

# A. B. Moe - Autobiography, 1880-1924

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Moe, A. B.
<b>Title</b>	A. B. Moe - Autobiography
<b>Dates</b>	1880-1924 (inclusive) 1880 1924
<b>Quantity</b>	1 File (1 folder)
<b>Collection Number</b>	OPVSIEmss_27 (collection)
<b>Summary</b>	Autobiography of A.B. Moe, a Norwegian immigrant who came to America in 1881. He lived in Poulsbo, Washington, for 41 years and served as its first mayor.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">Pacific Lutheran University, Archives and Special Collections</a> Archives and Special Collections Pacific Lutheran University 12180 Park Avenue South Tacoma, Washington 98447 Telephone: 253-535-7586 Fax: 253-535-7315 <a href="mailto:archives@plu.edu">archives@plu.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	The autobiography is available for research.
<b>Languages</b>	English

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## Biographical Note

A. B. Moe emigrated from Norway in 1881 after a voyage to the Baltic as a sailor. His father, I. B. Moe, had emigrated from Fredrikstad, Norway in the spring of 1880 and brought his wife, daughter, and youngest two sons in the fall of 1880. The family settled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where I. B. Moe worked in a lumberyard and took up a homestead. When the homestead flooded, the family decided to move west to Puget Sound. They formed a group of relatives and friends journeyed by railroad, horse team, and wagon through Montana and Idaho, working along the way for a railroad company and a gold mine. They encountered hostile native populations, floods, and mountains that made their journey difficult. They eventually settled in Seattle, where A.B. Moe worked to help grade streets in the summers, and logging during the rest of the year. In the mid-1880's, A.B.'s father formed the town of Poulsbo and A.B. served as its first mayor. A.B. Moe lived in Poulsbo for 41 years, until 1924.

## Content Description

The autobiography consists of a paper written by A. B. Moe containing information on his family life, emigration, journey to the West, employment, and pioneering experience, as well as general information on mass transportation and settling in the area.

# Use of the Collection

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# Administrative Information

## Location of Collection

Box 2, file 13

## Custodial History

unknown

## Acquisition Information

unknown

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# Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Fishing--Washington (State)  
Frontier and pioneer life  
Norway -- Emigration and immigration

### Personal Names :

Moe, A. B.--Archives  
Moe, I. B.

### Family Names :

Moe Family

### Geographical Names :

Miles City (Mont.)  
Fredrikstad (Norway)  
Minneapolis (Minn.)  
Poulsbo (Wash.)

Seattle (Wash.)

St. Paul (Minn.)

**Form or Genre Terms :**

Autobiography

**Occupations :**

Lumber trade

Mayors

Railroads--Employees

**Titles within the Collection :**

Journey to Seattle and Pioneering at Puget Sound

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