

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Collection number:	M 1.7
Collection title:	C.H. Moore and the C.H. Moore Collection
Dates:	Various
Size:	1 Archival Box
Creator/Collector:	Various
Acquisition info.:	Various
Accruals:	No accruals are expected
Custodial history:	Unknown
Language(s):	Collection materials are in English
Repository:	Vespasian Warner Public Library District
Processed by:	Jenny Freed, 2009; reprocessed Bobbi Perryman, 2016
Conservation notes:	None

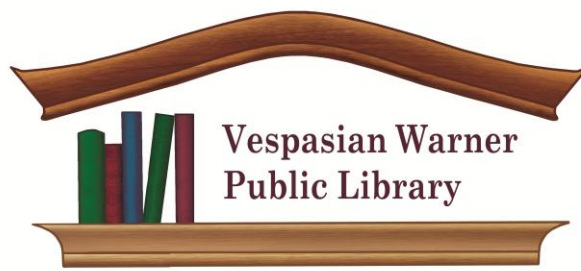
RIGHTS AND ACCESS

Access restrictions

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Physical access restrictions

None



Technical access restrictions

None

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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

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Related collections

C.H. Moore Collection: Moore's private library, which he bequeathed to the city of Clinton in 1901, is also housed at the Vespasian Warner Public Library District.

Separated material

None

Published descriptions

Not applicable

Location of originals

Not applicable

Location of copies

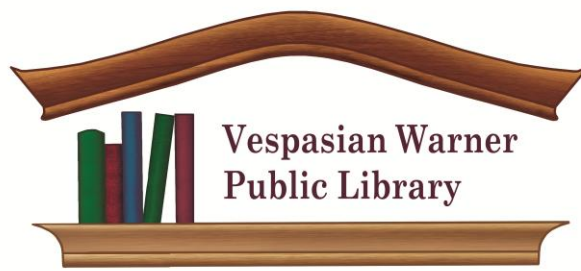
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Subject headings

Clinton (Ill.) – History.



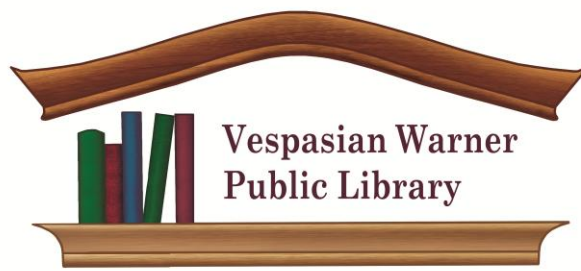
Moore, Clifton Haswell, 1817-1901

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION/ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

Clifton Haswell Moore was born on October 26, 1817 in Kirtland, Ohio, the oldest of eight children born to Isaac and Philena Blish Moore. He worked on his father's farm while attending school at the Painesville Academy and the Western Reserve Teachers' Seminary. In 1833 at the age of sixteen, Moore left home to teach school in Bedford, Ohio. He arrived in Pekin, Illinois in the spring of 1839. Supporting himself by teaching, he began reading law and was admitted to the bar in 1841 at the age of twenty-three. In August 1841, Moore became the first resident lawyer in Clinton. It wasn't long before he realized that a lawyer in any small county seat could not make more than a decent living by the pure practice of law. In 1848 he formed a land speculating partnership with Judge David Davis that lasted until the death of Judge Davis in 1886. Moore and Davis poured the majority of their resources into purchasing land in Kansas and Nebraska, as well as Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri. Both were considered very wealthy by 1851. Mr. Moore was then thirty-four years of age.

Moore became friends with Abraham Lincoln when Lincoln was riding the Eighth Judicial Circuit through DeWitt County. They were law associates working together on many cases and opposing each other on many others. Mr. Moore attended the Republican National Convention in 1860 and is said to have done much toward securing Lincoln's nomination for president. There is no doubt that Moore could have held a prominent political position because of his close association with Lincoln, but always declared himself not to be a politician and never would be. By the time the first train passed through Clinton in 1854, Mr. Moore had been the railroad attorney for over two years and was mainly responsible for securing the right of way and getting the depot located in Clinton. When C. H. Moore purchased the Homestead, he added the west wing containing this two-story library mainly because he needed a place to house his vast collection of books and newspapers. He owned the largest and best private library outside of Chicago containing thousands of volumes among which were many rare and costly editions as well as bound volumes of newspapers. He encouraged his tenants and all citizens to use his library. The furniture in the library was chosen by C. H. Moore, including the Wooten desk designed especially for Mr. Moore by William Wooten. A paralytic stroke convinced him that his death was near. Three months later Clifton Haswell Moore died on April 29, 1901 at the age of 83 leaving a vast estate, known as the C. H. Moore Trust Estate.

Source: DeWitt County Museum website, <http://www.chmoorehomestead.org/mrmoore.htm>.
Accessed 9 Dec 2016



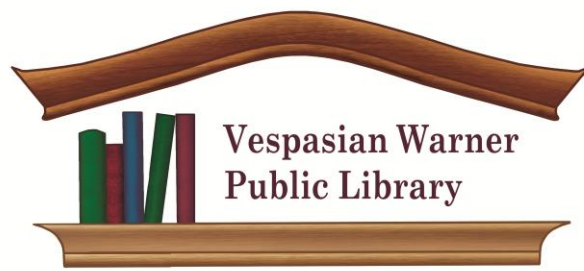
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Records related to the C.H. Moore Collection. Includes fragments of books from the collection.

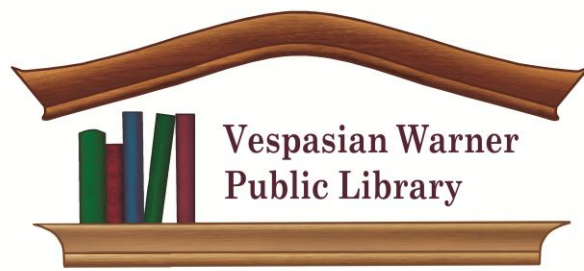
Records related to C.H. Moore and the DeWitt County Museum.



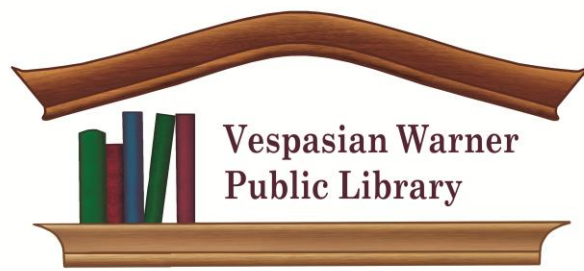
<u>C.H. Moore Collection Inventory</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
“The Wonders of Christmas” DeWitt Co. Museum flyer	1	1
List of Pamphlets	1	2
Fragment: Latin-English Dictionary	1	3
Fragment: “Days Doings”	1	4
Fragment: Julius Caesar Funeral	1	5
Fragment: United States Biographical Dictionary	1	6
Fragment: Book of Poetry and Music	1	7
Fragment: Medieval Illustrations 1	1	8
Fragment: Medieval Illustrations 2	1	9
Fragment: Medieval history in French	1	10
Fragment: Portrait of James Garfield	1	11
Fragment: Dictionary	1	12
Fragment: Portrait of George Cooke	1	13
Fragment: National Portrait Gallery 1	1	14
Fragment: National Portrait Gallery 2	1	15
Shakespeare-Bacon Controversy OPAC Record	1	16
Photographs of Collection ca. 1989	1	17
Copy of Moore’s Will	1	18
DeWitt County Museum Brochure ca. 2008	1	19



“C.H. Moore: a Life in Books” Flyer	1	20
“The C.H. Moore Collection” Flyer	1	21
William George’s Sons Book Catalog	1	22
William Brown Book Catalog	1	23
Catalogue of Rare & Curious Books, 1893	1	24
Joseph McDonough Book Catalog, 1898	1	25
A Catalogue of Old, Rare, and Curious Books, 1892	1	26
Catalogue of Rare and Curious Old Books, 1894	1	27
Woman’s Work Magazine, 1888	1	28
The New World Book List, 1890[?]	1	29
Moore Funeral Program, 1901	1	30
Notes on the Moore Collection by T. Rudasill 1	1	31
Notes on the Moore Collection by T. Rudasill 2	1	32
Moore in Ohio and Iowa	1	33
E. Kent & Co., Lumber, Lime and Coal Bill	1	34
Letter from Warner Library to John Hulston, 1942	1	35
Copy of article about Moore’s library, 1901	1	36
Short biographies of Issac Moore, Rose Moore, and Elizabeth Moore	1	37
Notes on C.H. Moore by T. Rudasill	1	38
Receipts from book purchases	1	39



Preliminary inventory of Moore collection, 1992	1	40
Talk Notes and Bibliography, Compiled by Jenny Freed	1	41
Copies of articles on C.H. Moore	1	42
Purple folder with a letter, 5 photographs of the library being built, and other documents	1	43
Illinois Farm Bureau Partners Magazine –CH Moore Homestead Article, pg. 22, 2018	1	44
Photograph – C.H. Moore First Residence	1	45
Photograph – C.H. Moore Final Residence	1	46
Photo – DeWitt Co. Museum, 1984	1	47
Local history write-up: 1840	1	48
Annals of the Early Settler’s Association of Cuyahoga County 1889	2	1
Newspaper – The Cleveland Leader 5/17/1896	2	2
Newspaper – Chicago Times 12/17/1878	2	3
Oregon: Its Wealth and Resources – with the Compliments of the Passenger Department of the Union Pacific Railroad 1889 (fragile!)	2	4
Newspaper clippings	2	5
Newspaper – the Cleveland Leader 7/23/1884 “The Early Settlers”	2	6
The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents – Travels and Explorations of the French Jesuit Missionaries among the Indians of Canada and the Northern and North-Western States of the United States 1610-1791	2	7
Map of New France 1610-1791, with envelope	2	8
The Jesuit Relations – Extracts from the New England Magazine and from the Introduction by the Editor Reuben Gold Thwaites	2	9
The Truthseeker Annual and Freethinker’s Almanac, 1895	2	10



“The Little Freethinker – A Free Thought Journal for the Young” 3/1898	2	11
Booklet – “Compliments of the Northern Steamship Co.” ca 1898	2	12
Fragment – The Holy Land and the Bible (fragile!)	2	13
The Field-Ingersoll Discussion – Faith or Agnosticism? 1888	2	14
“Folk Lore on Stone” and other essays on religion	2	15
“Sketch of Balzac’s Life (1799-1850)”	2	16
Library of Congress – List of Books Relating to Hawaii, 1898	2	17
‘Liberalized Christianity’ by Henry M Taber ca 1896	2	18
A Descriptive Sketch of Lake Bluff Issued by the Lake Bluff Hotel and Improvement Co.	2	19
The Afro-American Album of Information – Arranged by George A Brown, Founder of the Harriet Beecher Stowe Institute, ca 1890s- 1900	2	20
Wilkeson’s Notes on Puget sound ca 1869	2	21
Special Report of a Reconnaissance of the Route for the Northern Pacific Railroad between Lake Superior and Puget Sound via the Columbia River – W. Milner Roberts, 1869	2	22
Northern Pacific Railroad – the Charter and Amendments, General Mortgage on Railroad and Land Grant, and Copy of First Mortgage Bond	2	23
Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company Report, 1872	2	24
The Land Grant of the Northern Pacific Railroad ca 1870	2	25
The Northern Pacific Railroad’s Land Grant and the Future Business of the Road	2	26
Second Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Pacific Railway Company to the Stockholders – 1869	2	27
Prospectus of the Chicago and St. Louis Electric Railroad Company Operating Under the Adams’ System of Electric Highways	2	28
C.H. Moore Estate clippings	2	29