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- BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:** Isaac Edward Moore, Jr. was born on March 20, 1924 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to Dr. Isaac Edward Moore (a medical doctor and World War I veteran from Vicksburg, Mississippi) and Katherine Brown Moore (a school teacher from Athens, Georgia). After Dr. Moore, Sr. died from tuberculosis, Katherine, Isaac, Jr., and Fred, Isaac's brother, relocated to California.
- Moore, Jr. graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Los Angeles and then attended the University of Southern California. Inspired by Thurgood Marshall (and a desire to return home to

Colorado, he applied to and was accepted to the University of Colorado Law School. Amid racial injustices (sleeping in a coal shed and receiving little help from the faculty), Moore, Jr. graduated on June 12, 1949. He is recognized as the second African American to graduate from the CU Law School. After passing the Colorado Bar Examination, Moore was admitted to practice on September 13, 1949.

A strong proponent of social justice, he sought to bring about change as a member of the Colorado State Legislature. Moore served in the House from 1957 – 1960 and 1964 – 1966. During his tenure, Moore, along with former Lieutenant Governor George Brown (at that time, a state senator), co-sponsored some of the strongest civil rights laws in the nation of fair housing, open records, fair employment, and prison work release. Moore was the sponsor of an historic bill giving individuals the right to counsel following an arrest – even before the U. S. Supreme Court’s Miranda decision. He was particularly proud of his sponsorship of a bill legislating the right of different races to marry in Colorado. Other bills he passed include the non-segregation of cemeteries; the creation of restraining orders outside of divorce actions; and, blood tests in paternity suits.

He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps, was founder of LARASA (Latin American Research and Service Agency), and was of member of the Colorado Supreme Court Ethics Committee; the Tophatters, and both Kappa Alpha Psi and Sigma Pi Phi fraternities.

After retiring on August 20, 1998, Moor, Jr. moved to Memphis, Tennessee, with Alfreda Ingram Moore, his second wife. (Moore’s first wife was the late Dorothy Williams Moore.) He died on October 16, 2003.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The collection contains papers that span the years 1948 – 1999. It includes announcements, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and certificates. The material documents Moore’s professional career.

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

The series consists of personal papers from throughout his personal life as well as his career in law and the Colorado legislature. The material includes correspondence, legal reports, retirement information, newspaper clippings, and certificates.

CONTAINER LISTING:

Series 1: Papers

Box 1: Papers

- Box 1 FF1 Announcement of the James C. Flanigan and Isaac E. Moore partnership for the practice of law, n.d.
- Box 1 FF2 Certificate of Appreciation from Prince Hall Grand Lodge for "Outstanding Service as a Mason and Grand Attorney", n.d.
- Box 1 FF3 Letter invite from Denver Bar Association to be honored at the Senior Spring Banquet at the University Club, 1999; June 29, 1999 letter from LARASA requesting videotape participation in celebration of organization's 35th anniversary.
- Box 1 FF4 Copy of "The Denver Blade: The Cutting Edge of Truth" newsletter, published by Embassy Enterprises, Inc., vol. 5 No. 20, "Our Man the Statesman" by J. Brown, publisher; May 1965.
- Box 1 FF5 Letter from the War Department The Adjutant General's Office, Washington, DC, statement of the military service of Isaac Edward Moore (Sr.), furnished to Isaac Edward Moore, Jr., February 17, 1948.
- Box 1 FF6 (University of Colorado) Law School Review Committee Report, dated June 23, 1976, signed by: Rachel B. Noel, chairperson; Donald E. Cordova, Isaac E. Moore, Homer P. Rainey and Edith M. Sherman.
- Box 1 FF7 Newspaper clippings: "Enroute Home", n. d. (Mrs. Dorothy Moore pictured); *The Denver Post*, Thursday, February 4, 1965, "The House of Representatives", p. 64., "City Starts Recheck of House Votes", n.d.; "Dolan Appointment to Justice Post Termed Imminent", Tom Gavin, *The Rocky Mountain News*; Re-Elect Isaac E. Moore, n.d.; "Tables Show Voting Records of Colorado Legislators in Races", *The Denver Post*, Sunday, October 26, 1958, 5AA; "Precinct 1805 Comforts Democrats With Its Votes", *The Denver Post*, p. 78; (3 copies); "Vote Democratic" ad, *Rocky Mountain News*, Saturday, October 31, 1964, p. 38; "Here Are Faces of Candidates for State Offices and Congress", *The Denver Post*, Sunday, October 19, 1958, 3E; "City Club of Denver Profiles, The Denver Post, Sunday, November 1, 1964, 84; 'Younger Set Takes An Interest in Legislature",

The Denver Post, Wednesday, January 7, 1959, p. 3; "13 Protestant Ministers Sign Powell's Pledge to Back Jack", *Rocky Mountain News*, n.d.; "Legislature", *Rocky Mountain News*, Wednesday, September 14, 1960, p. 12; "Denver Plans Recount of Absentee Ballots", *Rocky Mountain News*, n.d.; "Demos to Choose Dolan Successor", *Rocky Mountain News*, n.d.; "Isaac Moore Hinted to Fill Rhone Vacancy", "Isaac Moore Named to Fill House Vacancy", *Rocky Mountain News*, Wednesday, January 29, 1964, p. 24; "FACES IN THE NEWS", *The Denver Post*, Tuesday, January 28, 1964; "Solons Meet", "Coming & Going", "Denver Visitors", *Arizona Tribune*, Thursday, December 31, 1959, front page, p.4; "Negroes Scolded: 350 at Rally Against Barry", *The Denver Post*, Thursday, October 15, 1954, p. 48; "Atty. Isaac Moore Seeks Re-Election to House", *The Call*, August 15, 1958, p. 18; (2 copies); "2 Legislators Delving Into JP Legislation", *Rocky Mountain News*, n.d.; "Law Committee Report Claims Recruiting Bias", *Silver and Gold Record*, Tuesday, June 29, 1976, pp. 3-4.

- Box 1 FF8 "Delta Eta Boule Honors Three", *The Boule Journal*, Fall 1999, front page.
- Box 1 FF9 Copy of Eta Boule's invitation to Isaac Moore's retirement celebration on Sunday, November 22, 1998
- Box 1 FF10 "Tribute to Isaac Moore: A Legal Icon", *The Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity Signal*, vol. 2, no. 1.
- Box 1 FF11 Copy of "Tribute to Isaac Moore, Esq. (no name); 3 copies of program "Celebrating the Life of Isaac Edward Moore, Esq., March 20, 1904 to October 16, 2003", New Hope Baptist Church 3701 Colorado Boulevard, Denver, Colorado, Rev. Dr. James D. Peters, Jr., Pastor.
- Box 1 FF12 "Latest Trends in Tying the Knot", *Ebony* magazine, June 1988, pp. 31-34.
- Box 1 FF13 Several copies of photographs by Burnis McCloud of political happenings in Denver, numbered on the back of each, color copy of "Latest Trends in Tying the Knot", *Ebony* magazine, June 1988.
- Box 1 FF14 Black & white photograph of Attorney Isaac Moore, George Cavender, Attorney Robert Rhone; black & white photograph from Syrian Temple No. 49 and Syrian Court No. 40 Talent and Scholarship Pageant, June 19, 1960; black & white photograph of party meeting U. S. Rep. Adam Clayton Powell. With him: U. S. Representative Byron Rogers, U. S. Senator John Carroll, Attorney James C. Flanagan, George Brown, District Captain, Doc Lawson, Attorney Robert Rhone
- Box 1 FF15 Colorado Democratic Ticket information brochure, circa 1960.
- Box 1 FF16 Directory of the 45th General Assembly, State of Colorado, 1965.
- Box 1 FF17 Directory of the 46th General Assembly, State of Colorado, 1967.

- Box 1 FF18 Pages from re-election pamphlet for Isaac Moore, Democratic Candidate for State Representative, 1958.
- Box 1 FF19 Copy of Rules of Procedure of The House of Representatives, Forty-first General Assembly, State of Colorado, 1958; personalized copy of Isaac E. Moore
- Box 1 FF20 Copy of Isaac Edward Moore (father) biographical information