

# Register of the Charles Calvin Moore Papers, 1929-1933

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**Title:**

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1 linear foot

**Biographical History Abstract:**

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**Scope Abstract:**

The Charles Calvin Moore papers held by Brigham Young University-Idaho are comprised of the incomplete personal correspondence files created by Moore between 1929 and 1933 when he was serving as Federal Land Commissioner in Washington D.C. Although incomplete, the files provide documentation of the Hoover administration, a critical period of American history.

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## Biographical History

Charles Calvin Moore was born in rural Holt County, Missouri, on February 26, 1866. He was the fourth of ten children born to Socrates and Eliza McCune Moore. He completed his high school training in Mound City, Missouri, and was able to receive some college training at the teacher training college at Warrensburg, Missouri. After earning a teaching certificate, he married Minnie McCoy on September 15, 1886, and taught at the rural schools of Holt County. In the meantime, Moore was involved in local politics, serving as Deputy County Assessor, County Auditor, and County Recorder. However, after various political frustrations and because of his wife's chronic illnesses, Moore decided to move to Idaho in 1899.

During the 1899-1900 school year, Moore taught at the Teton Island (Hibbard) School. He later accepted a position in Saint Anthony as the assistant principal of the high school. Besides his teaching job, Moore became involved in the pharmacy and real estate businesses. In 1902, Moore was elected to the Idaho State Legislature as a representative from Fremont County. Moore worked hard to bring new settlers into Idaho, and in 1906 he founded the city of Ashton as a site for the railroad expansion and development. From 1908-1913, Moore served as the postmaster in Saint Anthony, but he suffered the devastating loss in 1909 of his first wife Minnie. He married Clara Wallan in 1915

In 1918, he accepted a nomination as the Republican candidate for governor in the state of Idaho. And in 1922, after a fierce race against the William Borah backed Progressive candidate, Moore was elected as Idaho State Governor. Moore served for two terms until voluntarily deciding to step aside. In 1929, Moore was appointed to be Federal Land Commissioner in the Herbert Hoover administration.

After four years, he met the fate of the rest of the Hoover administration as they faced the terrible consequences of the Great Depression. He returned to Idaho in 1933, and found his real estate business reeling in the woes of the Great Depression. In 1940, Clara died and Moore spent his retirement fishing in the woods of Idaho and California. He died in 1958 and was buried in the Mount Olivet Cemetery in Boise.

## Scope and Content Note

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Although incomplete, the files provide documentation of the Hoover administration, a critical period of American history. Almost every letter reflects the economic and social turmoil of the nation in the years following the 1929 stock market crash. The letters detail, in very human terms, how the depression affected businessmen, farmers, and threw entire industries into a tailspin. They provide a Republican view of world and national events leading up to the election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1932. The Correspondents include Franklin Delano Roosevelt, William Borah, Mark Austin and "Fess" Fuller.

## Notes on Arrangement

The Charles Calvin Moore Papers are organized alphabetically by the last names of the correspondents. The collection includes letters both to and from the Federal Land Commissioner.

## Subject Tracings

### Genre/Form

Governors--Idaho--Biography

### Subject

Idaho--Politics and government

## Container List

## Inventory

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3	1	Geology and Ore Deposits Near Murray 1938 Photographs
3	2	The Idaho Little Blue Book, Calendar No. 1350 1933
3	3	Efficiency Board Idaho National Guard September 5, 1925, Laird & Lee's Vest Pocket Webster Dictionary, Autograph book and photos from 1900
3	4	Clara Moore Notebook from University of Maryland
3	5	Articles and Congress reports relating to taxes in Idaho, and government in Idaho 1920's
3	6	The Department of the Interior: It's History and Proper Functions, Studying Reclamation with Secretary Work and Doctor Mead, Service Directory: Department of the Interior July 1932, Harvey's Weekly May 8, 1920