

# Molly Cone papers, 1870-2000s

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Cone, Molly
<b>Title</b>	Molly Cone papers
<b>Dates</b>	1870-2000s (inclusive) 1870 2010
<b>Quantity</b>	12.74 cubic feet (14 boxes)
<b>Collection Number</b>	4378 (Accession No. 4378-001)
<b>Summary</b>	Research files, original manuscript, correspondence, and biographical materials related to Molly Cone and her career as a writer
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections</a> Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 <a href="mailto:speccoll@uw.edu">speccoll@uw.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Open to all users.
<b>Languages</b>	English

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## Biographical Note

Molly Cone was an author of many books for children in addition to *Family of Strangers: Building a Jewish Community in Washington State*.

Molly Lamken Cone was born in Tacoma, Washington in 1918 to a Latvian immigrant family. She graduated from Stadium High School in Tacoma, and attended the University of Washington. She married Gerald (Jerry) Cone in 1939.

She wrote over 45 books, and received many literary awards, including the selection of her children's book *Mishmash* (published 1962) as one of the 100 best children's books by the *New York Times*. The State of Washington awarded Molly Cone the Washington Governor's Writers Award three times.

Molly Cone died in March 2016.

## Content Description

Research files and original manuscript for *Family of Strangers*, of which Molly Cone was the head writer, with co-authors Howard Droker and Jacqueline Williams. *Family of Strangers* is a history of the Jewish community in Washington State published by Washington State Jewish Historical Society in association with University of Washington Press. Also included is an undated autobiographical sketch reprinted from "Something About the Author."

Original manuscripts, book notes, correspondence, book reviews, Family of Strangers correspondence, Jewish theme correspondence and stories, TV scripts and adaptations, read aloud Bible stories, Jewish media, notes and scripts for the Jewish Media Group & ADL, circa 1975; original draft manuscript for "Paul David Silverman is a Father"; general correspondence, 1963-1977; royalty statements, 1960-1974, fan letters, videotaped interviews with Jewish community leaders (for Jewish Federation), 1976; personal scrapbook, biographical materials, and photos.

## Other Descriptive Information

Forms part of the Washington State Jewish Archives.

## Use of the Collection

### Restrictions on Use

Creator's literary rights not transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Organized into 2 accessions.

Accession No. 4378-001, Molly Cone papers, 1870-2003

Accession No. 4378-002, Molly Cone papers, 1960s -2000s

### Acquisition Information

Donated by Molly Cone, 3/1/1991 and 10/27/2005

### Separated Materials

Cone's original books that were donated as part of accession 4378-002 were transferred to the Special Collections Historical Children's Literature collection

A Batch of Trouble, 1963

A Promise is a Promise, 1964

Annie Annie, 1969

Call me Moose, 1978

Come Back Salmon, 1992

Crazy Mary, 1966

Dance around the Fire, 1974

Das Leere Haus, 1970

Hear, O Israel (4 books in this series), 1971-1973

Hello, Hello, Are you there, God?, 1999

Hurry Henrietta, 1966

Leonard Bernstein, 1970

Listen to the Trees Jews and the Earth, 1995

Mishmash series (7 books), 1962-1982

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Number Four, 1972  
 Only Jane, 1960  
 Paul David Silverman is a Father, 1983  
 Purim, 1967  
 Reeney, 1963  
 Simon, 1970  
 Squishy, Misty, Dam and Muddy, 1996  
 Stories of Jewish Symbols, 1963  
 The Amazing Memory of Harvey Bean, 1980  
 The Big Squeeze, 1984  
 The Green Green Sea, 1968  
 The House in the Tree, 1968  
 The Jewish New Year, 1966  
 The Jewish Sabbath, 1966  
 The Mystery of being Jewish, 1989  
 The Other Side of the Fence, 1967  
 The Real Dream, 1963  
 The Ringling Brothers, 1971  
 The Story of Shabbat, 2000  
 The Trouble with Toby, 1961  
 Too Many Girls, 1960  
 Who Knows Ten? Children's Tales of the Ten Commandment, 1965, 1998  
 You Can't Make Me If I Don't Want To, 1971

## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Accession No. 4378-001: Molly Cone papers, 1870-2003

1.57 cubic feet ( 2 boxes)

Scope and Content: Research files and original manuscript for "Family of Strangers," of which Molly Cone was the head writer, with co-authors Howard Droker and Jacqueline Williams. "Family of Strangers" is a history of the Jewish community in Washington State published by Washington State Jewish Historical Society in association with University of Washington Press. Also included is an undated autobiographical sketch reprinted from "Something About the Author."

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

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Acquisition Info: Bibliographic Source: Molly Cone, 1991-03-01 ; 2005-10-27

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/1	4378-001 Aberdeen	1929-1981

<b>Container(s)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1/2	4378-001 Bellingham	1906-1998
1/3	4378-001 Centralia	1962-1991
1/4	4378-001 Ellensburg	1982-1998
1/5	4378-001 Everett	1970-2001
1/6	4378-001 Home Colony	1901-1990
1/7	4378-001 Marcus	1920-1983
1/8	4378-001 Olympia	1912-1995
1/9	4378-001 Port Townsend	1893-1988
1/10	4378-001 Republic	1907-1994
1/11	4378-001 Richland	1958-2003
1/12	4378-001 Seattle	1905-1997
1/13	4378-001 Sedro Wooley	1992
1/14	4378-001 Spokane	1892-1997
1/15	4378-001 Tacoma	1871-2001
1/16	4378-001 Walla Walla	1942-2001
1/17	4378-001 Sephardim 1 of 2	1966-1996
1/18	4378-001 Sephardim 2/2	1870-1997
1/19	4378-001 Research Materials A	1870-1997
1/20	4378-001 Research Materials B	1891-1999
1/21	4378-001 Research Materials D	1948-1995
1/22	4378-001 Research Materials E	1978-1994

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/23	4378-001 Research Materials F	1893-1992
1/24	4378-001 Research Materials G	1891-2001
1/25	4378-001 Research Materials H	1936-2001
1/26	4378-001 Research Materials I	1942-1998
127	4378-001 Research Materials J	1917-1996
1/28	4378-001 Research Materials K	1942-1985
1/29	4378-001 Research Materials L	1884-1999
1/30	4378-001 Research Materials M	1921-1996
1/31	4378-001 Research Materials N	1998
1/32	4378-001 Research Materials O	1939-1985
1/33	4378-001 Research Materials P	1936-1999
1/34	4378-001 Research Materials R	1936-1996
1/35	4378-001 Research Materials S	1933-1997
1/36	4378-001 Research Materials T	1985-2003
1/37	4378-001 Research Materials V	1984-1989
1/38	4378-001 Research Materials W	1984-2001
1/39	4378-001 Research Materials Y	1904-1996
1/40	4378-001 Molly Cone Index to Files	undated
2/1	4378-001 Historic Seattle calendar	1999
2/2-2/21	4378-001 Original manuscript of Family of Strangers and autobiographical author sketch	circa 2003

## Accession No. 4378-002: Molly Cone papers, 1930s -2000s

11.17 cubic feet (12 boxes)

Scope and Content: Original manuscripts, book notes, correspondence, book reviews, Family of Strangers correspondence, Jewish theme correspondence and stories, TV scripts and adaptations, read aloud Bible stories, Jewish media, notes and scripts for the Jewish Media Group & ADL, circa 1975; original draft manuscript for "Paul David Silverman is a Father"; general correspondence, 1963-1977; royalty statements, 1960-1974, fan letters, videotaped interviews with Jewish community leaders (for Jewish Federation), 1976, personal scrapbook, biographical materials, photographs of Molly Cone.

Restrictions on Access: No restrictions on access.

Restrictions on Use: Creator's copyrights transferred to the University of Washington Libraries Special Collections.

Acquisition Info: Gary Cone, 2017-06-06

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Accession	
1	4378-002 Biographical materials <u>Scope and Content:</u> Photographs, autobiography, award lists, Stadium High yearbooks, 1935 and 1936; general correspondence, and royalty statements 1959-1974.	1959-2000s
2-3	4378-002 Fan Letters and book reviews <u>Scope and Content:</u> Letters from elementary school students, clippings and articles on Cone's published books and book reviews. Book talk notes.	1960-2005
4-5	4378-002 Scripts and short stories <u>Scope and Content:</u> Adaptations, scripts for plays and TV, related correspondence, manuscripts for short stories.	1964-1970s
6-8	4378-002 Original manuscripts <u>Scope and Content:</u> Original manuscripts for short stories and larger works. Titles include <i>Paul David Silverman is a Father</i> , <i>The Amazing Memory of Harvey T</i> , <i>Read Aloud Bible Stories</i> , <i>Tic Tac Totem</i> , and other stories. Several of the manuscripts were submissions to publishers.	
9	4378-002 Video and tape interviews <u>Scope and Content:</u> 20 video tapes, 2 CDs on <i>Molly Cone On Her Writing</i> , 3 CDS on <i>Weaving Women's Words</i> , 6 cassette tapes, and 1 record vinyl	1970s-2000s
10	4378-002 Scrapbook and books	1930-1988

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	<u>Scope and Content:</u> Scrapbook, 1930s-1968; <i>The Vision Quest</i> script, and 2 books titled <i>Something About the Author Autobiography Series</i> .	
11-12	4378-002 Scrapbooks <u>Scope and Content:</u> 2 Scrapbooks, 1960-1970; 1974-2001	1960-2001

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Jewish authors--Archives  
 Jews in literature  
 Jews--Washington (State)  
 Sephardim--Washington (State)  
 Women authors, American--Archives

### Personal Names :

Cone, Molly--Archives  
 Cone, Molly--Interviews

### Geographical Names :

Washington (State)--Sources

### Form or Genre Terms :

Interviews  
 Manuscripts (documents)  
 Personal correspondence  
 Research (documents)  
 Scrapbooks  
 Video recordings

### Other Creators :

#### Corporate Names :

Washington State Jewish Archives (University of Washington)  
 Washington State Jewish Archives (University of Washington),  
 (host institution)

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

### Other Creators :

#### Corporate Names :

Washington State Jewish Archives (University of Washington)

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