



**Moore Family Papers, 1845-1956**  
**SCHS #539.00**

**Description:** 0.25 Linear Feet (1 box)

**Biog./Historical Note:** Alexander Moore (1859-1929) and Annie Veronica Enright Moore (1868-1911) were the parents of Alexander Moore (1889-1947), John Martin Moore (1899-1970), Mary Moore Harley (1892-1974), Charles Joseph Moore, Arthur Moore, and Edward Moore. In the 1887 Charleston City Directory, an Alexander Moore is listed as an employee of the Etiwan Phosphate Works boarding at 119 Drake Street. In the 1905 City Directory, Alexander and Annie Moore are listed as residing at 21 Cooper Street, and he is listed as the night superintendent for the South Carolina Cotton Oil Company.

Alexander Moore (1889-1947) first married Annie Katherine Woodward in 1911. Secondly, he married Anna E. Ray (1895-1975) in 1922 in Charleston. His children included Charles O'Connor Moore (1930-2012) and John William Moore (1925-2003).

John William Moore (1925-2003) married Marianne Knowles (1927-2007), and their children included John Alexander Moore, who married Suzanne Marie Krebsbach.

Mary A. Ray, who died around 1930, is listed in the 1912 Charleston City Directory as the widow of William J. Ray, living at 273 Coming Street.

**Scope and content:** Collection contains correspondence and other records relating to the Moore family of South Carolina and related families of O'Connor, Ray and Sutton. O'Connor family papers chiefly consist of correspondence and include letters of William [M.] O'Connor of Charleston, some of which concern family members abroad and their immigration to South Carolina. A letter (1878) to a Catholic priest in Windsor, New South Wales (Australia), from Father Henry P. Northrop of St. Patrick's Church in Charleston makes inquiries on behalf a parishioner, William O'Connor, who is seeking to learn the whereabouts of his sister Mrs. Mary O'Connor Gallagher. Other O'Connor family papers include a citizenship certificate (1855) for William [M.] O'Connor, a native of Ireland; a certificate (1871) appointing William O'Connor as customs inspector for Charleston District; and letters of the Sutton family.

Sutton family correspondence consists of a letter (1849) from Ellen Sutton of Charleston to a relative who is to emigrate to South Carolina; and two letters (1864) from William H. Sutton, a

Confederate soldier at Petersburg (Va.) to his father and a cousin in Georgia, one of which inquires if the enemy has captured Columbus (Ga.).

Moore family papers include correspondence and records relating to the service of Alexander Moore, Sr. during World War I; and records relating to the service of his sons during World War II. Also included are property records concerning a house and lot in Summerville (S.C.); and letters (1952) to John William Moore in Washington (D.C.) from his wife Marianne in Summerville regarding personal and family matters.

Ray family papers chiefly consist of correspondence, and include letters (1898-1901) to Mamie (Mary A.) Ray from her husband William J. Ray (aka J. W. Ray) at Lands End (Beaufort County, S.C.) and Jacksonville (Florida); and letters between Mamie Ray and James Canute, a Florida steamboat officer, concerning her husband's death at sea.

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### **Container Listing:**

#### FOLDER 1

- 1 Letter, 1845, to Henry O'Connor (or O'Connor) in County Limerick, Ireland, from his sister Mary O'Connor Gallagher (Mrs. Thomas Gallagher) at Windsor, New South Wales, Australia, relating family news.
- 2 Letter, 1847, to William O'Connor in [Rathkeale], Limerick, Ireland, from a cousin in Charleston, S.C., regarding family matters and the immigration of a family member to Charleston.
- 3 Letter, 1849, to "James" from a relative, Ellen Sutton, in Charleston, expressing her pleasure that his family is coming to Charleston. Note: The 1849 Charleston City Directory lists a Mrs. Ellen Sutton, milliner, at 132 King Street.
- 4 Letter, 1851, from William O'Connor in Charleston to his wife Ellen.
- 5 Letter, 1852, to William [O'Connor] in Charleston from his wife Ellen in Rathkeale, Ireland.
- 6 Letter, 1855, to "My Dear Cousins" from a relative with the last name [Sheehan?] in New York.
- 7 Letter, 1859, to William [O'Connor?] from his aunt Anne Coklough at Rathkeale, Ireland.

- 8 Letter, 1864, from William H. Sutton, a Confederate soldier at Petersburg, Virginia, to his father in Georgia.
- 9 Letter, 1864, from William H. Sutton at Petersburg, Virginia, to a cousin. He inquires if it is true that the Yankees have captured Columbus, Ga.
- 10 Letter, 1868, to Mr. O'Connor from a friend in Washington, DC.
- 11 Letter, 1874, to "Cousin William" from a cousin, John Raleigh, in Metuchen, NJ.
- 12 Letter, 1878, to Father P. M. Cassidy, a Catholic priest in Windsor, New South Wales, Australia, from Henry P. Northrop of St. Patrick's Church in Charleston, S.C., making inquiries on behalf of a parishioner, William O'Connor, who is seeking to learn the whereabouts of his sister Mrs. Mary O'Connor Gallagher. Note: According to the 1924 obituary of Frances Tewkesbury, the daughter of Mary Anne O'Connor Gallagher, the latter married Thomas Gallagher (convict) on 26 February 1843 at Windsor, NSW. Mrs. Gallagher may have died in 1888 in Queensland.
- 13 Invitation, 1889, to Miss Marie O'Connor, to a concert and hop given by the Irish Volunteers in Charleston.

#### FOLDER 2

- 1 Citizenship certificate, 1855, for William [M.] O'Connor, native of Ireland, age 30, a weaver. Signed by the clerk of Charleston City Court, Henry Pinckney Walker.
- 2 Certificate, 1871, appointing William O'Connor as a customs inspector for Charleston District.
- 3 Two receipted bills, 1867, for purchases of goods in Charleston by Mrs. O'Connor.

#### FOLDER 3

- 1 Certificate appointing Alexander Moore as a sergeant in the United States Army at Camp Sevier in Greenville, S.C., 1917. Note: This is Alexander Moore, born 1889, died 1970.
- 2 Marriage certificate, 1911, for Alexander Moore and Annie Katherine Woodward. It states that Alexander Moore is the son of Alexander Moore and Annie Enright, and that the bride is the daughter of Thomas J. Woodward of Williston, S.C. and Lilly Amelia [Pechmann] of Augusta, Ga.
- 3 Marriage certificate, 1922, for Alexander Moore and Anna E. Ray. Married at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Charleston. Witnesses: William J. Ray and Mary M. Harley. Note: Mary Moore Harley (1892-1974) was the sister of Alexander Moore.

- 4 Honorable discharge certificate, 1917, for Alexander Moore, U.S. Army. Includes enlistment record on the reverse.
- 5 Honorable discharge certificate, 1917, for Alexander Moore, National Guard. Enlistment record on reverse.
- 6 Three certificates of administration, 1931, issued to Alexander Moore and Anna E. Moore as administrators of the estate of Mary A. Ray, deceased. Note: Mary A. Ray was likely the mother of Anna E. (Ray) Moore.
- 7 Telegram, [1940s?] to Alexander Moore from John [Moore] in Seattle, Washington.
- 8 Mother's Day card, 1945, to Mrs. Alexander Moore from John W. Moore, serving in the U.S. Navy in San Francisco, California.
- 9 Correspondence, 1922-1924, between Alexander Moore and the U.S. Veterans Bureau and the American Red Cross regarding his disability compensation and his health treatments.

#### FOLDER 4

- 1 Military records, including a postcard, 1950, to Charles O'Connor Moore, from the Selective Service System; a certificate of appreciation for military service to John W. Moore, and his honorable discharge certificate from the U.S. Navy, 1946; and a training certificate, 1956, for Arthur M. Moore, U.S. Air Force.

#### FOLDER 5

- 1 Letters, 1952, to John William Moore (1925-2003) in Washington, D.C. from his wife Marianne Knowles Moore (1927-2007) in Summerville, S.C. regarding personal and family matters.

#### FOLDER 6

- 1 Title to a lot in Summerville, S.C., sold by Victoria L. Emery to Catherine H. Kornahrens, 1883.
- 2 Abstract of title to a house and lot in Summerville, S.C., conveyed by Victoria L. Emery to Catherine H. Kornahrens, 1883.
- 3 Title to a lot and "buildings thereon" in Summerville, sold by Dorothea H. Beasley of Jacksonville, Florida, to Anna Elizabeth (Ray) Moore (Mrs. Alexander Moore), 1924.
- 4 Title to a lot in Summerville conveyed by Anna Elizabeth Moore to her son John W. Moore, 1952.

## FOLDER 7

Correspondence of the Ray family, including:

Letter, 1898, to Mamie [Ray] from her husband [J.W. Ray] at Lands End, S.C. regarding his job and money and family matters.

Letter, 1900, to Mrs. Mamie Ray in Charleston, S.C. from (“your dear friend”) C. J. Whirter in Newberry, S.C.

Letter, 1901, to Mamie Ray from J. W. Ray in Jacksonville, Florida. “I guess you thought that I was dead, but not yet.”

Letter, 1906 Dec. 3, to Mrs. Mary A. Ray from James Canute in Jacksonville, a steamboat officer informing her that her husband was lost at sea in a storm.

Letter, 1906 Dec. 7 to Mrs. Ray from James Canute suggesting that she come to Jacksonville. There is also a note to her from a Jacksonville lawyer urging her to seek financial compensation for the death of her husband from the Florida East Coast Railway.

Letter, 1906 Dec. 19, to Mrs. M. A. Ray from a cousin in San Francisco.

Letter, 1906, Dec. 26, from [Mrs. Ray] to E. B. Wallace in Jacksonville asking if he can confirm that her husband is dead. “His name is William J. Ray or as he sometimes spells it, J. W. Ray.”

Letter, 1906 Dec. 30, to Mrs. Ray from E. B. Wallace confirming that the man who drowned at Miami was her husband.

Letter, 1907 Jan. 11, to Mrs. Mary A. Ray from the auditor of the Florida East Coast Railway concerning some money due to her husband.

Letter, 1907 Jan. 17, to Mrs. M. A. Ray at 488 King Street in Charleston from her brother J. D. Ray in Greenville, S.C.

Letter, 1907 Feb. 11, to Mrs. M. A. Ray from the auditor of the Florida East Coast Railway transmitting checks for her husband’s pay.

Postcard, 1918, to William J. Ray at 273 Coming Street in Charleston from Thomas M. Conlon serving with the AEF in France.

## FOLDER 8

Miscellaneous items, including a school award (7<sup>th</sup> grade) to Mildred Ray; and a souvenir postcard with a photographic “View of Ruins of Retail District of San Francisco after the Great Earthquake and Fire, April 18-21, 1906.