

Moina Belle Michael (1869 – 1944) Collection 1911 – 1984

5 series. Original loose papers, printed material, graphics, and artifacts. 4.25 cu. ft. and 1 oversized file

Donor: Alice Mae Michael

A large part of the collection is the original manuscript for *The Miracle Flower* and correspondence relating to Moina B. Michael's attempt to be accepted internationally as the original "Poppy Lady." Also included are tributes paid to her by the American Legion and its Auxiliary, who carried out her poppy plan, and by individuals all over the world. Photographs and printed material compliment Miss Michael's papers.

The collection is organized into five parts: I. Correspondence, II. *The Miracle Flower* and Related Papers, III. Poppy-related Records and Publicity, IV. Photographs, and V. Published Works.

Moina B. Michael was a World War I YMCA relief worker and proposer of the poppy as an emblem for remembrance of those who died in the war. Profits from the sales of poppy items were used to assist disabled veterans.

Born near Good Hope, GA, the daughter of John M. and Alice Wise Michael, Moina studied at Martin Institute in Jefferson, GA, and began a teaching career at 16 that culminated in 1912 as Lady Principal at Bessie Tift College. During this period, she educated herself at Lucy Cobb Institute and the State Normal School in Athens, GA. In 1912-1913 she spent a year at Columbia University in NYC, NY. The last decades of her life she was the Social and Religious Director at the Georgia Normal School, later the Georgia State Teachers College.

During World War I, Moina Michael worked with the American Committee, the YMCA, and the Red Cross, a chapter of which she established at the Teachers College in Athens, GA. Late in life she wrote *The Miracle Flower*, which was published in 1941.

Series I: Correspondence 1914 – 1964. Original loose papers, .75cu ft.

Series One is made up of letters in support of Miss Michael as originator of the poppy idea. Included is much correspondence with the American Legion and with particular figures, such as the Duke of Windsor, Walter Winchell, Corra Harris, Eddie Rickenbacker, John J. Pershing, and Margaret Mitchell Marsh. Biographical data, personal correspondence, and funeral papers make up the rest of the series.

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	Biographical Data, n.d.
	2	Pre-World War I Correspondence, 1914 - 1916
	3	War Work Correspondence, 1917 - 1918 and 1927
	4	Correspondence, 1918 - 1930
	5	Correspondence, 1931 - 1940
	6	Correspondence, 1941 – 1944

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1	7	American Legion Correspondence, 1920 - 1930
	8	American Legion Correspondence, 1931 - 1944
	9	Jack Wood Records, 1918 – 1924
	10	Sam Small Correspondence, 1923, 1931 - 1933, and n.d.
	11	General John J. Pershing Correspondence, 1924 and 1938 – 1940
	12	Edward, Duke of Windsor, Papers, 1927 - 1942
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14		Corra Harris Letter, 1933
15		Walter Winchell Letters, 1937
16		Margaret Mitchell and John Marsh Correspondence, 1938 - 1944
17		Eddie Richenbacker Letter, 1941
18		Cards and Telegrams, 1937, 1944, and n.d.
19		Funeral Proposals, 1944
20		Ealey Family Letters to Michael Sisters, 1942 - 1964
21		[Alice] Mae Michael Correspondence, 1944 – 1959

Series II: *The Miracle Flower* and Related Papers, 1918 - 1946. Original papers, printed items, and graphics. 1 cu. ft.

Series Two contains manuscript drafts of Miss Michael's *The Miracle Flower* and correspondence relating to the book's publication. Also includes her other manuscripts.

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
3	1	Original, Hand-Written Manuscript, n.d.
	2	"First Draft--Not Corrected," Typed Part I, pages 1-40, n.d.
	3	"Two Draft," Part I, Typed, pages 1-42, n.d.
	4	Part I, Typed, pages 1-44, n.d.
	5	Part I, Typed, pages 1-48, n.d.
	6	"Draft, Part I, Chapters I-XI," pages 1-47, n.d.
	7	"Draft, Part I, Chapters I-XI," pages 1-40, n.d.
	8	Part I, Typed, pages 1-60, n.d.
	9	Part I: Scraps, n. d.
	10	"Draft, Part II, Chapters I-V, n.d."
	11	"Draft, Part II, Chapters I-VII, n.d."
	12	Part II, Typed, Chapters III-VI, pages 11-35, n.d.
	13	Parts I and II, Typed, n.d.
	14	Parts I and II, Typed, n.d.
	15	Part III, Hand-Written, n.d.
	16	Part V, Typed, n.d.
4	17	Moina B. Michael's Documented Proofs (Numbered) of her Case, 1918 - 1925
	18	Ellen St. John Barnwell Mote Correspondence, 1938 - 1946
	19	Leonard Roan Correspondence, 1940 - 1941
	20	Dorrance and Company Correspondence, 1938 and 1940 – 1944

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4	21	Letters of Permission Correspondence, 1933 and 1940 - 1941
	22	Book Photographs, n.d.
	23	<i>The Miracle Flower</i> Sales Account Book, 1941 - 1942.
	24	<i>The Miracle Flower</i> Sales Account Book, 1942 - 1943.
	25	<i>The Miracle Flower</i> Financial Records Removed from Account Books, 1941 - 1942 and n.d.
	26	"Souvenirs" Manuscript, n.d.
	27	Magazine Articles, 1922 - 1934
	28	Poems, Speeches, Press Releases, and Radio Scripts, 1931 - 1941 and n.d.
	29	World War I and Poppy-Related Clippings, 1927 - 1940 and n.d.
Oversized	30	World War I and Poppy-Related Oversized Clippings, 1919 and n.d.

Series III: Poppy-related Records and Publicity, 1914 - 1984. Original loose papers, printed items, graphics, and artifacts. 5 cu. ft. and oversized material.

Series Three consists of Poppy Anchor donation records, programs, and correspondence; Steffen Thomas's Moina Michael sculpture papers; the Moina Michael stamp records; honors, tributes, and awards; and news clippings about Michael's projects.

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4	1	Poppy Sale Agreements, 1918 - 1925	
	2	Poppy Samples, n.d.	
	3	Poppy-related Sheet Music, 1919 - 1941	
5	4	Poppy Anchor Donations and Expenditures, 1936 - 1944	
	5	Poppy Anchor Correspondence, Programs, and Publicity, 1932 and 1937 - 1962	
	6	Steffen Thomas's Moina B. Michael Sculpture Records, 1936 - 1938, 1960 - 1962, and n.d.	
	7	Moina B. Michael Stamp and Related Correspondence, 1944, 1948 - 1955, and n.d.	
	8	Moina B. Michael Printed Biographical and Awards Records, 1920 - 1944	
	9	Moina B. Michael Publicity, 1947 - 1984	
	10	News Clippings, 1918 - 1935	
	11	News Clippings, 1936 - 1944	
	12	News Clippings, 1944 - 1963 and n.d.	
	13	News Clippings of interest to Moina B. Michael, 1933 - 1940 and n.d.	
	14	American Legion Moina B. Michael Biography, 1930.	
	15	American Legion Poppy-related Printed Material, 1928 and n.d.	
	Oversized	16	Order of the Purple Heart Records, 1940 - 1941 and n.d.

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Oversized	17	Patriotic Society documents, 1919 – 1944
	18	Mixed oversized records, 1914, 1937, 1939, n.d.

Series IV: Photographs, 1911 – 1959, .5 cu. ft. and 1 oversized folder

Moina Michael (1914 - 1944), soldiers she knew, and United States Official World War I photographs. Many others cover the poppy anchor (ca. 1930 - 1959) and the launching of the S. S. Moina Michael in November 1944. Oversized photographs portray the YWCA Conference, Asheville, North Carolina, 1911 and the Campus of the [Georgia] State Normal School 1912 - 1913. Photographs that appeared in *The Miracle Flower* are in Series Two; those concerning her sculpture, in Series Three.

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6	1	Moina Michael Photographs, 1914 - 1944
	2	World War I Soldiers Photographs, 1918 - 1922 and n.d.
	3	Stewart Appleby Photograph and Artifacts, ca. 1918
	4	United States Official World War I Photographs, n.d.
	5	Poppy Anchor Photographs, ca. 1930 - 1959
	6	S.S. Moina Michael Ship Launching, 1944
	7	Related Photographs, 1937, 1947, and n.d.
Oversized	8	Oversized Photographs, 1911, 1913, and ca. 1918

Series V: Published Works, [1918 – 1958], printed items, 1.5 cu. ft.

Various books and pamphlets, not by Moina Michael, about World War I and related topics. Poetry, a Georgia State Normal School yearbook (1925), American Legion publications, and British Poppy Day Reports (1933 - 1938).

<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PUBLISHER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1	McCrae, John	In Flanders Fields and Other Poems	G.P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London	1919
		In Flanders Fields and Other Poems	Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York	n.d.
	Tuck, Henry C.	Four Years at the University of Georgia, 1877 – 1881	Henry C. Tuck, Athens, Georgia	1938
		Souvenir Album of Loch Lomond: 24 views	Shearer, Stirling, Scotland, U.K.	n.d.

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1		New York's Welcome to Overseas Fleet Official Souvenir Program, Dec 26 1918		[1918]
2	Capps, Minnie Jossey	Drippings from a Busy Woman's Pen		1942
	Melton, Wightman F.	Frank Lebby Stanton...	Georgia State Dept. of Education	1938
3	Newton, Virginia Louise	Red Clay to Mould	McGregore Co. Athens, Georgia	1942
	Robert, Roy	Elegy	Ernest Hartsock, Atlanta, Georgia	1928
	Outlaw, Nell Warren	Voiceless Lips	Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee	1949
4		The Americans in the Great War, Vol. 1	Michelin S. Cie, Clermont-Ferrand, France	1920
		The Americans in the Great War, Vol. 2	Michelin S. Cie, Clermont-Ferrand, France	1920
		The Americans in the Great War, Vol. 3	Michelin S. Cie, Clermont-Ferrand, France	1920
	Beamish, Richard J. and Francis A. March	America's Part in the World War	Universal Book and Bible House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1919
	Holden, Frank A.	War Memories	Athens Book Co., Athens, Georgia	1922
5		The Crystal	Senior Class of State Normal School, Athens, Georgia	1925
6	The American Legion Auxiliary	The American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Georgia, 1924 – 1925	The American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia	[1925]
	The American Legion Auxiliary	The American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Georgia, 1925 – 1926	The American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia	[1926]
	The American Legion Auxiliary	The American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Georgia, 1927 – 1928	The American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia	[1928]

6	The American Legion Auxiliary	The American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Georgia, 1928 – 1929	The American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia	[1929]
	The American Legion Auxiliary	The American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Georgia, 1943 – 1944	The American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia	[1944]
	The American Legion Auxiliary	The American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Georgia, 1948 – 1949	The American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia	[1949]
	The American Legion Auxiliary	The American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Georgia, 1953 – 1954	The American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia	[1954]
	The American Legion	Summary of the Proceedings of the Second National conventions, Sep 27 – 29, 1920	The American Legion, Cleveland, Ohio	[1920]
	The American Legion	The Georgia Legionnaire, Vol 1 No 10 (Jun 1929)	Kaible Brothers Company, Mt. Morris, Illinois	1929
	The American Legion	Year Book of Dept. of Georgia, The American Legion Auxiliary	The American Legion Auxiliary	1953 – 1954
7	Hill, Frank Ernest	The American Auxiliary, 1924 – 1934	American Legion Auxiliary, Indianapolis, Indiana	1935
8	Columbia Alumni	Columbia Alumni News, Vol 21 No 6 (Nov 1 1929)	Columbia Alumni	1929
	American Legion and Auxiliary, Dept. of Georgia	Official Program Dept. of Georgia, American Legion and Auxiliary...20 th Anniversary Convention, Jun 19-22, 1938	American Legion and Auxiliary	[1938]
	American Legion Auxiliary	National News of the American Legion Auxiliary, Vol 17 No 5 (May 1943)	American Legion Auxiliary	1943

8	American Legion Auxiliary	National News of the American Legion Auxiliary, Vol 17 No 11 (Nov 1943)	American Legion Auxiliary	1943
9	Young Women's Christian Associations National Board	YWCA Report Society Morality Committee War Work Council...	[YWCA]	[1919]
	YMCA	Roster of the members of the 22 nd Conference of Overseas War Work Secretaries of the YMCA Oct 16-Oct 23	Columbia Univ. and Barnard College, New York	1918
	YMCA	Roster of the members of the 25 th Conference of Overseas War Work Secretaries of the YMCA Nov 6-Nov 13	Columbia Univ., New York	1918
	YMCA	Roster of the members of the 27 th Conference of Overseas War Work Secretaries of the YMCA Nov 20-Nov 27	Columbia Univ., New York	1918
	YMCA	Roster of the members of the 28 th Conference of Overseas War Work Secretaries of the YMCA Nov 27-Dec 4 (3 copies)	Columbia Univ., New York	1918
10	Field Marshall Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund	Poppy Day...Report	British Legion Appeals Dept., London	1933
	Field Marshall Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund	Poppy Day...Report	British Legion Appeals Dept., London	1934

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	Field Marshall Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund	Poppy Day...Report	British Legion Appeals Dept., London	1937
	Field Marshall Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund	Poppy Day...Report	British Legion Appeals Dept., London	1938
12	Hartman, Lee Foster	The Poppies of WuFong	Harper & Brothers [reprint by Atlanta Title and Trust Co.]	1921
		Georgia, Vol 3 No 4 (Oct 1928)	Georgia Association, Atlanta	1928
		Town and Country Review Vol 1 No 1 (Nov 1934)	London	1934
	University of Georgia	University Items, Vol 24 No 5 (Nov 1937)	University of Georgia at Athens, Georgia	1937
	American Monument Association	The Memorial Salesman Vol 10 No 12 (May 1949)		1949
		McNeel, America's Largest Builders of Memorials	McNeel, Marietta, Georgia	n.d.
	Atlanta Music Club	All Star Concert Series: The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Feb 26 1958 (Mona Michael Memorial in Lane Bryant ad)		[1958]