

## **Finding Aid for the Edward C. Moore Collection, 1985-1994**

### **Collection Summary**

**Collection Number:** needs accession number

**Country:** US

**Repository Code:** AU

**Repository Location:** Alabama Museum of Natural History  
The University of Alabama  
Box 870340  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0340  
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**Title:** Edward C. Moore collection

**Previous Title:** E. C. Moore, Assistant Director's files

**Dates of Existence:** 1985-1994 (bulk 1987-1991)

**Extent:** 3 linear feet (3 boxes)

**Creator:** Edward C. Moore

**Language of Materials:** English

### **Historical Notes**

**Edward Carter Moore** was born February 12, 1917 in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. He received a B.A. in English from Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo (1938), and two Master's degrees in Educational Administration (1946) and Philosophy (1947) as well as a Ph.D. in Philosophy (1950) from the University of Michigan. In 1940, he married Eileen Rudolph with whom he had two children: Michael Charles and James Arthur. He went on to hold various teaching and administrative positions in academia before being appointed Senior Vice Chancellor of the University of Alabama system (1983-1985). He later acted as Assistant Director of the Alabama Museum of Natural History (1986-1990) during which time he began work on the *De Soto Chronicles*, a project which he helped complete before his death on October 4, 1993.

*The De Soto Chronicles Vol 1 & 2: The Expedition of Hernando De Soto to North America in 1539-1543*, edited by Lawrence A. Clayton, Vernon James Knight Jr., and Edward C. Moore was originally published by The University of Alabama Press in 1993. The volumes contain translations of the primary accounts of the Gentleman of Elvas, Luys Hernandez de

Biedma, Rodrigo Ranjel, and Garcilaso de la Vega during their 16<sup>th</sup> century expedition through the present southeastern United States and Texas.

## Scope and Content

Compiled by Edward C. Moore, the collection contains research notes and other relevant documentation pertaining to the creation of *The De Soto Chronicles*, as well as administrative files and several artifacts.

Note that some of the files in Series 3 date after Moore's death. It appears that these documents were created and collected by Douglas E. Jones, then Director and Professor of Geology, and relate to Moore's career and passing. These records may have been added to the collection by Jones to add context.

## System of Arrangement

Materials have been kept in their original order. The collection, in 3 boxes, is arranged thematically by material type and subject:

Series 1: Miscellanea, circa 1987-1993

Series 2: De Soto Chronicles documents, 1987-1993

Series 3: Administrative files, 1987-1994

## Conditions Governing Access

**Restrictions:** None. Collection open.

**Preferred Citation:** Alabama Museum of Natural History, University of Alabama

## Collection Inventory

### **SERIES 1: Miscellanea, circa 1987-1993**

**Box 1**

**Series Description:** Contains mostly artifacts belonging to E. C. Moore including: an Edward C. Moore Assistant Director name tag; pocket knife; coffee cup; pen set; Sesquicentennial International Congress name tag; a framed Hernando De Soto tile; wooden letter opener; and an "Edward C. Moore" shingle. Also contains several prints and watercolors as well as written documents including a letter from Michael G. Shogren and a set of notes cards referencing an insulator collection.

### **SERIES 2: *De Soto Chronicles* documents, 1987-1993**

**Box 2**

**Series Description:** The series contains research notes and other relevant documentation pertaining to the creation of *The De Soto Chronicles*. The bulk of the collection is comprised of correspondence with and manuscript notes by the various editors, translators, and researchers who worked on the project.

<b>Folder Title</b>	<b>Folder #</b>
Advisory Board papers, 1989 September-1991 September	1
Elvas Narrative manuscript notes, 1990	2
Correspondence to University of Alabama Press, 1991-1993	3
Frances G. Crowley documents, 1989 July-January 1991	4
Charmion Shelby notes, 1987-1989	5
Permissions and Agreement forms, 1991	6
Photocopies-Maps and Illustrations, 1990-1991	7
Vernon James Knight, Jr. manuscript notes, 1991	8
Anna L. Bryan papers, 1990-1991	9
Correspondence—Jeffrey P. Brain, 1989-1991	10
Manuscript revisions—Table of Contents and Foreword, undated	11
Manuscript revisions—Front Material Volume 1, ca. 1991	12
Paul E. Hoffman manuscripts, 1991	13
John R. Swanton reprints, 1992	14
Frances G. Crowley manuscripts and papers, 1990-1991	15
Pamela Ferdinand correspondence, 1992	16
John H. Hann papers, 1987, 1990	17
Photocopies, undated	18
Charles R. Ewen papers 1991-1992	19
Vernon James Knight, Jr. correspondence, 1990-1991	20
Eugene Lyon papers, 1988	21

Rodrigo Rangel Narrative—photocopies, ca. 1990	22
John E. Worth papers, 1990-1991	23
David H. Bost documents, 1988-1991	24
John H. Hann revisions and resume, 1991	25
Elvas Narrative photocopies, undated	26
Letters of correspondence regarding De Soto research materials, 1992	27
Correspondence and drafts of De Soto bio by Rocio Sanchez Rubio, 1990-91	28

**SERIES 3: Administrative files, 1985-1994****Box 3**

**Series Description:** The series largely contains administrative documents and correspondence collected by E.C. Moore during his assistant directorship at the Alabama Museum of Natural History. Correspondences include those written by and addressed to Moore, circulated within the Office of Archaeological Research, as well as the ingoing and outgoing correspondence of fellow Assistant Director John C. Hall. Monthly progress reports of the Office of Archaeological Research also make up a large percentage of the records. A small percentage of the materials relate to the museum's collections and to an asbestos test. Note that some of the records in Folder 1 were collected by Douglas E. Jones and relate to Moore's death.

<b>Folder Title</b>	<b>Folder #</b>
Edward C. Moore papers, 1989-1994	1
Description of a ship carved by George Curling, undated	2
“Conservation of Negatives and Prints...” 1988 February 25	3
Office of Health and Safety documents, 1985	4
Monthly Progress Reports—Office of Archaeological Research, 1987-1989	5
Correspondence—Incoming and Outgoing, Office of Archaeological Research, 1987-1988	6
Correspondence—John C. Hall, 1987-1988	7

**Notes**

**Processing Information:** Collection processing was conducted in 2016 through a grant from the Alabama State Historical Records Advisory Board.

## **Controlled Access Terms**

- Moore, Edward C. (Edward Carter), 1917-
- Alabama Museum of Natural History