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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Ben McCutchen Moïse papers
<b>Date(s)</b>	1908-2011
<b>Creator:</b>	Moïse, Ben McC.
<b>Abstract:</b>	Manuscripts, correspondence, photographs, work files, publications, and related papers of Ben McCutchen Moïse, conservation officer with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources from 1978 to 2002, author of <i>Ramblings of a Lowcountry Game Warden: A Memoir</i> , and editor of <i>A Southern Sportsman: The Hunting Memoirs of Henry Edwards Davis</i> .
<b>Extent:</b>	4.60 linear feet (11 document boxes, 14 compact discs, 2 DVDs, 1 videocassette)
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## Biographical Note

Ben McCutchen Moïse (1943- ), born in Bishopville, South Carolina, was a conservation officer with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) from 1978 to 2002. From 1981 to 1987 he served as an investigator on the SCDNR undercover operations team and in 1990 he was awarded the Guy Bradley Award by the North American Fish and Wildlife Foundation in recognition of his achievements in law enforcement. Moïse is the author of *Ramblings of a Lowcountry Game Warden: A Memoir*, a personal account of his experiences patrolling the coastal waters and woods of South Carolina, published in 2008, and the editor of *A Southern Sportsman: The Hunting Memoirs of Henry Edwards Davis*, published in 2010. Moïse is a frequent contributor to the *Charleston Mercury*, *Garden and Gun*, and other regional publications.

## Collection Overview

The collection contains material relating to the writings and professional activities of Ben McCutchen Moïse, author and conservation officer for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) from 1978 to 2002. Writings contain materials associated with Moïse's work as the author of *Ramblings of a Lowcountry Game Warden: A Memoir*, the editor of *A Southern Sportsman: The Hunting Memoirs of Henry Edwards Davis* and various magazine articles written for regional publications including the *Charleston Mercury Magazine* and *Garden and Gun*. Book manuscripts contain both paper and born digital formats consisting of compact discs, DVDs, and a USB flash drive. Also included is correspondence, consisting of letters and printed e-mails; promotional materials; reviews and clippings; working files; and photographs. Professional activities materials assembled by Moïse during his career as a conservation officer consist of working files; incident reports; photographs and slides; monthly activity report books; identity documents and hunting licenses; assorted publications, correspondence, and clippings; Moïse's 1990 Guy Bradley award nomination book; and a videocassette recording of segment from a local news program on Moïse's conservationist work during duck hunting season in South Carolina.

## Collection Arrangement

1. Writings, 1959-2011
2. Professional activities, 1908-2011

## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

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## Related Material

Related materials in Special Collections include *Ramblings of a Lowcountry Game Warden: A Memoir* by Ben McC. Moïse.

## Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person, family, or organization, by topical subject, by place, and by types of material.

### Names

Moïse, Ben McC.  
South Carolina. Dept. of Natural Resources

### Subjects

Game wardens--South Carolina--Charleston

**Places**

Charleston (S.C.)

**Types of Material**

Writings (document genre)  
Manuscripts (document genre)  
Compact discs  
DVDs  
Electronic mail  
Letters (correspondence)  
Magazines (periodicals)  
Color photographs  
Black-and white photographs  
Color slides  
Identity cards  
Licenses  
Certificates

**Administrative Information**

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### 1. Writings, 1959-2011

#### *Ramblings of a Lowcountry Game Warden: A Memoir*, 2006-2011

Box 1 Folder 1	<p>Boxed copy-edited typescript, 2006-2007</p> <p>Copy-edited typescript, undated</p> <p>Contact sheet, undated</p> <p>Letter from Dr. S. Lloyd Newberry, 2006</p> <p>Letter from <i>Sporting Classics</i> senior editor Dr. S. Lloyd Newberry, containing his foreword written for <i>Ramblings of a Lowcountry Game Warden: A Memoir</i>.</p>
CD 0183-cd02	<p>"Unedited MS for <i>Ramblings of a Lowcountry Game Warden</i>," 2006 October 25</p>
CD 0183-cd03	<p>"Completed manuscript for '<i>Ramblings of a Lowcountry Game Warden</i>' a Memoir by Ben McC. Moise," 2007 February 1</p>
CD 0183-cd04	<p>"Scanned photos for book," undated</p> <p>USB flash drive, 2006-2007</p> <p>Contains unedited and final versions of <i>Ramblings of a Lowcountry Game Warden: A Memoir</i> manuscript, cover photographs, and book illustrations</p>
Box 1 Folder 2	<p>Copy-edited typescript, 2006-2007</p>
Box 1 Folder 3	<p>Copy-edited galley proof, 2007</p>
Box 1 Folder 4	<p>Bound uncorrected page proof, 2008</p>
CD 0183-cd05	<p>"The Complete <i>Ramblings</i>' file: all manuscripts, reviews, and pictures," 2009 January 1</p>
Box 2 Folder 1	<p>Copy-edited typescript, undated</p>
Box 2 Folder 2	<p>Copy-edited typescript, undated</p>
Box 2 Folder 3	<p>Dustcover proofs, undated</p> <p>Correspondence, 2008-2011</p> <p>Includes printed e-mails regard editing and book promotions and assorted letters of congratulation.</p> <p>E-mails, 2006-2011</p>

Box 2 Folder 4 2006  
 Box 2 Folder 5 2007  
 Box 2 Folder 6 2008  
 Box 2 Folder 7 2009  
 Box 2 Folder 8 2010  
 Box 2 Folder 9 2011

Letters, 2008-2011, undated

Box 2 Folder 10 2006-2007  
 Box 2 Folder 11 2008  
 Box 2 Folder 12 2009  
 Box 2 Folder 13 2010  
 Box 2 Folder 14 2011  
 Box 2 Folder 15 Undated

Promotional material, 2008-2011

Publications, 2008-2011

Box 3 Folder 1 Book catalogs, 2007-2011  
 Box 3 Folder 2 *Carologue*, 2008  
 Box 3 Folder 3 *Southeastern Wildlife Exposition*, 2008-2009

CD 0183-cd06-07 ETV Radio, Your Day, 2008 September 11

Roy Scott radio interview with Ben McCutchen Moïse at Blue Bicycle Books in Charleston, South Carolina.

Box 3 Folder 4 Miscellaneous, 2008-2010, undated

Reviews and clippings, 2008-2010

Individual magazine issues and assorted clippings from regional magazines and newspapers.

Box 3 Folder 5 *Charleston*, 2008  
 Box 3 Folder 6 *Garden & Gun* magazine, 2008  
 Box 3 Folder 7 *GS Magazine*, 2009  
 Box 3 Folder 8 *International Game Warden*, 2007  
 Box 3 Folder 9 *Living in South Carolina*, 2008

Box 3 Folder 10	Clippings, 2007-2010, undated
	Photographs, 2007-2008
Box 3 Folder 11	Book illustrations, 2007, undated
	5x7 black and white photograph prints and contact sheet.
Box 4 Folder 1	Book signing party, 2008
Box 4 Folder 2	Unused cover photograph, undated
<i>A Southern Sportsman: The Hunting Memoirs of Henry Edwards Davis, 1959-2010</i>	
Box 4 Folder 3	Copy-edited typescript, 1963, undated
	Photocopy of Henry Edward Davis' original manuscript with copyediting by Moïse and an original letter from Henry E. Davis to Mr. Parker Whedon regarding Davis' manuscript and the book <i>Old Cheraws</i> by Bishop Gregg.
Box 4 Folder 4	Copy-edited typescript, 2009
Box 4 Folder 5	Bound uncorrected page proof, 2010
DVD 0183-d01	"The complete Henry E. Davis file", 2010 June 19
Box 4 Folder 6	Copy-edited typescript, undated
Box 5 Folder 1	Copy-edited galley proof, undated
Box 5 Folder 2	Working file, 1959-2010, undated
	Research materials, 1959-2010
	Contains assorted research notes, correspondence, rough drafts, photographs, photocopied clippings, and photocopied partial manuscripts of Henry Edward Davis's original manuscript.
CD 0183-cd08	"Henry E. Davis complete file", 2008 December 18
CD 0183-cd09	"Cover," undated
DVD 0183-d02	"Harry Lee Harllee Collection, Ben McC. Moïse Davis Project," undated
CD 0183-cd10	"Moïse, ed., A Southern Sportsman", undated
CD 0183-cd11	"Moïse page proofs PDF," undated
CD 0183-cd12	"Note from Thomas G. Samworth," undated
CD 0183-cd13	"Old Betsy H. E. Davis", undated
CD 0183-cd14	"1910 W. W. Greener 'Old Betsy'," undated
Box 6 Folder 1	Reviews and clippings, 2009-2010, undated



## Magazine articles, 1963-2010

- Box 6 Folder 2 *Charleston Mercury Magazine*, "Tackling Texas Turkeys," 2007
- Box 6 Folder 3 *Charleston Mercury Magazine*, "The King's Highway," 2010
- Box 6 Folder 4 *Charleston Mercury Magazine*, "Gone A Quail Huntin'," 2010
- Box 6 Folder 5 *Garden and Gun*, "The Sporting Scene: A Gun for the Ages," 2010
- Box 6 Folder 6 *Shako, The Magazine of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets*, "The Sounds of Night," 1963
- Box 6 Folder 7 *South Carolina Wildlife*, "Murphy's Law," 2008
- Box 6 Folder 8 *Winyah Bay Heritage Festival Official Program Guide*, "Last Hunt at the Santee Gun Club," 2007
- Box 6 Folder 9 *Winyah Bay Heritage Festival Official Program Guide*, "The Goo That Holds the Earth Together," 2008
- Box 6 Folder 10 Other writings, 2006, undated
- CD 0183-cd01 "Ben Moïse: All files," 2006 August 31

Includes articles for the *Charleston Magazine* and the *Charleston Mercury*, assorted book reviews, short stories, and recipes.

- Box 6 Folder 11 Writing award certificates, 2008-2011

Excellence in craft certificates from the South Carolina Outdoors Press Association and the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association for newspaper features, editorials, magazine features, and short features written by Moïse.

## 2. Professional activities, 1908-2011

### Conservation officer working files, 1961-2000, undated

Files and materials grouped as found. In most cases, original folder titles have been retained as well as original order.

- Box 6 Folder 12 Application and training materials, 1961-1984, undated
- Box 6 Folder 13 Conservation officer commission, 1985-1986
- Box 6 Folder 14 Law enforcement study committee, 1980-1985, undated
- Box 6 Folder 15 Moist soil baiting issue, 1978-1990, undated

Contains materials regarding what constitutes baiting, the deliberate manipulation of seed bearing vegetation in areas where waterfowl are being hunted.

- Box 6 Folder 16 Proposed saltwater recreational fishing license, 1988

Box 7 Folder 1	Shrimp baiting, 1985-1987
	Contains materials regarding shrimp baiting, the act of placing bait near stakes and harvesting white shrimp around these stakes during darkness, its legality, and possible impact on the local shrimp population.
Box 7 Folder 2	United States Fish and Wildlife Service: anti-hunter issue, 1989-1991
Box 7 Folder 3	Wildlife law enforcement, 1971, 1976, undated
	General working files, 1970-2000
	Files assembled by Moïse during his career as a conservation officer. Files can include memorandums, clippings, correspondence, photographs, pamphlets, summons records reports, and other administrative documents. Files contain original as well as photocopied materials.
Box 7 Folder 4	1970-1998, undated
Box 7 Folder 5	1979
Box 7 Folder 6	1979-1984
Box 7 Folder 7	1979-1990, undated
Box 7 Folder 8	1980-1981, 1987
Box 8 Folder 1	1980-1986, undated
Box 8 Folder 2	1980-1987
Box 8 Folder 3	1982
Box 8 Folder 4	1982-1985
Box 8 Folder 5	1983
Box 8 Folder 6	1984-1985
Box 8 Folder 7	1989-1996
Box 8 Folder 8	1997-2000, undated
	Incident reports, 1941-2002
Box 8 Folder 9	Poole vs. South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, 1941, 1997-1999
Box 8 Folder 10	State vs. Bass and Taylor, 1997-2002
Box 9 Folder 1	State vs. Copleston, 1999
Box 9 Folder 2	Other, 1979-2002, undated
	Photographs and slides, 1972-2006
	Photographs, 1978-2006, undated

- Box 9 Folder 3 Ben McCutcheon Moise, 1978-2004, undated
- Box 9 Folder 4 Conservation and evidence, 1979-1998, undated
- Box 9 Folder 5 Other, 1984-2006, undated
- Box 9 Folder 6 Slides, 1972-1993, undated
- Box 9 Folder 7 Monthly activity report books, 1979
- Box 9 Folder 8 Game Warden identity documents and hunting licenses, 1976-1992, undated
- Box 10 Folder 1 1990 Guy Bradley award nomination book, 1979-1995, undated  
 Includes nomination endorsements, photocopied articles, and letters of appreciation. Materials removed from original three ring binder.
- Box 10 Folder 2 Student mentor materials, 1995-2000, undated
- Publications, 1908-2011
- Box 10 Folder 3 Annual reports of A. A. Richardson, Chief Game Warden of the State of South Carolina, 1913-1952  
 Photocopied annual reports.
- Box 10 Folder 4 Audubon Society of South Carolina annual reports, 1908-1910  
 Photocopied annual reports.
- Box 10 Folder 5 *Carolina Fish Finder Magazine*, 1980
- Box 10 Folder 6 *Game and Fish Laws of Ohio: 1919 and 1920*, 1920
- Box 10 Folder 7 *Game and Fish Laws of South Carolina from The Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1932, Volumes I and II and Later Acts*, 1932
- Box 10 Folder 8 *Game Laws for 1921: A Summary of the Provisions of Federal, State, and Provincial Statutes*, 1921
- Box 10 Folder 9 *History of the South Carolina Oyster*, 1972
- Box 10 Folder 10 *Ninth Biennial Report of the Fish and Game Warden of the State of Idaho, 1921-1922, 1923*
- Box 10 Folder 11 Pamphlets, 2001, undated
- Box 10 Folder 12 *Rules and Regulations: Hunting, Wildlife Management Areas, Freshwater and Saltwater Fishing, 1989-1990, South Carolina*, 1989
- Box 10 Folder 13 *South Carolina Game Warden*, 2008, undated
- Box 11 Folder 1 *South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department*, 1973
- Box 11 Folder 2 *South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department: Marine Fisheries and Related Laws*, 1979

Box 11 Folder 3	<i>Sporting Classic</i> , 2011
	General correspondence, 1981-2011
	..... Includes work memorandums and letters of congratulation and thanks.
Box 11 Folder 4	1978-1989
Box 11 Folder 5	1990-1999
Box 11 Folder 6	2008-2011, undated
Box 11 Folder 7	Clippings, 1979-2011, undated
Videotape 0183-v01	Live 5 News, "Carolina Camera, Ben Moïse Game Protector", 1994 January 12