

George G. Moe fonds

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Fonds Description

George G. Moe fonds. – 1815-1958.

79 cm of textual materials.

87 photographs : b&w ; various sizes.

Biographical Sketch

George Gordon Moe received a B.S.A. and an M.Sc. from McGill's MacDonald College, and in 1929 received a Ph.D. from Cornell University. He joined the Department of Agronomy at U.B.C. in 1919 as an assistant professor. He became an associate professor in 1922, and was acting head of the department in 1925 when Dr. P.A. Boving was on sick leave. Moe was on leave from the department in 1927 and 1928 while studying for his doctorate. In 1930, Moe became a full professor and head of the department until his retirement in 1954. At that time he was appointed professor emeritus. Besides Moe's teaching activities, he was also active in research that investigated the development of a new strand of rhizoma alfalfa. Other areas of research were soil testing, fiber flax, potato index studies and cooperative seed projects with the Dominion Experimental Farms. These cooperative seed projects resulted in the certification of several Elite and foundation seed stocks.

Moe was involved in the work of two university administrative bodies. He was a member of the Library Committee from 1926 to 1936, and was Secretary of the Senate from 1930 to 1936. Moe also participated in numerous organizations pertaining to the study and development of agronomy. These organizations include: the Agronomy Conference from 1920 to 1926, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturalists from 1922 to 1926, the Provincial Seed Board, the B.C. Fertilizers and Agricultural Poisons Board, the Pesticides Requirements Committee, the Agricultural Supplies Board, the Vancouver Local Employment Committee, the Lower Fraser Valley Field Crop Committee and the Forage, Pasture and Range Committee.

Scope and Content

Fonds documents G.G. Moe's professional activities as professor of agronomy and as a member of various university and agricultural committees, as well as his personal and family history. It consists of correspondence, reports, minutes of meetings, course outlines, newspaper clippings, legal records, publications, notes, an autograph book, and photographs.

Notes

Part of the fonds was previously known as the Moe Family Papers Collection.

Received in several accessions in 1978, 1980, 1983, and 1990. Some materials were originally received as part of the Department of Agronomy fonds.

File list available.

Related records can be found in the [Department of Agronomy fonds](#).

Series Descriptions

Correspondence series. – 1914-1958.

30 cm of textual materials.

Series consists of records of Moe's academic and research activities, and includes his correspondence and reports as professor of agronomy and also regarding his research on rhizoma alfalfa. Most files are arranged in alphabetical order by name of correspondent.

UBC Teaching series. – 1934-1950.

2 cm of textual materials.

Series consists of examination questions, student lists, statistics, pamphlets, and course outlines produced by Moe during his various teaching activities.

UBC Administrative series. – 1924-1936.

7 cm of textual materials.

Series consists of records of Moe's administrative responsibilities at UBC, including the Department of Agronomy, UBC Senate, and the Senate Library Committee, and includes correspondence, minutes of meetings, reports, memoranda, notes, and drafts of resolutions.

Agricultural Committees series. – 1920-1926.

20 cm of textual materials.

Series documents Moe's participation on several committees or boards: the Agronomy Conference (a joint convention of federal and provincial agronomists and the U.B.C. Department of Agronomy, of which Moe was secretary), the Provincial Seed Board (the board was administratively linked to the federal and provincial governments and the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, and Moe served as secretary), and the Graduate Committee of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists (of which Moe served as chair). It consists of correspondence, minutes of meetings, reports, and notes.

Personal Papers series. – 1910-1958.

8 cm of textual materials.

Series consists of some of Moe's personal records, including a copy of his thesis, his CV and professional certificates, poems, reports, and newspaper clippings.

Moe Family Papers series. – 1815-1927.

12 cm of textual materials.

87 photographs : b&w ; various sizes.

Series documents Moe's family history, and includes legal records, correspondence, songbooks and other publications, an autograph book, and photographs.

Materials in this series were originally known as the Moe Family Papers Collection.

File List

Box 1

Correspondence series

- 1-1 Corres[pondence] - In-Out 1914-19
- 1-2/16 Correspondence 1921-23 [15 folders]
- 1-17 Corres. (letters of appreciation) 1955
- 1-18 Reports - Alfalfa Research 1931-55
- 1-19 Alfalfa business papers 1947-49

Box 2

- 2-1,2 Alfalfa business papers 1953-54 [2 folders]
- 2-3/20 Rhizoma 1951 [18 folders]

Box 3

- 3-1/6 Rhizoma 1951 [6 folders]
- 3-7 Rhizoma statistics 1951
- 3-8 Essays and misc. 1934-58
- 3-8a Meteorological 1923-32

UBC Teaching series

- 3-9 Agriculture 1 1940-50
- 3-10 Agronomy 14 1936-38
- 3-11 Agronomy 2 [n.d.]

3-12 Biology 2B [n.d.]

3-13 Botany 2b 1934-35

UBC Administrative series

3-14 UBC Dept. of Agronomy 1924-26

3-15 Lampman Report - UBC Senate 1932

3-16/17 Library Committee 1926-36 [2 folders]

Box 4

4-1/3 Library Committee 1926-36 [3 folders]

4-4 Senate 1931-32

Agricultural Committees series

4-5/11 Agronomy Conference 1920-26 [7 folders]

4-12/16 Provincial Seed Board 1920-24 [5 folders]

4-17/23 C.S.T.A. Graduate Studies Committee 1922-26 [7 folders]

Personal Papers series

4-24 CV, certificates 1910-49

4-25 Thesis – "Alfalfa Studies: A preliminary study of the inheritance of certain morphological characters" 1928

4-26 Report - "Wheat Studies in British Columbia" 1942

4-27 Newsclippings 1948-58

4-28 Poems - Catechism [n.d.]

Moe Family Papers series

4-29 Family records 1815-64

4-30 Family records 1864-83

Box 5

5-1 Printed Material 1890-1964

5-2 William J. Moe legal papers 1893-1913

5-3 Description of papers - genealogy 1913-27

5-4 Autograph book [n.d.]

5-5 Montreal Star song folio [n.d.]

5-6 Scottish songs [n.d.]

5-7 Miscellaneous printed material [n.d.]

5-8 Photographs [n.d.]

5-9 Photograph - Portrait of G.G. Moe [n.d.]