

Millikin University Archives: Staley Library

James Moses Collection

Collection Number: 04.07.122

Inclusive Dates: 1902 – 1987

Bulk Dates: 1900s

Quantity: 1 box containing: 1 scrapbook, 1 small trinket box, 1 rolled tissue paper tube.

Acquisition Information: Waneta (Trick) Moses (daughter?), Mrs. J. David Moses, Jr (daughter in-law of JDM Sr.), James David Moses III, and Gale Moses LeFever (Grandchildren of JDM Sr.). May 3, 2010.

Access Restrictions: This collection is open for research.

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Photographs: Black and white, in scrapbook.

Condition Notes: Scrapbook paper is brittle, with several tears. Some loose newspaper clippings and photographs. Items are glued to pages. Some silvering on photographs.

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Biographical Note

James David Moses Sr. (1879-1970) was born in Emporia, Kansas. Moses Sr. first attended Emporia College, before coming to Illinois in 1903. He was a Millikin student from 1903-1906. While at Millikin, Moses Sr. was one of the founding members of Millikin's first fraternity, Kappa Delta Chi. Moses Sr. was also chosen to be the captain of the first two Millikin baseball teams (1904, 1905), was active in the Orlandian Literary Society, and was one of the first 36 charter members of the Millikin University Athletic Hall of Fame (1970).

After graduation, Moses Sr. returned to Kansas and become involved with banking. He was later associated with the Commerce Department of the College of Emporia. In 1909 Moses Sr. married May Jones. In 1925 Moses Sr. returned to Illinois to join Purity Banking Co., and in 1926 he became manager of the Champaign Purity plant. He served as a corporate officer of the company until 1952. His wife Mary died in 1955. In 1956 he married Ethel Foster. Moses Sr. had four children (William, James Jr, Beth, and step-son Ralph Foster).

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a scrapbook filled with newspaper clippings from the earliest days of the Millikin baseball team (1904-1905). Most pictures are of James Moses Sr, and/or the Millikin baseball team. There is little personal information on James Moses Sr.

(aside from his obituary glued to the inside front cover of the scrapbook) All of the information in the scrapbook relates to his time at Millikin, or his activities with the university after his graduation.

Series Notes

Series 1: Ephemera

5 items

Kappa Delta Chi men’s jewelry items and commemorative spoons.

Series 2: Scrapbook

1 item

Scrapbook kept by James Moses Sr. showcasing his time at Millikin. Mainly focused on his time on the Millikin baseball team, with other emphasis on the Kappa Delta Chi fraternity.

Collection Inventory

Folder/Item Title	Container #	Folder/Item #	Description
Scrapbook	E-0007	1	Green scrapbook. Includes newspaper clippings, photos, programs, postcards, and other ephemera. Mostly relating to Moses’s sports activities, fraternity, and club activity at Millikin. Loose items include: a program for the first Millikin Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony and invitation (1970), Millikin Alumni Newsletter (1963), and a letter of donation from James Moses Sr.’s family (2010). Dates range from 1902-1987.
Kappa Delta Chi Pins (in Box)	E-0007	2	Cufflink?: Lightweight, tarnished, some corrosion on inside of cufflink face.

			Greek letters on face. Pin: Cobalt blue with gold trim and Greek Letters. Tie Tack?: gold in color, face engraved with Greek letters.
Millikin spoons (wrapped in tissue)	E-0007	3	Two spoons with blue ribbon tied around their threads. 1 Millikin Spoon: scene of Shilling Hall in the bowl of the spoon, undated. 1 Sports Spoon: A scene of a football player in the spoon's bowl. The spoon handle shows a football, two bats, and two baseballs, and "M" is featured at the top of the handle, back of the spoon is engraved with "1906."