Inventory of the
D. Jack Moses Papers, 1940 - 1996
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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** D. Jack Moses Papers,

**Dates:** 1940 - 1996

**Creator:** Moses, Dyctis Jack.

**Abstract:** Dyctis Jack Moses (1916-1996) was an African American musician from Americus, Georgia. A graduate of Morehouse College, he pursued graduate studies in music at various institutions including Columbia University and Julliard. He served as music director at the Avery Institute in Charleston, South Carolina, was the Supervisor of Music for Charleston County public schools and served in the Pacific area during World War II. In the early 1950s he became a pioneer in television by hosting the "Talent Parade" on WCSC TV, Channel 5. In 1957, he became a professor of music at Cheyney State College in Pennsylvania and later served as vice president of academic affairs.

The collection contains four series. The first series includes programs and correspondence regarding Avery's music department; a scrapbook with autographs of Avery Choral Society and others; and a 1940s script of radio broadcast featuring Avery Choral Group and several Charleston notables. The second series contains programs related to Moses' position as supervisor of music for Charleston County public schools and the third and fourth series address the "Talent Parade," and Moses' death. Miscellaneous materials include a national radio script about Charleston, South Carolina and a brochure regarding East Bay Elementary School, later Sanders-Clyde.

**Extent:** .25 linear feet (1 archival box)

**Repository:** Avery Research Center at the College of Charleston

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**Language of Material:** Material in English

### Biographical Note

Dyctis Jack Moses (D. Jack Moses), born August 20, 1916 in Americus, Georgia, was the son of Jordan and Lola Morgan Moses. A graduate of Morehouse College, he pursued graduate studies in music at various institutions including Columbia University and Julliard. From 1940 to 1957 he served as music director at the Avery Institute in Charleston, South Carolina and married a fellow teacher, Lois Lawrence, in 1942. He also served as Supervisor of Music for Charleston County public schools and served in the Pacific area during World War II. In the early 1950s he became a pioneer in television by hosting the "Talent Parade" on WCSC TV, Channel 5. In 1957, he became a professor of music at Cheyney State College in Pennsylvania and later served as vice president of academic affairs. He died in 1996 and is buried in Concordville, PA.

### Collection Overview

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Researchers may check the catalogue for a 1976 recording of the Cheyney State College Choral Society directed by D. Jack Moses.

Collection Arrangement

1. Avery Institute Music Department Materials
2. Charleston County Public School Music Materials
3. "Talent Parade" Television Show Materials
4. Obituaries

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Subject Headings

African Americans in television broadcasting.
African Americans -- Music.
African American musicians.
African American teachers.
Avery Normal Institute.
Cheyney State College.
East Bay Elementary School (Charleston, S.C.)
Sanders-Clyde Elementary School (Charleston, S.C.)
WCSC-TV (Television station : Charleston, S.C.)

**Administrative Information**

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Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Avery Institute Music Department Materials, 1940 - 1954

Box 1 Folder 1 Programs and letter regarding music programs at Avery; with small scrapbook containing autographs of Avery Choral Society and others; with script of ABC radio show featuring Mayor William McG Morrison and other local notables and Avery choir singing "Summertime" and a spiritual, 1940-1954.

2. Charleston County Public School Music Materials, 1955-1957

Box 1 Folder 2 Programs regarding All City Music Festival and opening of East Bay Elementary School, 1955-1957.


Box 1 Folder 3-4 Post cards, letters, telegrams, from viewers in South Carolina and Georgia, commending him for his program on WCSC TV featuring local talent; with newspaper advertisements for show. Photographs of TV show participants, 1953-1957.

4. Obituaries, 1996

Box 1 Folder 5 Obituary, eulogy, and funeral program.