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James and Eleanor Moose Collection

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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b>      | Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives                           |
| <b>Title:</b>           | James and Eleanor Moose Collection  |
| <b>Date:</b>            | 1942-1973   |
| <b>Identifier:</b>      | FSA.A2008.03  |
| <b>Creator:</b>         | Moose, James S., 1903-1989. (Collector)<br>Moose, Eleanor Wood, 1903-1989 (Collector) |
| <b>Extent:</b>          | 1.2 Cubic feet<br>9 Boxes   |
| <b>Language:</b>        | Arabic , English .  |
| <b>Digital Content:</b> | <a href="#">Image(s): Photograph Albums of James and Eleanor Moose</a>                |

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Gift of Duncan Whittome, 2008. Gift of James S. Moose, III, 2016-2020.

### Preferred Citation

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### Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

James S. Moose, Jr., (1903-1989) was a foreign service officer of the U.S. Department of State. James was born in Morrilton, Arkansas on October 3, 1903, to James S. Moose, Sr., and Ellen Howard Moose. Eleanor Duncan Wood, Jr. (1903-1989) was born in Maysville, Kentucky on September 30, 1903, to Clarence L. Wood and Eleanor Duncan Wood (1868-1936).

James and Eleanor both graduated from the University of Missouri, and in 1922, they wed. James and Eleanor would have two children together, James Moose, III (b. 1937), and Eleanor Duncan Wood Moose (b. 1942).

After passing the foreign service exam in 1928, James was subsequently stationed in Greece, France, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Sudan. James was appointed Ambassador to Syria in 1952 and was recalled in 1957. He went on to serve as Ambassador to Sudan, 1958-1962. Eleanor traveled with her husband during his overseas appointments and is featured in some of the slides. James retired from the State Department in 1962, after 34 years

of service. After his retirement, he taught international relations at the University of Massachusetts for one year. In the 1960s, James and Eleanor returned to Arkansas. They both died in 1989 in Virginia.

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## Scope and Contents

Two photographic print albums created by James and Eleanor Moose, circa 1950s, which include images of the architecture and landscape of Syria. Photographs are all gelatin prints, mostly 7" x 9" or smaller. Album 1 contains prints, mostly of Syrian architectural monuments. Many of the photographs are signed "Amin Sharif". Album 2 contains prints, mostly of Syrian architecture and ancient sites. Some of the prints are captioned in Arabic. The album includes studio portraits of James and Eleanor Moose from 1954 and 1955.

The series of color slides were photographed by James Moose, Jr., during his travels as an American foreign service officer, 1942-1973. The majority of the slides are individually labeled or grouped together by feature or location and date in English (with some placenames written in another language). Some folders are only labeled by country and may contain slides with more specific site labels. They are held in plastic, paper, and metal mounts. The slides depict mostly archaeological, geological, and architectural features in Syria, Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Italy, Greece, France, Austria, Yugoslavia, and Sudan, with the largest portions from locations in Syria, Turkey, Lebanon, and then Sudan.

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## Arrangement

Organized into two series.

Series 1: Two Photograph Albums (One box of 133 black and white prints)

Series 2: Slides (8 boxes of color slides)

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## Local Numbers

FSA A2008.03

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Types of Materials:

- Photograph albums
- Photographs -- 1950-1960 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver gelatin
- Slides (photographs)

Places:

- Austria
- Egypt
- Greece
- Italy
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Sudan

Syria  
Turkey  
Yugoslavia

## Container Listing

### Photograph Albums

#### Box 1

Box 1                    FSA A2008.03 1: [Album of photographs of Syria, 1950-1959](#)  
 75 Prints (1 album; gelatin)  
 Collector:            Moose, James S., 1903-1989.  
                               Moose, Eleanor Wood, 1903-1989  
 Language:            Arabic.  
 Notes:                FSA A2008.03 1  
 Place:                 Syria  
 Genre/Form:        Photographs -- 1950-1960 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver  
                               gelatin  
                               Photograph albums

Box 1                    FSA A2008.03 2: [Album of photographs of Syria, 1950-1959](#)  
 58 Prints (1 album; gelatin)  
 Collector:            Moose, James S., 1903-1989.  
                               Moose, Eleanor Wood, 1903-1989  
 Language:            Arabic.  
 Notes:                FSA A2008.03 2  
 Place:                 Syria  
 Genre/Form:        Photographs -- 1950-1960 -- Black-and-white photoprints -- Silver  
                               gelatin  
                               Photograph albums

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## Slides

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| Box 3            | Slide Box   |
| Box 4, Folder 1  | The Cedars – Winter, 1953-56 [Lebanon]; Sanamayn, 5/30/55 [Syria], 1953-1956  |
| Box 4, Folder 2  | Bosra, 11/29/53 [Syria, part 1 of 2], 1953-11-29  |
| Box 4, Folder 3  | Bosra, 11/29/53 [Syria, part 2 of 2]; Qasr El-Hallabat, undated [Jordan], 1953, undated                                 |
| Box 4, Folder 4  | Jerash, 12/26/52 [Jordan, part 1 of 2], 1952-12-26  |
| Box 4, Folder 5  | Jerash, 12/26/52 [Jordan, part 2 of 2], 1952-12-26  |
| Box 4, Folder 6  | 'Amman & Vicinity, 4/25/54 [Jordan]; Qusayr 'Umra, 11/15/52 [Jordan]; Qasr Al-Khayrraneh, 11/15/52 [Jordan], 1952, 1954 |
| Box 4, Folder 7  | Mshatta, 11/16/52 [Jordan], 1952-11-16  |
| Box 4, Folder 8  | Mt. Nebo, January 1954 [Jordan], 1954-01  |
| Box 4, Folder 9  | Kerak, 1952 [Jordan]; Shobak, undated [Jordan], 1952, undated   |
| Box 4, Folder 10 | Manners and Customs, 1954-55; Luxor, 11/2/42 [Egypt, part 1 of 4], 1942, 1954-55  |
| Box 4, Folder 11 | Luxor, 11/2/42 [Egypt, part 2 of 4], 1942-11-02   |
| Box 4, Folder 12 | Luxor, 11/2/42 [Egypt, part 3 of 4], 1942-11-02   |
| Box 4, Folder 13 | Luxor, 11/2/42 [Egypt, part 4 of 4], 1942-11-02   |
| Box 4, Folder 14 | Jidda, 1942 [Saudi Arabia], 1942  |
| Box 4, Folder 15 | Cairo, November 1942 [Egypt], 1942-11   |
| Box 4, Folder 16 | Brusa, 5/16/54 [Turkey, part 1 of 2], 1954-05-16  |
| Box 4, Folder 17 | Brusa, 5/16/54 [Turkey, part 2 of 2]; Constantinople [Istanbul], 1954 [Turkey, part 1 of 2], 1954                       |
| Box 4, Folder 18 | Constantinople [Istanbul], 1954 [Turkey, part 2 of 2], 1954   |
| Box 4, Folder 19 | Seidjar, 7/3/54 [Syria]; Al-Ghab, 6/19/55 [Syria], 1954-55  |

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| Box 4, Folder 20 | Qalbloze, 7/9/54 [Syria], 1954-07-09   |
| Box 5, Folder 1  | Qala'at Sem'an, 1954-55 [Syria, part 1 of 2], 1954-1955  |
| Box 5, Folder 2  | Qala'at Sem'an, 1954-55 [Syria, part 2 of 2], 1954-1955  |
| Box 5, Folder 3  | Aleppo, 1953-54 [Syria, part 1 of 2], 1953-1954  |
| Box 5, Folder 4  | Aleppo, 1953-54 [Syria, part 2 of 2]; Raqqa, undated [Syria], 1953-1954, undated   |
| Box 5, Folder 5  | Resafeh, undated [Syria]   |
| Box 5, Folder 6  | Cyrrhus, 7/6/54 [Syria, part 1 of 2], 1954-07-06   |
| Box 5, Folder 7  | Cyrrhus, 7/6/54 [Syria, part 2 of 2]; Hawareen, undated [Syria]; Qasr El-Khair El-Gharbi, undated [Syria]; Qaryatayn, 11/7/53 [Syria, part 1 of 2], 1953-54, undated   |
| Box 5, Folder 8  | Qaryatayn, 11/7/53 [Syria, part 2 of 2]; Near Palmyra, 1953-56 [Syria, part 1 of 2], 1953-1956   |
| Box 5, Folder 9  | Near Palmyra, 1953-56 [Syria, part 2 of 2]; Palmyra, 1955-56 [Syria], 1953-1956  |
| Box 5, Folder 10 | Qasr Nimrud, 1953-55, 1953-1955  |
| Box 5, Folder 11 | North Road, 1954, 1954   |
| Box 5, Folder 12 | Ma'loula, 1952-55 [Syria]; Yabroud, 1954-55 [Syria], 1952-1955   |
| Box 5, Folder 13 | Homs and Vicinity, 1953-56 [Syria]; Qalaat Al-Hosn, 1953 [Syria, part 1 of 2], 1953-1956   |
| Box 5, Folder 14 | Qalaat Al-Hosn, 1953-55, undated [Syria, part 2 of 2], 1953-1955   |
| Box 5, Folder 15 | Amrit, 1955 [Syria, part 1 of 2], 1955   |
| Box 5, Folder 16 | Amrit, 1955 [Syria, part 2 of 2]; Tartous, 1955 [Syria]; Rouad, 1955 [Syria]; Qalaat Marqab, undated [Syria]; Lattakia [Lattaqiyeh], 3/11/56 [Syria], 1955-56, undated |
| Box 5, Folder 17 | Hama, 1954-56 [Syria]; Qasr Ibn Wardan, 5/12/56 [Syria], 1954-1956   |
| Box 5, Folder 18 | El Andareen, 5/12/56 [Syria]; Masyaf, June 1955 [Syria], 1955-1956   |
| Box 5, Folder 19 | Rome, 6/15/56 [Italy]; Salerno, 6/14/56 [Italy], 1956-06   |
| Box 5, Folder 20 | Tivoli, 6/15/56 [Italy]; Venice, June 1956 [Italy, part 1 of 3], 1956-06   |
| Box 6, Folder 1  | Venice, June 1956 [Italy, part 2 of 3], 1956-06  |



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| Box 6, Folder 2  | Venice, June 1956 [Italy, part 3 of 3]; Verona, 6/27/56 [Italy]; Castello, 6/27/56 [Italy]; Didyma, 4/25/73 [Turkey], 1956-1973  |
| Box 6, Folder 3  | Heraclea Ad Latmos, 4/25/73 [Turkey]; Euramos, 4/25/73 [Turkey]; Bodrum, 4/26/73 [Turkey]; Cnidus, 4/27/73 [Turkey]; Rhodes, 4/29/73 [Greece, part 1 of 2], 1973-04          |
| Box 6, Folder 4  | Rhodes, 4/29/73 [Greece, part 2 of 2]; Anamurion, 5/6/73 [Turkey]; Tralles, 5/1/73 [Turkey]; Nyssa, 5/1/73 [Turkey]; Aphrodisias, 5/1/73 [Turkey, part 1 of 2], 1973         |
| Box 6, Folder 5  | Aphrodisias, 5/1/73 [Turkey, part 2 of 2]; Alanya, 5/5/73 [Turkey]; Brusa, 5/16/54 [Turkey]; Silifka, May 1973 [Turkey]; Hieropolis, 5/2/73 [Turkey, part 1 of 2], 1954-1973 |
| Box 6, Folder 6  | Hieropolis, 5/2/73 [Turkey, part 2 of 2]; Mamurieh Castle, Knights of St. John, 5/6/73; Sagalassos, 5/3/73 [Turkey]; Antalya, May 1973 [Turkey], 1973-05                     |
| Box 6, Folder 7  | Termessos, 5/4/73 [Turkey]; Pompeiopolis, 5/7/73 [Turkey]; Harran, 5/9/73 [Turkey]; Diyarbekir, 5/10/73 [Turkey]; Perge, 5/4/73 [Turkey], 1973-05                            |
| Box 6, Folder 8  | Aspendos, May 1973 [Turkey]; Side, 5/5/73 [Turkey]; Batman Suyu, 5/10/73 [Turkey], 1973-05   |
| Box 6, Folder 9  | N. Syria and Turkey, 1957, undated [part 1 of 7], 1957   |
| Box 6, Folder 10 | N. Syria and Turkey, 1956-1957, undated [part 2 of 7], 1956-1957   |
| Box 6, Folder 11 | N. Syria and Turkey, 1957, undated [part 3 of 7], 1957   |
| Box 6, Folder 12 | N. Syria and Turkey, 1957, undated [part 4 of 7], 1957   |
| Box 6, Folder 13 | N. Syria and Turkey, undated [part 5 of 7]   |
| Box 6, Folder 14 | N. Syria and Turkey, undated [part 6 of 7]   |
| Box 6, Folder 15 | N. Syria and Turkey, undated [part 7 of 7]; Hagia Sophia, 4/14/73 [Turkey]; Turkey, 4/14/73; Bergama, 4/19/73 [Turkey]; Sardis, 4/23/73 [Turkey], 1973                       |
| Box 6, Folder 16 | Alesehir, 4/23/73 [Turkey]; Kusadasi, 4/25/73 [Turkey]; Priene, 4/24/73 [Turkey]; Miletus, 4/25/73 [Turkey], 1973-04   |
| Box 6, Folder 17 | Yugoslavia [Croatia], April 1973; Philippi, 4/12/73 [Greece]; Kavalla, 4/12/73 [Greece], 1973-04   |
| Box 6, Folder 18 | Bassae, 5/31/73 [Greece]; Greece, 1957; Ouranopolis, April 1973 [Greece]; Amphipolis, 4/12/73 [Greece]; Austria, 1957; Slovenia?, undated [part 1 of 2], 1957-1973           |
| Box 6, Folder 19 | Austria, 1957; Slovenia?, undated [part 2 of 2]; Salzburg, undated [Austria], 1957   |

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| Box 6, Folder 20 | Paris, 1956? [France, part 1 of 3], 1956  |
| Box 7, Folder 1  | Paris, 1956? [France, part 2 of 3], 1956  |
| Box 7, Folder 2  | Paris, 1956? [France, part 3 of 3]; Ravenna, 1957 [Italy], 1956-1957  |
| Box 7, Folder 3  | Pisa, near Genoa, undated [Italy]; Paestum, 6/12/73 [Greece], 1973  |
| Box 7, Folder 4  | Melfi, June 1973 [Italy]; Catanzaro, June 1973 [Italy]; Ravenna, 1966? [Italy], circa 1966 - 1973 - 06  |
| Box 7, Folder 5  | Daphne, undated [Greek]; Ras Ba'Albek, 2/2/55 [Lebanon]; Hermel, 1954-55 [Lebanon], 1954-1955   |
| Box 7, Folder 6  | Yamoon, 8/15/54 [Lebanon]; Niha, 2/13/55 [Lebanon], 1954-1955   |
| Box 7, Folder 7  | Hosn Niha, 2/13/55 [Lebanon]; Hasbani, 1954-56 [Lebanon], 1954-1956   |
| Box 7, Folder 8  | Beaufort, 1954-55 [Lebanon], 1954-1955  |
| Box 7, Folder 9  | South Lebanon, June 1954; Jezzine, 1954-56 [Lebanon], 1954-1956   |
| Box 7, Folder 10 | Bayt-ed-din [Beiteddine], 1954-56 [Lebanon], 1954-1956  |
| Box 7, Folder 11 | Saida, undated [Lebanon]; Beirut, 1953-56 [Lebanon], 1953-1956  |
| Box 7, Folder 12 | Nahr El-Kalb, 8/5/55 [Lebanon]; Bzoummar, 1/9/56 [Lebanon]; Jubayl, 8/1/53 [Lebanon, part 1 of 2], 1953-1956<br>Notes: Jubayl is also known as Byblos |
| Box 7, Folder 13 | Jubayl, 1953-55 [Lebanon, part 2 of 2]; Mashnaqa, 5/27/56 [Lebanon, part 1 of 2], 1953-1956   |
| Box 7, Folder 14 | Mashnaqa, 5/27/56 [Lebanon, part 2 of 2]; Afqa, 5/27/56 [Lebanon]; Batroun, 8/1/53 [Lebanon], 1953-08-01-1956-05-27                                   |
| Box 7, Folder 15 | The Cedars-Summer, 1953-54 [Lebanon], 1953-1954   |
| Box 7, Folder 16 | Istanbul, May 1954 [Turkey, part 1 of 4], 1954-05   |
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| Box 7, Folder 19 | Istanbul, May 1954 [Turkey, part 4 of 4]; Bologna, June 1956 [Italy], 1954-05-1956-06   |

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| Box 7, Folder 20 | Capri, July 1952 [Italy]; Lake of Como, 6/29/56 [Italy]; Florence, June 1956 [Italy, part 1 of 2], 1952-07-1956-06         |
| Box 8, Folder 1  | Florence, June 1956 [Italy, part 2 of 2]; Milan, 6/28/56 [Italy]; Monza, 6/28/56 [Italy]; Naples, 6/14/56 [Italy], 1956-06 |
| Box 8, Folder 2  | Padua, June 1956 [Italy]; Ravenna, June 1956, undated [Italy, part 1 of 2], 1956-06  |
| Box 8, Folder 3  | Ravenna, June 1956, undated [Italy, part 2 of 2]; Palmyra, 1953-56 [Syria, part 1 of 3], 1953-1956                         |
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| Box 8, Folder 8  | Ba'albek, 1955-56 [Lebanon, part 1 of 4], 1955-1956  |
| Box 8, Folder 9  | Ba'albek, 1955-56 [Lebanon, part 2 of 4], 1955-1956  |
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| Box 8, Folder 11 | Ba'albek, 1955-56 [Lebanon, part 4 of 4], 1955-1956  |
| Box 8, Folder 12 | Lebweh, 2/20/55 [Lebanon], 1955-02-20  |
| Box 8, Folder 13 | Middle East, 1952-57 [miscellaneous countries, part 1 of 4], 1952-1957   |
| Box 8, Folder 14 | Middle East, 1952-57 [miscellaneous countries, part 2 of 4], 1952-1957   |
| Box 8, Folder 15 | Middle East, 1952-57 [miscellaneous countries, part 3 of 4], 1952-1957   |
| Box 8, Folder 16 | Middle East, 1952-57 [miscellaneous countries, part 4 of 4], 1952-1957   |
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| Box 8, Folder 18 | Sudan, 1958-62 [part 2 of 12], 1958-1962   |
| Box 8, Folder 19 | Sudan, 1958-62 [part 3 of 12], 1958-1962   |
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