Guide to the Melzrine and Warren Moore Papers

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Descriptors Summary
Title: Melzrine and Warren Moore papers
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Creator: Moore, Melzrine.
Creator: Moore, Warren.
Collection Size: .25 linear feet (1 box)
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Abstract: The Melzrine and Warren Moore papers include military records, correspondence, church and funeral programs, and photographs documenting the life of Melzrine and Warren Moore. The papers are organized into four series: Warren Moore, Melzrine Moore, photographs, and assorted printed material. The bulk of the Warren Moore material relate to military service and employment at Ft. Huachuc, Arizona and the Naval Supply Center in Oakland, California. The Melzine Moore items are mostly educational records, including report cards, a commencement program, and diplomas, related to her attending the Colored High School in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The collection also includes six family photographs of the Moore family in Oakland, California, an assortment of church and funeral programs, and a World War II ration booklet.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
No access restrictions. Collection is open to the public.

Access Restrictions
Materials are for use in-library only, non-circulating.

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Biography / Administrative History
Warren Moore
Warren Moore (1921-1993) was born on October 19, 1921 in Garland, Louisiana to Spencer Moore and Nettie Biggers. After graduating from the 2nd Ward Colored High School in Lake Charles, Louisiana, he was drafted into the United State Army in
1942. While stationed in Needles, California, he met Melzrine Lavan and the couple moved to Alameda, California where they were married on December 28, 1943. During World War II, Moore earned the World War II victory medal, Good conduct medal, Asiatic Pacific campaign medal, and American campaign medal before his honorable discharge in 1946. Following the war, he worked at the Oakland Naval Supply Center for 38 years and worked as a television repairman beginning in the 1950s. He was an avid ham radio operator and an active member of Evergreen Baptist Church in Oakland, California.

Melzrine Moore
Melzrine Moore (1922-1994) was born on July 24, 1922 in Roanoke, Louisiana to Jules Lavan and Emily Smith. She attended the Colored High School in Lake Charles, Louisiana and following her graduation in 1941 attended Leland College and Teaching School in Cameron, Louisiana. After meeting Warren Moore while stationed in Needles, California, the couple moved to Alameda, California where they were married in 1943. She was employed at the Oakland Naval Air Station from 1946-1964 and was an active member of the Bella Vista Parent Teacher Association and the Evergreen Baptist Church in Oakland, California.

Scope and Content of Collection
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Arrangement
Series I. Warren Moore Series II. Melzrine Moore Series III. Photographs Series IV. Assorted printed material

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog. World War, 1939-1945 -- Participation, African American. United States. -- Army. -- Infantry Division, 93rd. Naval Supply Center (Oakland, Calif.).

Related Material
Deitra Moore-Atkins collection, MS 92, African American Museum & Library at Oakland, Oakland Public Library. Oakland, California.
Military service

The blue helmet presents the 93rd 1943
To the 93rd Fighting Division from service club no. 1 Ft. Huachuca, Arizona circa 1940s
Information on Louisiana's veterans' bonus 1948

Employment

Red ball expeditor description of duties, Customs Unit, Export and Import Section, Freight Transhipment Branch, Naval Supply Center, Oakland, California undated
Application for federal employment 1946
Berkeley Evening Trade school identification and admission card undated
Moore's tv and radio repair service business cards undated

Clubs

Benevolent Order of Beavers
Membership applications circa 1950s
Membership dues tickets circa 1950s
Masons
Letter, re: first degree of masonry ceremony 1950
Ritual containing the three symbolic degrees compiled and arranged for the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California / Will W. Johnson et. al. 1948
California Baptist State Brotherhood quarterly bulletin March 1967

Biographical

Letter from Prigrean [?] 1946
Funeral service program 1993

Melzrine Moore
Physical Description: 1 folder
Series Scope and Content Summary
Includes Melzrine Moore's student report cards, diplomas, and a commencement program documenting her attendance at Lake Charles's Colored High School in Lake Charles, Louisiana and her funeral service program.
Arrangement
Arranged by format.

Education

Report cards, Jefferson Davis Parish/Lake Charles, Louisiana 1931-1939
Commencement program, Colored High School 1937
State spelling certificate 1936
Elementary school certificate, Colored High School of Lake Charles, Louisiana 1937
State High School diploma, Lake Charles Colored High School, Louisiana 1941

Funeral service program 1994

File clerk, Naval Supply Center, notice of unofficial efficiency rating 1947-1949
Photographs

Photographs
Physical Description: 1 folder
Series Scope and Content Summary
Includes five photographs of the Moore family in Oakland, California.
Arrangement
Arranged by photograph identification number.

Box 1:6
Melzrine Moore, Warren Moore, Margaret Joseph, and Earl Joseph dancing [001] circa 1940s
Box 1:6
Melzrine Moore and Warren Moore sitting on love seat in living room [002] circa 1940s
Box 1:6
Two men crouching next to two infants riding scooter, caption: 'Jackie & Felicia Daddy & Gee Oakland, CA on Popular St.' [003] 1947
Box 1:6
Baby walking on sidewalk in front of building, caption: 'Gee @ projects on Poplar St. Oakland' [004]

Assorted printed material
Physical Description: 1 folder
Series Scope and Content Summary
Includes assorted church, funeral, and educational programs and a war ration booklet from World War II.
Arrangement
Arranged by format.

Box 1:7
Lake Charles Women’s Chorus music week program 1937
Box 1:7
War ration book circa 1940s
Box 1:7
Lifelong learning class catalog, University of California university extension Spring 1949
Box 1:7
Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church (Oakland, Calif.) membership report yearbook 1976