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### Abstract

Morris Cox Moody was born in Holland, Michigan, in 1899. He attended Holland area schools and graduated from Holland High School in 1917. He worked at the *Holland Sentinel* newspaper until volunteering for the United States Marines in the fall of 1917. He served in World War I in the second artillery division at Verdun, Chateau-Thierry, and Soissons. He was injured at Soissons and spent almost two months at a Paris hospital. He was transferred to a veterans' hospital in Cape May, New Jersey. There he underwent multiple surgeries for nine months to restore use of his right arm. After the war, Moody attended the University of Michigan for engineering and graduated in 1929. After graduation he became a surveyor, eventually becoming an engineer for the State Highway department and for the Aeronautics Commission in Lansing, Michigan. The collection includes official documents from Morris Moody's life and service in World War I, including his birth certificate and autopsy report, letters and telegrams that he and his family wrote, his family genealogy dating back to the 1600s, newspaper excerpts, and photographs of his life and family.

Accession No: H17-1967  
Provenance: Morris C. Moody  
Donor: William Moody  
Photographs: 133 images (Box 1)  
Processed by: Hannah Brockway, September 2017

### Biography

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Morris Moody passed away in 1969.

### Scope and Content

This collection includes official documents of Morris Moody's life and service in the United States military. The collection also includes Moody's family's genealogy dating back to the 1600s, letters and telegrams, newspaper pieces from his time in World War I, photographs

and several photo albums of his life and family, a painting by Moody as therapy in the Veteran's hospital, and his sister's Bible.

Container List

Box 1

Bible of Lucy Moody, 1926  
Biographical Information, 1899-2018  
Correspondence, 1917-1918  
Genealogy, 1964  
Military Service Documents 1917-1925  
Painting by Morris C. Moody Complete at Veteran's Hospital, 1919  
Photograph Album of Davis family, n.d. (46 images)  
Photograph Album from Veteran's Hospital, 1919 (55 images)  
Photograph Book from Veteran's Hospital, 1919  
Photographs  
    Moody Family, 1871-1978 (49 images) (2 folders)  
    Moody Family, n.d. (cased) (2 images)  
    Moody Family, 1958-1963 (slides) (21 images)  
    On Leave in Holland, 1918/1919 (10 images)  
    Post World War I Holland Parades, n.d. (25 images)  
    Surveying, ca. 1929 (6 images)  
    University of Michigan, 1928-1929 (17 images)  
    Veteran's Hospital, 1919 (13 images)  
    World War I, 1917-1918 (14 images)  
School certificate from the Holland Public Schools certifying that Morris Moody completed the grammar school course and was entitled to be admitted to the high school, January 30, 1914  
Silhouettes of Morris C. Moody, n.d.

Box 2

Artifacts  
    Bag with loose tools  
    Canvas box with a shell casing vase and canteen

Box 3

Artifacts  
    Wooden Instrument Case

Box 4

Artifacts  
    Pocket watch owned by Guy Moody

Pocket watch from the family  
Soldier's rosary in a small metal case about an inch in diameter, ca. 1918  
Shoulder patch for the US Army 2d Division  
Dog tags, 3 aluminum? discs, one with soldier's number, one with name and company at Fort Strong, one with name, number and Batt. C12 Field Artillery USA  
2 buttons 1" in diameter, one with US and one with crossed cannon  
1 ¾" wide pin silver colored crossed cannons topped with US  
2 leather buttons on straps which may be part of his uniform  
Box with 3 military pins and 3 military leather items  
6 jackknives  
1 metal item  
1 rock  
1 orange glass object  
3 magnifying glasses  
3 recastings of 18th Century Military Buttons in pewter from original buttons excavated at Fort Michilimackinac and Fort Mackinac  
1 Taylor brand Gaydawl compass in box  
1 photographic pin of Genevieve Craig Moody (Morris Moody's wife)  
1 pin from the National Society of Professional Engineers  
4 pins from the American Legion  
3 pins from the University of Michigan alumni association  
1 metal pheasant pin and feather  
1 green stone pin  
1 ring

Oversized (located in Hope College Oversized Collections Drawer)

Posters

Poster from WW I, "Morris C. Moody Pvt. Co. C 12th Fld. Arty. Served with honor in the World War and was wounded in action"  
Poster, "Roll of Honor Service in the World War Roster Battery C 12th Field Artillery Regular Army USA," 1917