

Dwight Lyman Moody Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Dwight Lyman Moody Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1864-1937

Bulk Dates: 1864-1899

ID No.: MSS33266

Creator: Moody, Dwight Lyman, 1837-1899

Extent: 200 items

Extent: 2 containers

Extent: .8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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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 LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

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.

Whittle, D. W. (Daniel Webster), 1840-1901. D.W. Whittle diary. 1864.

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.

Acquisition Information

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.

Related Material

The D.W. Whittle Papers at <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc/mss/eadmss.ms008124> also contain a Civil War diary, kept by D. W. Whittle in 1865.

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The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Dwight Lyman Moody is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).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

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

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.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Civil War diary of D. W. Whittle, 1864
BOX 1	Book of notes for sermons
BOX 1	Family correspondence
BOX 1	Holton, Cyrus, 1892
BOX 1	Moody, Ambert, 1867-1898, undated
BOX 1	Moody, George, 1854-1882
BOX 1	Miscellaneous, 1867-1897
BOX 1	General correspondence, Northfield Seminary for Young Ladies, Northfield, Mass., and Mount Hermon School for Boys, Mount Herman, Mass., 1882-1899, undated
BOX 2	Bible presented to Irene Moody, 1895
BOX 2	Scrapbooks
BOX 2	1875-1924
BOX 2	1937 (Moody centenary)