

## Morehead-Mebane Collection

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<b>Title:</b>	Morehead-Mebane Collection
<b>Accession No.:</b>	01-062
<b>Extent:</b>	1 box
<b>Provenance:</b>	Donated by Lily Harris Keeling in 1981 and 2001
<b>Inclusive Dates:</b>	c.1900-1965
<b>Subject Headings:</b>	Mebane, Benjamin Franklin, Jr., 1867-1926 Mebane, Lily Connally Morehead, 1869-1943 Mebane family – Genealogy Morehead, John Motley, 1796-1866 Morehead family – Genealogy Rockingham County (N. C.) -- Genealogy
<b>Items Separated:</b>	Lily Morehead Mebane parasol stored with 3-D and Oversized items; photographs separated and placed in private photograph collection
<b>Related Collections:</b>	The Morehead-Nelson Collection which was donated in 1981 was incorporated into the Morehead-Mebane Collection in 2001.
<b>Preferred Citation:</b>	<i>Morehead-Mebane Collection. 01-062. Rockingham Co. Historical Collections, Gerald B. James Library, Rockingham Community College.</i>
<b>Descriptive Note:</b>	B. Frank Mebane was born in 1867 in Orange County, NC. Mebane started as a salesman for Cone mills in Greensboro, then went on to build 8 textile mills in the area around what is now Eden, NC, including Spray Cotton Mills, Nantucket Mills,

and Lily Mills, named for his wife. He owned the Spray telephone system and organized the Imperial Bank & Trust Co. and the Spray Water, Power & Land Co.

Mebane married into the renowned Morehead family. His wife, Lily Morehead Mebane, was the granddaughter of Gov. John Motley Morehead. Lily was involved in many civic affairs and was the first woman from Rockingham County to run for the state legislature. She served 2 terms in the lower house in 1931 and 1933.

B. Frank Mebane died in 1926 and is buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Mebane, NC. Lily Morehead Mebane died in 1943 and is buried at Lawson Cemetery in Eden, NC.

**Contents:**

Files:

“As You Like It,” Morehead-Mebane home at Spray, NC – Photocopies of original newspaper articles and photographs

Blandwood Mansion, Greensboro, NC, home of Governor John Motley Morehead – Photocopies of newspaper articles and photos and brochures

Genealogical information:

Family trees for the Mebane and Morehead families.

Family names include Connally, Graves, Kerr, Lindsay, Nelson, Norman, Reynolds and Walker

Address by John M. Morehead in honor of his late father, James Turner Morehead at the awarding of the first Morehead Medal in 1922

Excerpts from the book, *The Morehead Family of North Carolina and Virginia* by John Motley Morehead, New York, 1921.

Harris, Mary Kerr Morehead (1865-1948)

Mebane, B. Frank (1867-1926)

Mebane, George A. (1862-1921)

Mebane, Lily Morehead (1869-1943) - 1920s Diary (copy) and notes

Mebane, Lily Morehead (1869-1943) – Miscellaneous

Mebane, Lily Morehead (1869-1943) – Chronological newspaper files compiled by Michael Perdue in 2000

Mebane, Lily Morehead (1869-1943) - Miscellaneous papers compiled by Peggy Osborne

“The Diary of a Crusader: Lily Morehead Mebane, 1920-1924” by Robert L. Moore

Morehead family - General information

Morehead, James Turner (1840-1908)

Morehead, John Motley (1796-1866)

Morehead, John Motley II (1866-1923)

Morehead, John Lindsay (1894-1964)

Morehead, John Motley III (1870-1965)

Morehead, John Motley III (1870-1965) – Correspondence 1956-1960

Nelson family – Correspondence - Miscellaneous

Nelson family – Correspondence – Luther H. Hodges – 1955-1958

Parrish, Emma Morehead (1872-1956) – Newspaper clippings about marriage

Spray Water Power & Land Company. Blotter, c.1900

Notebook:

*The Morehead Family of North Carolina and Virginia*, by John Motley Morehead, III. Privately printed. New York, 1921 (photocopy of original)

Photograph Files:

Connally family

Harris family

Kerr family

Mebane, B. Frank and Mebane, Lily Morehead

Mebane-Nelson farm, Eden, NC – “The Meadows”

Morehead-Mebane house, Spray, NC – “As You Like It”

Morehead, John Motley and family – Obedience Motley  
Morehead (wife), John Lindsay Morehead, Eugene Morehead.  
Two family photos. Morehead Cemetery

Morehead, Obedience Motley (1768-1863), wife of John Motley  
Morehead

Morehead-Parrish, Emma

Morehead, John M., II

Morehead, John M., III

Nelson family

Queen of Romania

Negatives