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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Special Collections unit of the Fashion Institute of Technology (SUNY), Gladys Marcus Library
<b>Title:</b>	Edward Moir collection, 1865-1964
<b>Reference code:</b>	SC.217
<b>Date:</b>	1865 - 1964 (creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	3 linear feet of documents, scrapbooks, bound volumes, and photographs
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Language:</b>	Latin

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Edward Moir was born in Scotland in 1846 and moved with his family to Canada when he was 10. After working in and later managing several mills in Canada, he moved to the United States in 1884 to work for Crown Mills in Marcellus, N.Y. He was a superintendent from 1884-1899 and then President from 1899 until his death in 1932. Moir's son John M. Moir was president of the mill from 1932 until it closed in 1961. Edward Moir was also president of the Carded Woolen Manufacturers' Association from 1909 to 1932, the entire lifetime of the organization.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

The Crown Mills Company originated around 1878, and in 1890 it merged with the Marcellus Woolen Mills Company to form the Crown Mills Corporation. Edward Moir began at Crown Mills in 1884 and became president in 1899. During his time at Crown Mills, Moir expanded the operation by purchasing additional buildings and increasing the number of looms from 20 to 108. Operation included dyeing, carding, spinning, and weaving. Moir's son John M. Moir was president of the mill from 1932 until it closed in 1961.

## Custodial history

The majority of these items were collected by Edward Moir in his roles as businessman and political activist for the interests of the Carded Woolen Manufactures' Association. However some of the items were collected after Moir's death, and relate mostly to the later years of the mill he ran.

## Scope and content

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Documents and data related to Edward Moir in his roles as businessman and political activist for the interests of the Carded Woolen Manufactures' Association. However some of the items were collected after Moir's death, and relate mostly to the later years of the mill he ran.

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## Notes

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### Physical condition

Some of the items are very old and fragile and should be monitored and possibly rehoused. The newspaper clippings should be photocopied.

### Immediate source of acquisition

The collection was transferred from Cornell University Libraries to The Edward C. Blum Design Laboratory (now the Museum at FIT) in June of 1992. The items were transferred to FIT Special Collections from MFIT in March of 2010.

### Location of originals

The Library of the Fashion Institute of Technology, unit of Special Collections and College Archives, 27th St. at 7th Ave., NY, NY , USA, 10001

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### Related material

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## Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- Crown Mills Company, 1878-1961
  - Moir, Edward, 1846-1932 (subject)
  - National Association of Wool Manufacturers (subject)
  - Carded Woolen Manufacturers' Association, 1909-1932
  - Textile factories (subject)
  - Wool industry (subject)
  - Politics and government (subject)
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## Collection holdings

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### Series: SC.217.1 - Edward Moir, 1865-1932

Title: Edward Moir, 1865-1932

Reference code: SC.217.1

Date: 1865 - 1932 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This series contains items that were created during Edward Moir's lifetime and were likely collected by Moir. See also US.NNFIT.SC.217.2.4 which contains photos of Crown Woolen Mills over the years.

Publication status:

Published

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### Subseries: SC.217.1.1 - Mill management

Title: Mill management

Reference code: SC.217.1.1

Date: 1870 - 1873 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This sub-series contains items that were produced as a result of Edward Moir's work as a manager and president of Wool Mills. Most of it relates to Crown Woolen Mills (particularly mill appraisals), but there are some items that relate to earlier jobs he held at other mills. See also US.NNFIT.SC.217.2.4 which contains photos of Crown Woolen Mills over the years.

Publication status:

Published

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**Folder: SC.217.1.1.1 - Cancelled checks, 1870-1873**

Title: Cancelled checks, 1870-1873

Reference code: SC.217.1.1.1

Date: 1909 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Cancelled checks in a Crown Mills envelope. Typed on outside of envelope: "Edward Moir: Old checks from one of his previous mills, in Peterborough, Ont. Canada. William Paton was his partner. Paton, Moir, & Co. and Auburn Mills are the same."

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Published

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**Volume: SC.217.1.1.2 - Appraisal of the Crown Mills Mill No. 1, vol 1, 1909**

Title: Appraisal of the Crown Mills Mill No. 1, vol 1, 1909

Reference code: SC.217.1.1.2

Date: 1909 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Detailed appraisal prepared by the American Appraisal Co. September 3, 1909

Publication status:

Published

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**Volume: SC.217.1.1.3 - Appraisal of the Crown Mills Mill No. 1, vol 2, 1909**

Title: Appraisal of the Crown Mills Mill No. 1, vol 2, 1909

Reference code: SC.217.1.1.3

Date: 1909 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Detailed appraisal prepared by the American Appraisal Co. September 3, 1909

Publication status:

Published

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**Volume: SC.217.1.1.4 - Appraisal of the Crown Mills Mill No. 2, vol 1, 1909**

Title: Appraisal of the Crown Mills Mill No. 2, vol 1, 1909

Reference code: SC.217.1.1.4

Date: 1909 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Detailed appraisal prepared by the American Appraisal Co. September 3, 1909

Publication status:

Published

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**Volume: SC.217.1.1.5 - Appraisal of the Crown Mills Mill No. 2, vol 2, 1909**

Title: Appraisal of the Crown Mills Mill No. 2, vol 2, 1909

Reference code: SC.217.1.1.5

Date: 1909 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Detailed appraisal prepared by the American Appraisal Co. September 3, 1909

Publication status:

Published

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**Volume: SC.217.1.1.6 - Plant appraisal of the Crown Mills Mill No. 1, 1919**

Title: Plant appraisal of the Crown Mills Mill No. 1, 1919

Reference code: SC.217.1.1.6

Date: 1919 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Detailed appraisal prepared by the American Appraisal Co. July 1, 1919

Publication status:

Published

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**Volume: SC.217.1.1.7 - Plant appraisal of the Crown Mills Mill No. 2, 1919**

Title: Plant appraisal of the Crown Mills Mill No. 2, 1919

Reference code: SC.217.1.1.7

Date: 1919 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Detailed appraisal prepared by the American Appraisal Co. July 1, 1919

Publication status:

Published

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**Folder: SC.217.1.1.8 - Appraisal summaries, 1909**

Title: Appraisal summaries, 1909

Reference code: SC.217.1.1.8

Date: 1909 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Includes a combination summary showing Reproductive and depreciated values, and general summaries for each of the two mills (Crown Woolen Mills)

Publication status:

Published

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**Folder: SC.217.1.1.9 - Detailed appraisal summary, 1919**

Title: Detailed appraisal summary, 1919

Reference code: SC.217.1.1.9

Date: 1919 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Detailed summary showing sound values of the Crown Mills One for each of the two mills.

Publication status:

Published

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**Folder: SC.217.1.1.10 - Summary appraisal volume, 1919**

Title: Summary appraisal volume, 1919

Reference code: SC.217.1.1.10

Date: 1919 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Summary volume including summaries by classification, by buildings, by cost and sound volumes, and machinery depreciations (Crown Mills)

Publication status:

Published

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**Folder: SC.217.1.1.11 - Insurance summary, 1919**

Title: Insurance summary, 1919

Reference code: SC.217.1.1.11

Date: 1919 (date of creation)



Scope and content: Insurance summaries for mill 1 and 2 (Crown Mills)

Publication status:

Published

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### **Folder: SC.217.1.1.12 - Other papers, 1884-1932**

Title: Other papers, 1884-1932

Reference code: SC.217.1.1.12

Date: 1884 - 1932 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This folder contains a short biography of Edward Moir, and a copy of a 1884 letter to Moir, signed by several overseers at the Cornwall Manufacturing Company, expressing their regret that he is leaving the mill.

Publication status:

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### **Subseries: SC.217.1.2 - Moir political work**

Title: Moir political work

Reference code: SC.217.1.2

Date: undated (date of creation)

Scope and content: This series contains items related to Moir's political work furthering the interests of the Carded Woolen Manufacturers' Association. It includes letters, published statements, newspaper clippings, and a volume produced by the National Association of Wool Manufacturers.

Publication status:

Published

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### **Volume: SC.217.1.2.1 - National Association of Wool Manufacturers papers, 1865-1908**

Title: National Association of Wool Manufacturers papers, 1865-1908

Reference code: SC.217.1.2.1

Date: 1865 - 1908 (date of creation)

Scope and content: One large bound volume with papers related to the National Association of Wool Manufacturers. A small front section is titled "Objects and Plan of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers. Its Organization, Articles of Association, and By-Laws. A List of Its Officers and Members and the Proceedings of Its Government." The majority of the book is

composed of the Bulletin for the Association. In the back of the book is an index for the Bulletin. It is not known if Moir had an affiliation with this organization, or if he owned the volume as reference on earlier writings by a wool manufacturer organization.

Publication status:

Published

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**Volume: SC.217.1.2.2 - Wool tariff and wool labeling, 1902-1928**

Title: Wool tariff and wool labeling, 1902-1928

Reference code: SC.217.1.2.2

Date: 1909 - 1925 (date of creation)

Scope and content: From the front page: "A collection of 172 statements published since January, 1909, for the purpose of securing wise legislation affecting the production and distribution of wool and wool goods. 1-120 Wool Tariff, 121-138 Wool Labeling, 139-159 Textile Miscellany. Supplement 160-172 Wool and Textile Miscellany by various writers."

Publication status:

Published

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**Folder: SC.217.1.2.3 - Carded Woolen Manufacturers' Association Broadsides, 1909-1925**

Title: Carded Woolen Manufacturers' Association Broadsides, 1909-1925

Reference code: SC.217.1.2.3

Date: 1909 - 1925 (date of creation)

Scope and content: A set of small publications (much like the "statements" from the bound volume) spanning the period July 10, 1909 to November 20, 1925. 11 items.

Publication status:

Published

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**Folder: SC.217.1.2.4 - Carded Woolen Manufacturers' Association pamphlets, 1909-1922**

Title: Carded Woolen Manufacturers' Association pamphlets, 1909-1922

Reference code: SC.217.1.2.4

Date: 1909 - 1922 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Five small pamphlets from the Carded Woolen Manufacturers' Association. Probably duplicated in bound volume

Publication status:

Published

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### **Folder: SC.217.1.2.5 - Congressional items, 1921**

Title: Congressional items, 1921

Reference code: SC.217.1.2.5

Date: 1921 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This folder contains a copy of a proposed bill, a calendar for the Committee on Finance, and typed comments on testimony given by John P. Wood (President of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers).

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Wood, John P. (subject)
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### **Folder: SC.217.1.2.6 - Norbert Quinn illustration, 1927**

Creator: Quinn, Norbert

Title: Norbert Quinn illustration, 1927

Reference code: SC.217.1.2.6

Date: 1927 February 4 (date of creation)

Scope and content: A glossy print of a caricature drawing by Norbert Quinn. Edward Moir is shown along with other men, possibly members of the Carded Woolen Manufacturers Association. Note on back states the caricatures were likely drawn at a "meeting or banquet in Boston."

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Quinn, Norbert (subject)
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### **Folder: SC.217.1.2.7 - Correspondence, 1909-1915**

Title: Correspondence, 1909-1915

Reference code: SC.217.1.2.7

Date: 1909 - 1915 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Correspondence mostly to and from Edward Moir, relating to government policies and the Carded Woolen Manufacturers' Association.

Publication status:

Published

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### **Folder: SC.217.1.2.8 - Correspondence, 1920-1921**

Title: Correspondence, 1920-1921

Reference code: SC.217.1.2.8

Date: 1920 - 1921 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Correspondence mostly to and from Edward Moir, relating to government policies and the Carded Woolen Manufacturers' Association.

Publication status:

Published

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### **Folder: SC.217.1.2.9 - Correspondence, 1921**

Title: Correspondence, 1921

Reference code: SC.217.1.2.9

Date: 1921 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Correspondence mostly to and from Edward Moir, relating to government policies and the Carded Woolen Manufacturers' Association.

Publication status:

Published

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### **Folder: SC.217.1.2.10 - Correspondence, 1921-1922**

Title: Correspondence, 1921-1922

Reference code: SC.217.1.2.10

Date: 1921 - 1922 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Correspondence mostly to and from Edward Moir, relating to government policies and the Carded Woolen Manufacturers' Association.

Publication status:

Published

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**Folder: SC.217.1.2.11 - Duplicate material, 1910-1921**

Title: Duplicate material, 1910-1921

Reference code: SC.217.1.2.11

Date: 1910 - 1921 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Correspondence mostly to and from Edward Moir, relating to government policies and the Carded Woolen Manufacturers' Association.

Publication status:

Published

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**Volume: SC.217.1.2.12 - Wool tariff scrapbook, 1897-1911**

Title: Wool tariff scrapbook, 1897-1911

Reference code: SC.217.1.2.12

Date: 1897 - 1911 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Scrapbook of newspaper clippings related to the debate over the wool tariff. Most from 1909-1911

Publication status:

Published

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**Volume: SC.217.1.2.13 - Wool tariff scrapbook, 1911-1912**

Title: Wool tariff scrapbook, 1911-1912

Reference code: SC.217.1.2.13

Date: 1911 - 1912 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Scrapbook of newspaper clippings related to the debate over the wool tariff. Only about half full of clippings.

Publication status:

Published

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**Folder: SC.217.1.2.14 - Items removed from scrapbook, 1909-1961**

Title: Items removed from scrapbook, 1909-1961

Reference code: SC.217.1.2.14

Date: 1909 - 1961 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Most of the items are newspaper clippings from about 1909 to 1921, but there are also some items relating to the 1961 liquidation of Crown Mills.

Publication status:

Published

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### **Folder: SC.217.1.2.15 - Miscellaneous items, 1886-1913**

Title: Miscellaneous items, 1886-1913

Reference code: SC.217.1.2.15

Date: 1886 - 1913 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This folder contains samples of Crown Mills letterhead, tracts and pamphlets related to the wool industry, a sheet of tariff statistics, a political cartoon, a copy of document from another mill, and a list of wool mills.

Publication status:

Published

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### **Series: SC.217.2 - Post-Moir records, 1886-1964**

Title: Post-Moir records, 1886-1964

Reference code: SC.217.2

Date: 1886 - 1964 (date of creation)

Scope and content: The items in this series all relate to Edward Moir and Crown Mills after Moir's death. See also US.NNFIT.SC.217.1.2.14, which contains a few items about the 1961 liquidation of Crown Mills.

Publication status:

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### **Folder: SC.217.2.1 - Edward Moir obituaries, 1932**

Title: Edward Moir obituaries, 1932

Reference code: SC.217.2.1

Date: 1932 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Copies of several obituaries for Edward Moir.

Publication status:

Published

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**Folder: SC.217.2.2 - Insurance valuation, 1941**Title: Insurance valuation, 1941Reference code: SC.217.2.2Date: 1941 (date of creation)Scope and content: Summary of the insurance valuation and survey completed of Crown Mills in 1940.Publication status:

Published

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**Folder: SC.217.2.3 - Newspaper articles, 1960-1964**Title: Newspaper articles, 1960-1964Reference code: SC.217.2.3Date: 1960 - 1964 (date of creation)Scope and content: Two articles from the 1960s about Crown Mills.Publication status:

Published

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**Folder: SC.217.2.4 - Photographs, 1886-1961**Title: Photographs, 1886-1961Reference code: SC.217.2.4Date: 1886 - 1961 (date of creation)Scope and content: Most of the photographs are of the Crown Woolen Mills over various years. The negative is of Edward Moir and one of the photos is of his son John M. Moir. The photos each have descriptions written on the back, and while some were taken in the late 19th century, most of the prints appear to have been made around the same time (roughly the 1960s).Physical description: 12 photographs and one negative.Publication status:

Published