



## **Moulder Family Papers (CG0012)**

**Collection Number:** CG0012

**Collection Title:** Moulder Family, Papers,

**Dates:** 1873-1987

**Creator:** Moulder Family

**Abstract:** The papers of the Moulder family contain photographs, letters, postcards, and family papers. The materials were primarily produced while residing in Morley and Crowder, Missouri

**Collection Size:** 0.2 cubic feet  
(7 folders)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Cape Girardeau](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [capegirardeau@shsmo.org](mailto:capegirardeau@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Moulder Family Papers* (CG0012); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Cape Girardeau [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Cape Girardeau].

**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by – Frances V. Moulder on 10 October, 2016 (Accession No. CGA0012).

**Processed by:** Processed by Cape Girardeau Research Center Staff, 2016. Updated by Grace Hiller on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Historical Note:**

Thomas Valentine Moulder (1873-1912) was born in Linn Creek, Missouri, and died in Morley, Missouri. He was a country doctor who, according to his obituary in the August 31, 1912 edition of the "Scott County Kicker" died of rheumatism and was the "original Socialist of the county". Cletus R. Ellinghouse credits Dr. Moulder with founding the drugstore in Puxico, Missouri, in his book *Mingo: Southeast Missouri's Ancient Swamp and the Countryside Surrounding It*. Dr. Moulder married Phoebe Olive Test (1879-1974) and they had a son, Wilbur Jay Moulder (1904-1987). After Thomas' death, Phoebe married William Henry Black (1869-1931) who owned a general store and farm.

Wilbur Moulder married Rebecca "O'Connor" Hunt (1910-2006) and they had one daughter, Dr. Frances Valentine Moulder (1945- ). Wilbur received a Bachelor of Science degree from the School of Mines and Metallurgy, University of Missouri, Rolla, in 1926. Until 1931, Moulder worked for American Telephone and Telegraph Company. He received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia, in 1936 and was elected to the scholastic honorary societies of Phi Kappa Phi and Alpha Pi Zeta. Moulder was an economist with the Tennessee Valley Authority, in Knoxville, from 1937 until his retirement in 1968. With his wife, he founded the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church. He moved to Tucson, Arizona, in 1971 and was a contributing member of the Democrats of Greater Tucson. Wilbur Moulder is buried at the Old Gray Cemetery in Knoxville, Tennessee.

### Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into a single series.

### Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains correspondence, genealogy materials, awards, scrapbook pages, and photographs. The correspondence in this series is Moulder family correspondence through letters and postcards. In this series, the genealogy materials pertain to the Moulder family, and of interest in this folder is the family tree that is in a unique format. This series also contains awards and other papers related to Wilbur Jay Moulder. Also of interest are a couple of scrapbook pages from a vacation that Wilbur Jay Moulder went on. Lastly, a large portion of this series contains photographs of Wilbur Jay Moulder and the Moulder family.

### Container List:

- f. 1 Correspondence and postcards, 1907-1911, 1948-1987
- f. 2 Moulder family genealogy, n.d.
- f. 3 Wilbur Jay Moulder papers, 1915, 1920, 1983-1987
- f. 4 Wilbur Jay Moulder photographs, n.d.
- f. 5 Moulder family photograph album, c. 1910-1953, n.d.
- f. 6 Moulder family photographs, c. 1945-1975
- f. 7 Glass plate negatives, c. 1910

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Black, William Henry (1869-1931)	5	Yes

<b>Index Terms</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Image</b>
Farming.	4,5	Yes
Missouri--Crowder	1,4	Yes
Missouri—Morley.	1,5	Yes
Missouri--Puxico	1	
Missouri—Scott County	1,4,5	
Missouri—Stoddard County	1	
Moulder, Frances Valentine (1945-)	1,3,5,6	Yes
Moulder, Phoebe “Test” (1879-1974)	1, 4-6	Yes
Moulder, Rebecca “Hunt” (1910-2006)	1,3,6	Yes
Moulder, Thomas Valentine (1873-1912)	1, 4-7	Yes
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