Guide to the Ann Elizabeth Moore Papers

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Overview of the Collection

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Biographical Information:

Ann Elizabeth Moore was born on May 12, 1954 to parents John and Barbara Moore. She spent much of her adolescence in San Francisco and Davis, California. She had two older sisters - Carolyn and Rebecca - and her father served as a minister in the United Methodist Church. She lived with her sister Rebecca and her husband Patrick Clary in Washington, D.C. during the summer of 1971 and she volunteered her time at the Children’s Hospital of the District of Columbia. After graduating high school in 1972, Ann moved to Redwood Valley to live with her other sister, Carolyn, and work in the Peoples Temple church. Ann attended Santa Rosa Junior College and earned a degree in nursing in 1975. In the years to follow, Ann gradually became more involved with Peoples Temple, becoming a member of Jim Jones’ inner circle. She moved with the group to Jonestown, in Guyana, in 1976 where she helped to develop the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project. Ann and her sister Carolyn died in the tragedy at Jonestown on November 18, 1978.

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Personal Name:
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Arrangement of Materials:
All materials are organized alphabetically by document type, with correspondence further organized chronologically within its folders.

Scope and Contents
The Ann Elizabeth Moore Papers (1954-1978) consist of correspondence, schoolwork, photographs, artwork and memorabilia. All materials are organized alphabetically by document type, with correspondence further organized chronologically within its folders. The largest amount of material is correspondence, and within that category most letters are written to Ann from her friends. The earliest letters date from when Ann was only eight years old, and most correspondence continues until after her high school graduation, making the letters exceptionally noteworthy as a window into Ann’s girlhood and adolescence. Her friends wrote to her about boys, school, music, and other topics. Letters written from Ann to her parents after she immigrated to Guyana in 1976 as part of the Peoples Temple community in Jonestown are especially significant. Ann’s schoolwork spans her years at Davis Junior High School and Davis Senior High School. One of her school reports, about the 1960s pop musician Donovan, is particularly notable not only for its contents but also for the detailed marginalia that Ann drew. The collection contains a significant amount of Ann’s artwork, including small books she assembled and illustrated as well as her sketches and drawings.

Box 1, Folder 1
5 Year Diary 1964

Box 1, Folder 2
Address Book n.d.

Box 1, Folder 3
All Things New: Emerson Junior High School Publication 1969

Box 1, Folder 4
Autograph Book n.d.

Box 1, Folder 5
Autograph Book, Direct Quotes n.d.

Box 1, Folder 6
Beatles Magazines 1964

Box 1, Folder 7
Cal Aggie Christian Association Pamphlets n.d.

Box 1, Folder 8
Certificates and Awards 1962-1972

Box 1, Folder 9
Children’s Hospital of the District of Columbia: Certificate, Mailers 1971

Box 1, Folder 10
Church Pamphlets 1970, 1977

Box 1, Folder 11
Collected Promotional Materials 1970-1971

Box 1, Folder 12
Correspondence from Bruce Alexander to Ann Moore 1969-1970

Box 1, Folder 13
Correspondence from Eileen Allen to Ann Moore 1969-1972

Box 1, Folder 14
Correspondence from Nancy Anderson to Ann Moore 1967-1972

Box 2, Folder 1
Correspondence from Elizabeth Bartsch to Ann Moore 1965-1969

Box 2, Folder 2
Correspondence from Susan Callaway to Ann Moore 1964-1965

Box 2, Folder 3
Correspondence from Patrick Clary to Ann Moore 1968-1972

Box 2, Folder 4
Correspondence from Marian Covington to Ann Moore 1966-1973

Box 2, Folder 5
Correspondence from Erica Crosby to Ann Moore 1971-1972

Box 2, Folder 6
Correspondence from Roxanne Goddard to Ann Moore 1967-1969

Box 2, Folder 7
Correspondence from Jeanne Jasper to Ann Moore 1967-1970

Box 2, Folder 8
Correspondence from Carol Kaplan to Ann Moore 1964-1966

Box 2, Folder 9
Correspondence from Carol Kaplan to Ann Moore 1967-1968

Box 3, Folder 1
Correspondence from Carol Kaplan to Ann Moore 1969-1972

Box 3, Folder 2
Correspondence from Terri Kendall to Ann Moore 1971

Box 3, Folder 3
Correspondence from Carolyn Moore Layton to Ann Moore 1972

Box 3, Folder 4
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Box 3, Folder 11 Correspondence from Ann Moore: General 1972
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Box 4, Folder 11 Correspondence from Alex Rush to Ann Moore 1970
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Box 5, Folder 12 Memory Book Pages n.d.
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Box OVRSZD 7  Birthday Card for Suzanne n.d.
Box OVRSZD 7  Birthday Card for Rebecca Moore n.d.
Box OVRSZD 7  Scrapbook n.d.
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