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Collection Summary

Title: Dwight Lyman Moody Papers
Span Dates: 1864-1937
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1864-1899)
ID No.: MSS33266
Creator: Moody, Dwight Lyman, 1837-1899
Extent: 200 items ; 2 containers ; .8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Evangelist. Correspondence, scrapbooks, sermon notes, and printed matter relating to Moody's work as an evangelist; the Northfield Seminary for Young Ladies, Northfield, Massachusetts; the Mount Hermon School for Boys, Mount Hermon, Massachusetts; and family and financial affairs.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Cutter, John D.--Correspondence.
Holton, Cyrus, 1813- --Correspondence.
Lee, William F., active 1882-1887--Correspondence.
Moody family.
Moody, Dwight Lyman, 1837-1899.
Rankin, Henry William, 1852-1937--Correspondence.
Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891.

Organizations
Mount Hermon School.
Northfield Seminary for Young Ladies.

Subjects
Education--Massachusetts.
Evangelistic work--United States.
Schools--Massachusetts.

Places
Georgia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Occupations
Evangelists.

Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of Dwight Lyman Moody, evangelist, were given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. Frank R. Smith, Mrs. George W. Loos, and William H. Morrow from 1967 to 1975.

Processing History
The papers of Dwight Lyman Moody were arranged and described in 1979. The finding aid was revised in 2011.
Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Dwight Lyman Moody is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Dwight Lyman Moody are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Dwight Lyman Moody Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

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<td>1837, Feb. 5</td>
<td>Born, East Northfield, Mass.</td>
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<td>1854</td>
<td>Moved to Boston, Mass.</td>
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<td>1856</td>
<td>Moved to Chicago, Ill., and converted to evangelical Christianity</td>
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<td>1861-1873</td>
<td>Gave up business to engage in missionary work with the YMCA; founded Moody Church</td>
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<td>1870</td>
<td>Teamed up with hymn writer Ira D. Sankey to conduct Christian revival tours (made extended tours of Great Britain, 1873–1875 and 1881–1884)</td>
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<td>1879</td>
<td>Founded Northfield Seminary for Young Ladies, Northfield, Mass.</td>
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<td>1881</td>
<td>Founded Mount Hermon School for Boys, Mount Hermon, Mass.</td>
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<td>1889</td>
<td>Founded Chicago Bible Institute (later Moody Bible Institute).</td>
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<td>Dec. 22, 1899</td>
<td>Died, Northfield, Mass.</td>
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Scope and Content Note

The papers of Dwight Lyman Moody (1837-1899) span the years 1864-1937, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1864-1899. The collection contains general and family correspondence, scrapbooks, sermon notes, and printed matter relating to Moody's work as an evangelist; the Northfield Seminary for Young Ladies, Northfield, Massachusetts; the Mount Hermon School for Boys, Mount Hermon, Massachusetts; and family and financial affairs. Correspondents include John D. Cutter, Cyrus Holton, William F. Lee, and Henry W. Rankin. Also in the collection is a Civil War diary kept by D. W. Whittle in 1864 while serving under General William T. Sherman in Georgia.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged by type of material.
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