

CAROLINA

# Veteran Undertaker At Mount Airy Dies

MOUNT AIRY — Wade Clarenton Moody, 70, chairman of the board of directors of Moody Funeral Home, Inc., and a horseman and sportsman, was found dead at 9 a.m. yesterday at his home, 116 W. Wilson Street.

His physician said that Mr. Moody died sometime during the night, apparently from a heart attack.

Mr. Moody was born in Surry County to Tyra and Rosa Hodges Moody. He spent his entire life here.

At the age of 19 he went to work for A. E. Hannah, then the first undertaker in this area. Mr. Moody later graduated from embalming college and by 1932 had acquired control of the company. Today the firm has funeral homes at Mount Airy, Dobson and Stuart, Va.

Mr. Moody organized the N. C. State Burial Association and served as its secretary and treasurer for many years. He was a past legislative committee member of the N. C. Funeral Directors Association.

Semi-retired at the time of

his death, Mr. Moody was chairman of the board of Moody Funeral Home, Inc. His only son, Dennis Moody, is president of the company. Mr. Moody was also a director of the Workmen's Building and Loan Association.

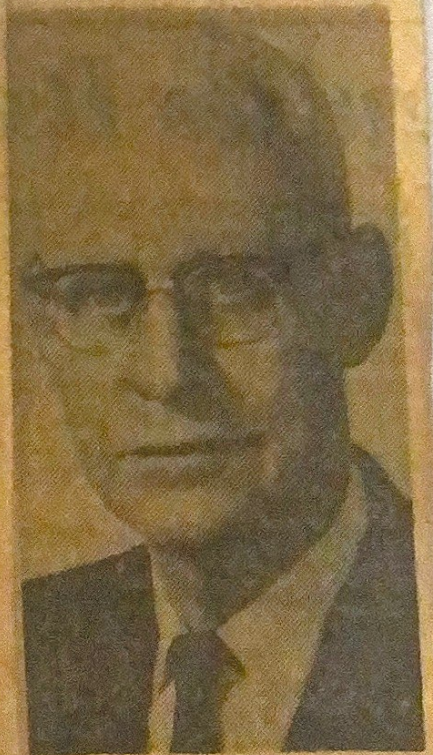
Mr. Moody enjoyed exhibiting walking horses throughout the Atlantic Seaboard. In 1949 his three-year-old Midnight Merry was named grand champion.

He was married in 1918 to Anna Fogleman. She died Sept. 29, 1966.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Kiwanis Club, Junior Order and was a Mason. He was also a member of the American Legion and active in the Jesse B. Jones Post.

Surviving are a son, Dennis Moody; two daughters, Mrs. Robert C. Folger and Mrs. Clyde S. Goad; and a sister, Mrs. Jettie Loflen, all of Mount Airy.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Moody Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Oakdale Cemetery.



WADE C. MOODY

Special Section  
Moody Funeral Home  
Grand Opening

# MOUNT AIRY TIMES

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Moody Funeral Home  
Dedication  
Sunday

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MOUNT AIRY, N. C., JANUARY 30, 1958

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## Moody Funeral Home Moves To New Building

Moody Funeral Home, whose beginnings date back to the 1870's in Mount Airy, will hold an open house at its new quarters today through Sunday.

The public has been invited to inspect the handsome new funeral home and chapel at West Pine and Ninth Streets.

The chapel, finished with walnut finished ceiling, green carpeting, brick painting and indirect lighting, will be dedicated at 4 p. m. Sunday.

### Dedication Service

The dedication will be given by Rev. H. S. McCarty, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Invocation of the building will be made by Dennis W. Moody, followed by acceptance remarks by Wayne W. Frank, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Attorney W. O. Wade will be master of ceremonies. Special music will be rendered by the Moody Choir.

The dedication will be given by Rev. H. S. McCarty, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Joe Brown will extend remarks followed by the benediction by Rev. F. J. Scarborough. The new Moody Funeral Home, which was moved from Franklin Street, occupies a substantial building with full air treatment, decorated of Judge Bailey. Will also and including several pieces of large furniture acts in an outstanding feature of the new building.

### Started in 1872

Although Wade C. Moody opened the present firm in 1926, the business actually began its long-range in 1872.

In about the year of 1872, Mr. Moody was the owner of the building which occupied a portion of the old site of the present building in Mount Airy.



WADE C. MOODY

He started the firm of S. A. Moody, Hudson and Collins in the January 1, 1926. Wade C. Moody bought the business of W. J. Moody on the August 22, 1929.

The Moody company was incorporated in July 29, 1930. Wade C. Moody was president of the firm and continued to work for the firm.

In 1935, Mr. Moody bought the building which occupied the site of the present building in Mount Airy. This was the first building which occupied the site of the present building in Mount Airy.



DENNIS W. MOODY

Franklin Street, where the Moody Funeral Home is now located. From 1935 to 1938, Mr. Moody continued the business of Mr. Moody and moved the building to the present site, where the Moody Funeral Home is now located.

### See John Fries

Mr. Moody and his son, Dennis Wade Moody, who have operated Moody Funeral Home since the opening of the firm, will be present at the grand opening of the new building. They will be present at the grand opening of the new building.

When Mr. Moody started the business in 1872, he was one of the first to provide funeral services in Mount Airy.

Over the years, the business has grown and expanded to include a wide range of funeral services. Today, Moody Funeral Home is one of the most respected and successful funeral homes in Mount Airy.

Just several years ago, the present Moody Funeral Home was constructed in Mount Airy and the employees in the Moody Funeral Home in Mount Airy.

The staff in Mount Airy includes Wade C. Moody, Dennis Wade Moody, George E. Baker, John E. M. Gough, John G. Johnson, Mrs. Bert W. Kay, Dennis W. Moody, Clyde K. Gresh, Harry W. Bell, Francis Jones, E. J. Smith and John Smith.

Members of the First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian and First Methodist Churches will be present at the grand opening of the new building.

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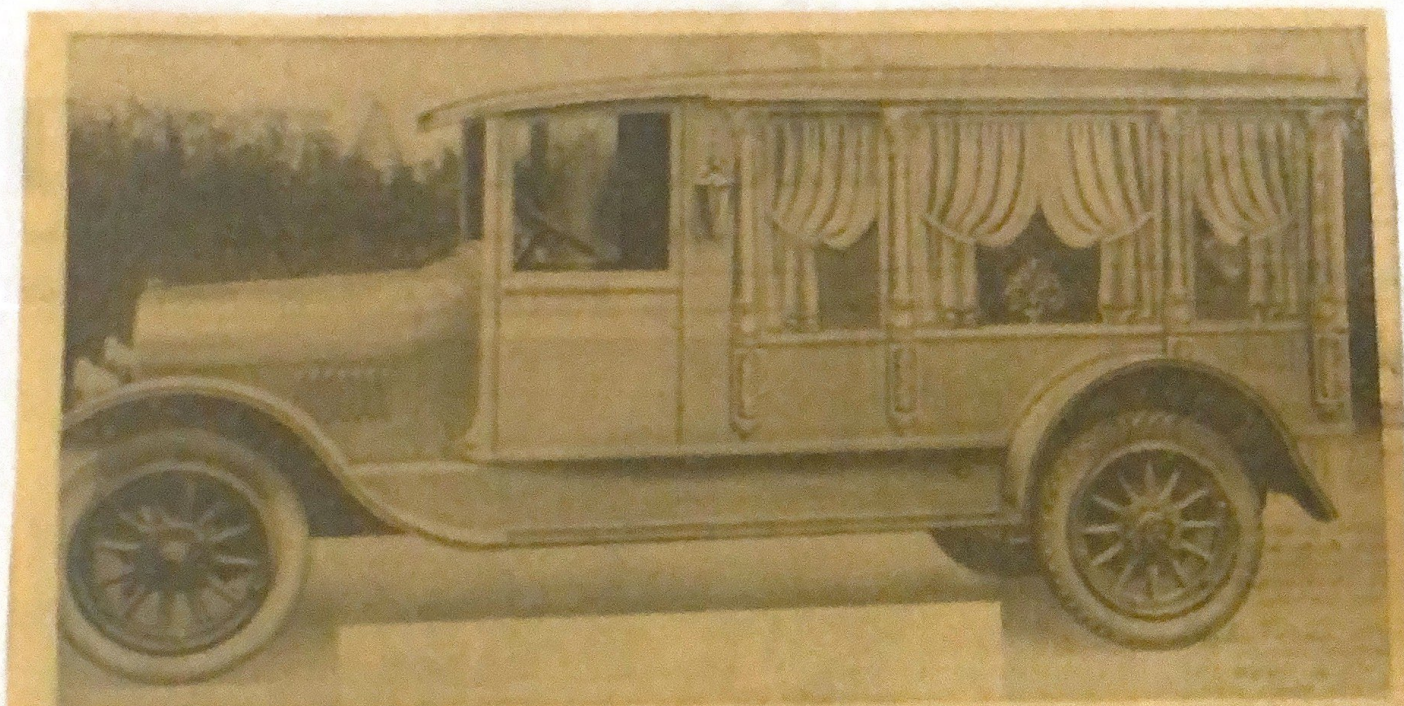
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA



Robert (Bobby) Watson of Texas maintains the photographic reproductions of old cars. This work with a picture of the first motor-driven bus in Mount Airy. Not only was the vehicle, 1915 model Daimler and built motor vehicle the first

such bus in Mount Airy. It was the first one in operation between Winston Salem and Greensboro, N.C. and was owned by James and Henry Fennell Home firm. The photograph was found in Watson by Mandy Fennell Home.

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## New Moody Funeral Home To Open Sunday

Modern Facility Located On Kapp Street  
In County Seat; Open House Scheduled  
From 10:00-10:00, Dedication, 4:00 P. M.

The formal opening and dedication of the just-completed Moody Funeral Home and Chapel in Dobson is scheduled Sunday, Dennis W. Moody of Mount Airy, president of Moody Funeral Home and Chapel, Inc., announced last week.

Open house will be held from 10 a. m. until 10 p. m., while the dedication service is planned for 4 p. m. to start. The new facility, constructed at a cost of \$150,000 is located on Kapp Street in the county seat. Moody Funeral Home and Chapel, with headquarters at West Third Street in Mount Airy, was selected as the contractor.

Mr. Moody stated the new structure covers an area 10 feet by 10 feet and contains 1,200 square feet of floor space. Featuring black mahogany work on the building, the house has a modern and completed within 10 days.

The new building has a large lobby with one main entrance, a separate and vital reception, complete air conditioning and all other modern conveniences.

A dining room has been built to include Moody said. The chapel seats 100 and has an additional family room that will open in the near future.

The building features an excellent view of the town and is situated in a prime location. The building is being constructed of brick and is a testament to the quality of construction.

Moody of Dobson has a line of these vehicles on exhibition, lease and sale. The very equipment of Moody Funeral Home and Chapel will be ready to serve the community.



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Remodeling Work  
Now In Progress  
At Moody's Here



Project Due  
To Be Finished  
By First Of May

Extensive remodeling in the lobby of Moody Funeral Home and Chapel, Inc., Mount Airy, is well under way, Jerry W. Moody, president, reported this week.

The remodeling work, which began March 20, is expected to add some 1,000 additional square feet of floor space to the lobby. A completion date of May 1 is anticipated.

A rearrangement of office facilities is also reported in the remodeling work, Moody said. When completed, the remodeling will give Moody's a more modern and complete appearance.

Moody's office at Moody's will be located in the new lobby of the building, the firm's president stated.

Jerry Howard (above) has been named representative of the Moody Funeral Home and Chapel, Inc., in the county seat. He completed his service April 1.

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BLOODMOBILE VISIT SET FOR SEPT. 16th 130 Donors Needed

The Bloodmobile will visit the Park County on Wednesday, Sept. 16 and 130 donors are urgently needed to help for replacement of the donated blood in Stuart...

FAIR SET FOR NEXT WEEK

There has been some discussion for the big, long-awaited County Agricultural Fair to be held September 18 and 19 in the new fairgrounds...

County, Town Get ABC Funds

Patrick County and the town of Stuart received a total of \$44,700 to help fund the state-wide school's office...

Old Bell Set Opening Date

Chairman of the Old Bell Tower Association announced that the tower will be opened to the public on September 22...

Examinations To Be Given

High School Completion Examinations will be given to students in the county on September 22, 23, and 24...

Moody Funeral Home An Asset To Patrick County

The family residence of an occasion for which it was intended, and provide every convenience necessary to carrying funeral which will be a worthy final retirement...

Clark Brothers Awarded Contract

Clark Brothers Construction Company of Stuart, was awarded the contract for building the new plant at Patrick County Fairgrounds...

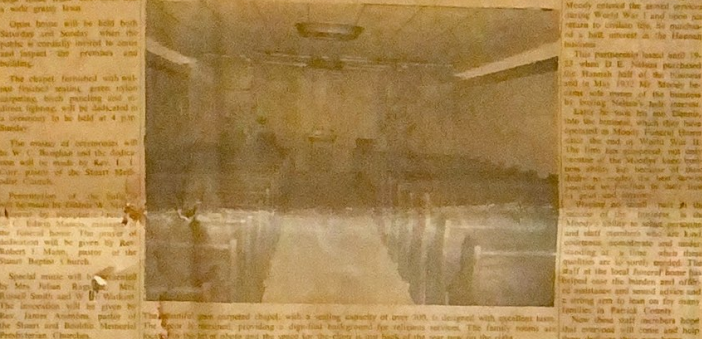
Case Is Postponed

County hearing in Latham on the Patrick County appeal was postponed for Tuesday, but the hearing was scheduled for Tuesday...

Moody Funeral Home To Dedicate New Building



The Moody Funeral Home will dedicate its new building in Stuart on September 16. The building is a two-story structure...



County Fair Is Near

The date for the Patrick County Fair is September 18 and 19. The fair will be held at the new fairgrounds...

ASC Committee Elections

The ASC Committee elections were held on September 14. The committee members are...

Support Aided For Cemetery

Support was given to the cemetery project by the community. The project is to build a new cemetery...

Murder Case Hearing Set For Friday

A hearing in a murder case is set for Friday. The case involves the death of a young man...

It is expected that the hearing will be held in the afternoon. The case is being heard by Judge...

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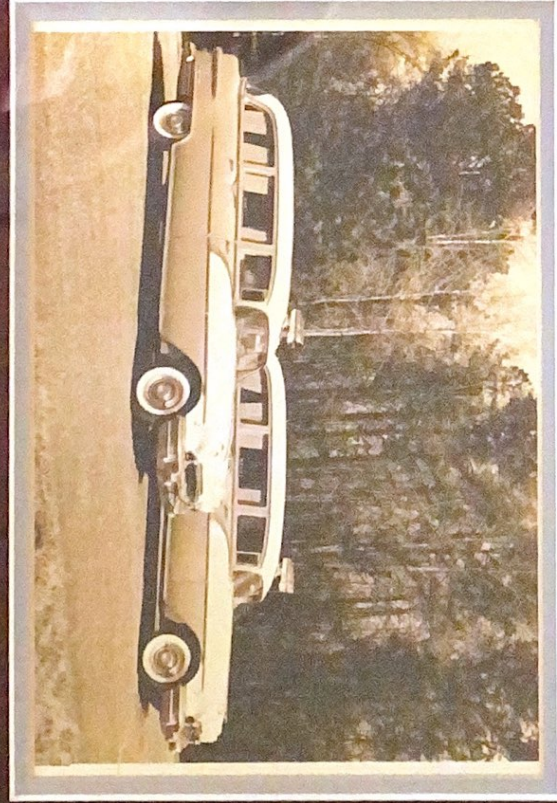
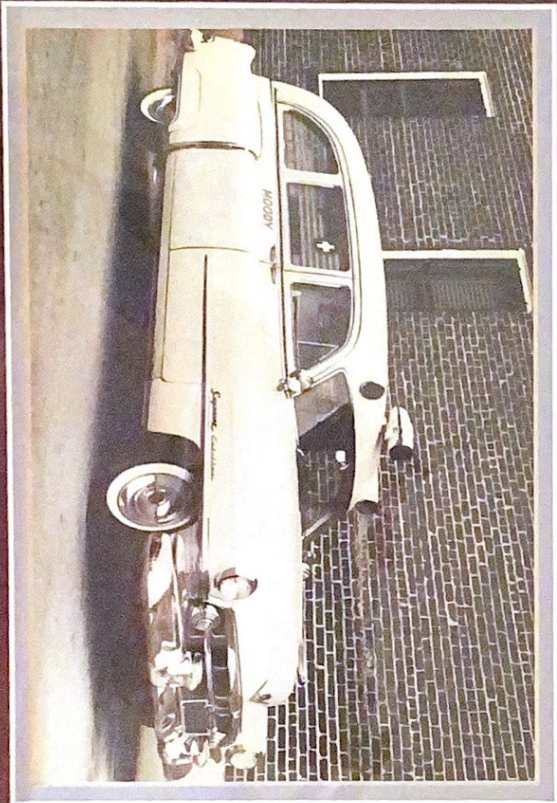
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Dennis Cecelski explores North Carolina's history, one person at a time.

# Dennis Moody: Death is no different

INTERVIEW BY DAVID CECELSKI ■ PHOTO BY CHRIS SEWARD

Dennis Moody has been lying south to rest since 1932. When I visited him at the Moody Funeral Home in the small town of Mount Airy, in the lovely foothills of Surry County, he described how funerals and the mortuary trade have changed in his lifetime. He also guided me through the inner workings of the funeral home. He showed me displays of caskets and urns, the parlors with open caskets waiting for wakes that evening, and the embalming room, where a beautician carefully applied eyeliner and lipstick to a woman who had died the night before.



Dennis Moody has been working at his family's mortuary since 1932.

I have to confess I found the experience a little unsettling. But Dennis Moody's manner was very reassuring, and I could see how our ways of approaching death say a great deal about our changing ways of life. Now 83, he recalled the days before most people trusted strangers to care for the dead, when funerals were held at home, when a man's neighbors dug his grave.

was dead was not there for themselves. Most of the time it was their friends. They all there and talk all night. People would come by and speak to the folks, even when dead or before even flowers, just like they do today. But they do it at the funeral home, they usually not out of the house.

Funerals would be at the home too. They'd have somebody there, here there, around, but usually would be at the home too. They'd have a service just like you would today. Something that they'd have there or home. Most all of everybody out there in the country had little funerals or services.

If they wanted us to, we'd stay for the night. A lot of times they'd say, well, we don't want that. We'd just do it ourselves. They would dig their own graves, then you take the casket and from the casket down into the ground.

When World War I come along, there wasn't enough people at funerals, so you had to have all night. They had to stay through that. We had to dig graves, too. The people did themselves for long time, but finally they couldn't get nobody to help them do it. We had to take it over. The war didn't have enough of them around here to do nothing. Used to be family and the neighbors take it all. Some the each generation because a little bit more there. Every generation the funeral home would be more of it. If they get where we are today. All you do is tell the funeral director what you want. He charges you for it and you pay for it.

The people who is practicing out of college now, they don't care too much for burial, about funeral. They don't really care that much about the whole of the funeral home of right. In the future, I think a lot of people coming along now, they're not caring, but people coming along now, they're not caring about the funeral home. You can see you and your family, you can see that at the cemetery and you know that funeral and you go back home. That's what you want to do.

A lot has changed in the funeral business, but you know there's no such difference in how people show their grief. I can remember people had in 1922 and even today, death and the same thing happens today. I don't think we had any more of that kind of thing. Everybody got a little different way of showing it, but it's all different.

—Dennis Moody

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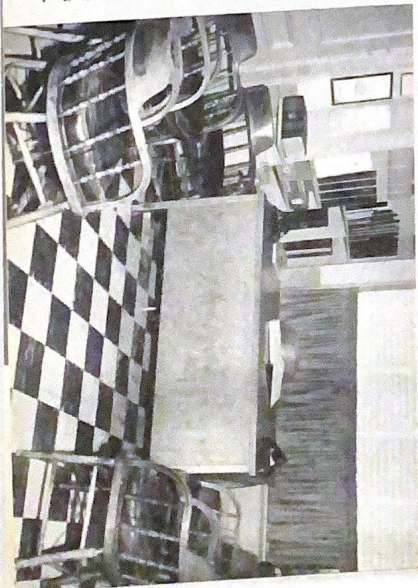


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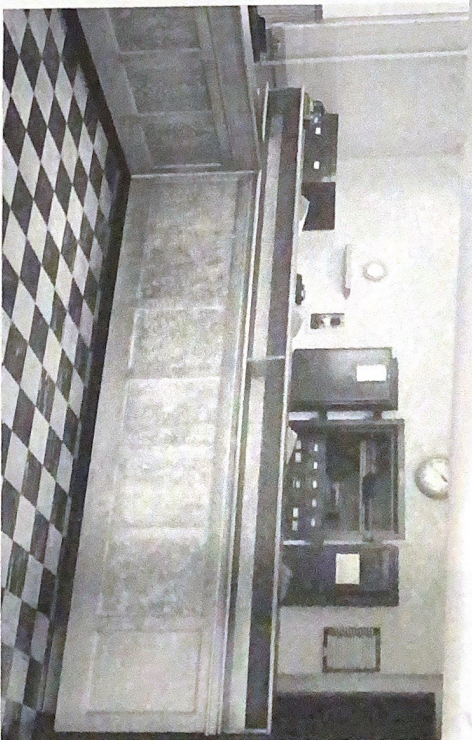
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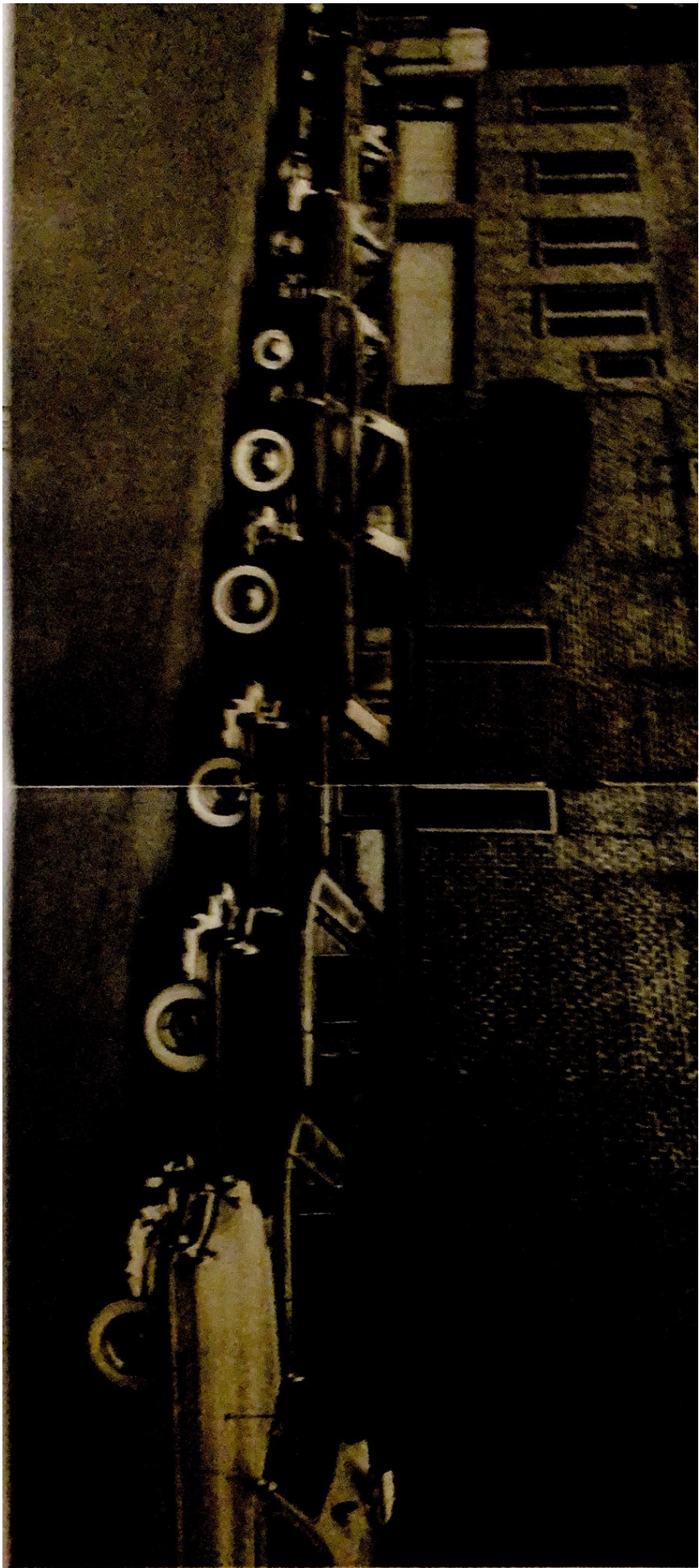


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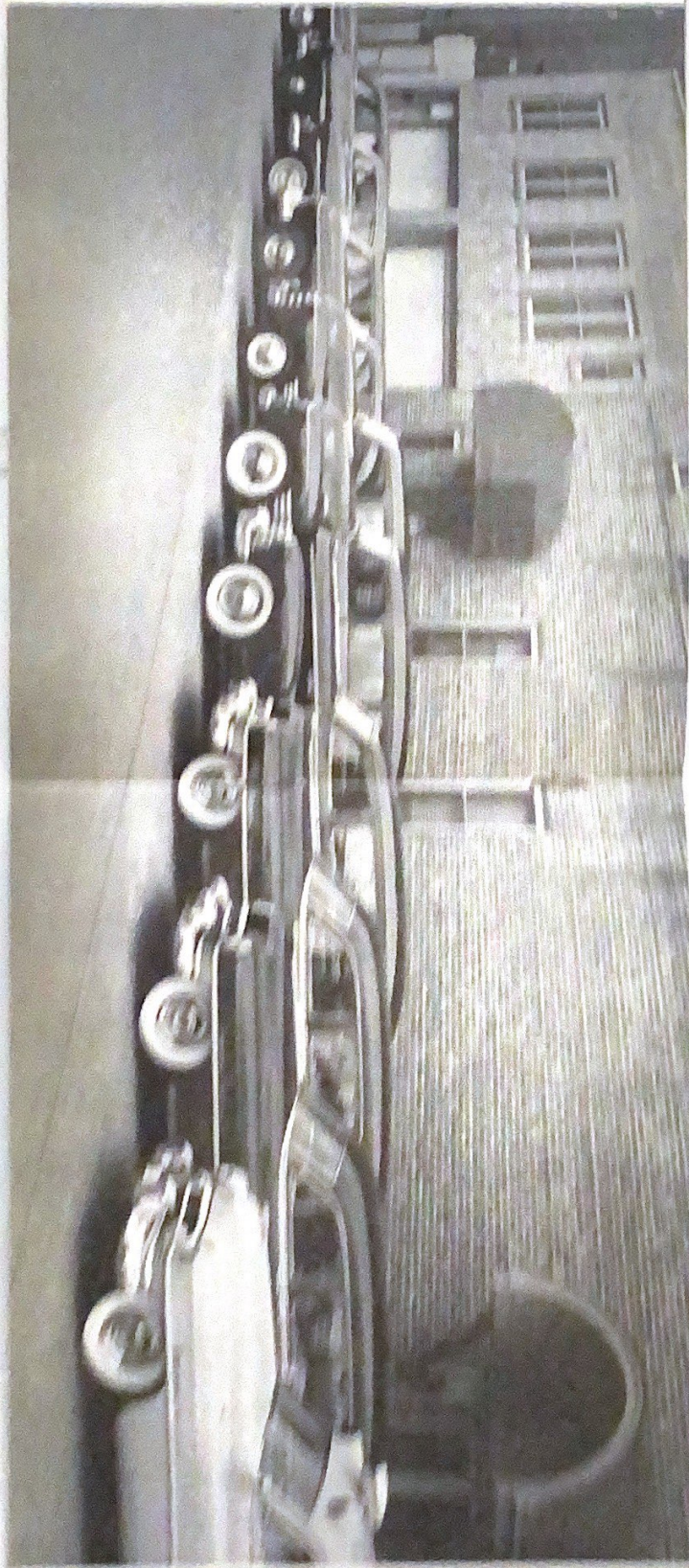
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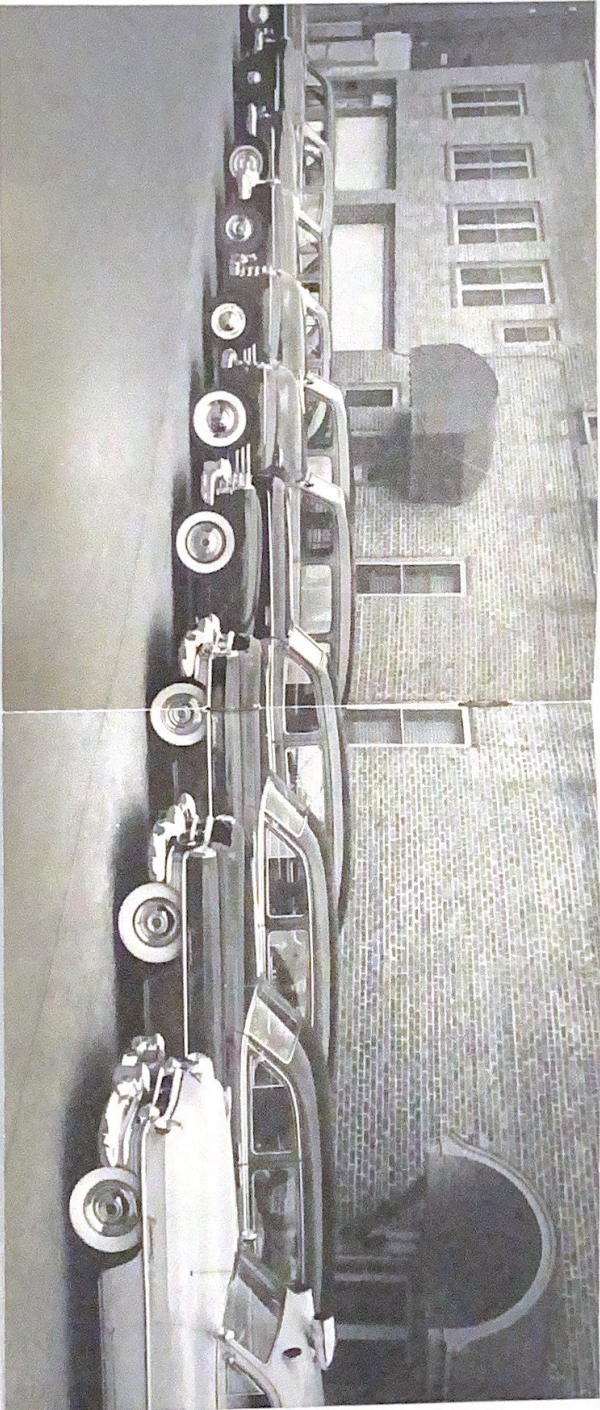
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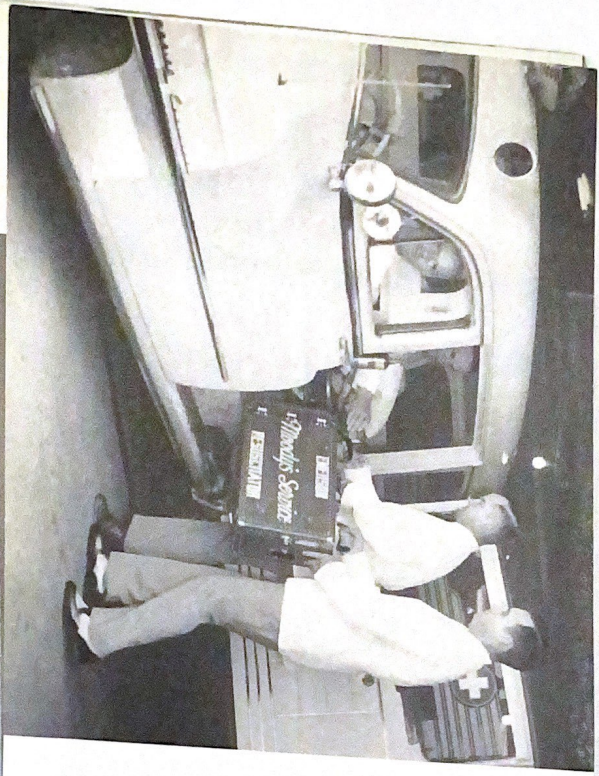
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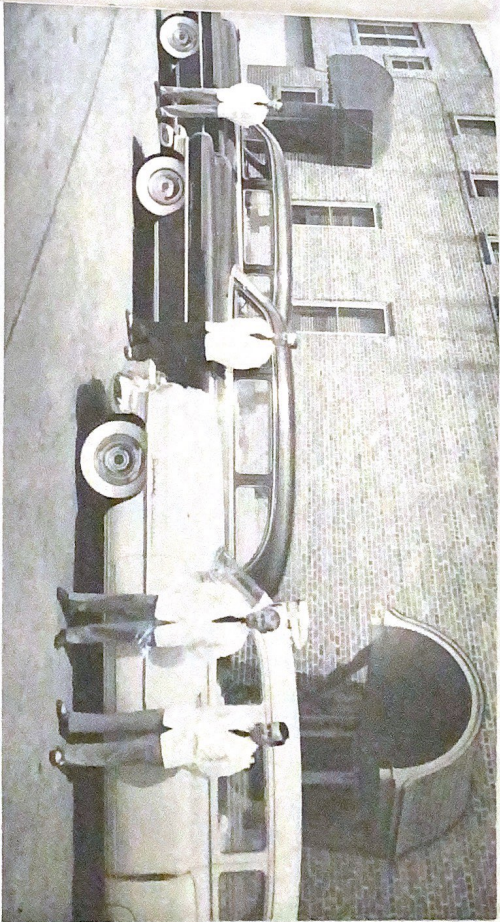
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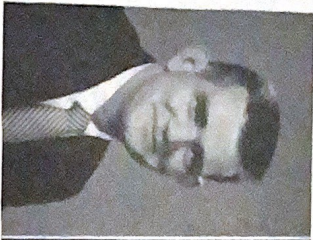


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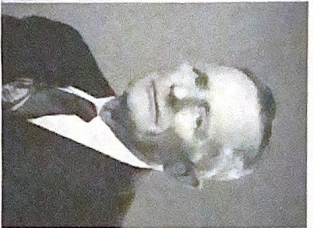
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Paul Webster

The Moody Funeral Home feels that those looking through this booklet will take for granted that an organization as old and as reputable as this one has the specialized knowledge and all the technical equipment necessary for conducting its business efficiently.

We hope this booklet has been informative and enlightening.  
We invite you and your friends to visit with us anytime.

**WADE C. MOODY**  
**DENNIS W. MOODY**