisements and newspaper clippings related to Moores' various business ventures, including fruit and vegetable marketing, real estate, and lumber. Also includes newspaper clippings regarding the death of Moores' daughter Josephine Moores West in 1900.

Scrapbook B - 1910-1917 Contains newspaper clippings, and letter addressed to Moores in regard to a testimonial banquet in his honor held at the Masonic Temple, December 30, 1910 by the Lansing Business Men's Association. Also includes newspaper clippings on L.H. Field, Wm. McPherson Jr., and W.K. Prudden. Also includes newspaper advertisements of the Lansing State Savings Bank.