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**MORGAN FAMILY PAPERS**  
**1775-1938**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Morgan Family Papers (1775-1938) are the papers of William Henry Morgan (1888-1939) and his family. The papers were given to the Tennessee State Library & Archives Manuscript Section by Mrs. Granbery Jackson, a niece of William Henry Morgan, on behalf of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in Tennessee through the agency of Mrs. Sam Orr.

The materials in this collection measure 1.2 linear feet.

Single photocopies of the unpublished writings in the Morgan Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Morgan Family Papers, containing approximately 900 items, span the period 1775-1938. The collection is composed of correspondence, diaries, biographical sketches, wills, and other genealogical data concerning the families of Bedinger, Hamilton, McNairy, Morgan, Rouse, Swearingen, Weldon, and kindred families. The largest portion of the papers relate to the Morgan family. In addition to the genealogical papers there are some financial records of Dempsey Weaver for the years 1861-1876 and some records regarding the estate of D. C. King, 1857-1860. There is a sketch of the McNairy home on Summer Street where Lafayette, Jackson, and Henry Clay were entertained. The papers also contain a typed copy of a diary kept in the late 1700s and early 1800s. One letter dated 1864 is concerned with cotton exportation through the port of New Orleans during the Civil War. There are sketches of the lives of Dr. William Henry Morgan (1818-1900) and Dr. Henry William Morgan (1853-1920). Dr. William Morgan organized the Dental Department of Vanderbilt University and became its first Dean serving until 1900. The papers also contain a sketch of Dr. Henry William Morgan, the son of Dr. William Henry Morgan. He was the first matriculate and first graduate of Vanderbilt University receiving his M. D. degree in 1875. He obtained the D. D. S. in 1876 at Philadelphia Dental College and became Assistant Professor in the Dental Department of Vanderbilt University in 1879. He was made Dean of the Dental School in 1911 and served through 1919. Some early letters and papers of Abraham Morgan (1775-1815) make up the remainder of the collection.

The diplomas of Dr. Henry William Morgan and obituaries of Dr. and Mrs. Henry William Morgan have been added to the collection. The diploma of Dr. Henry William Morgan from Vanderbilt University (March 1, 1875) is said to be the first diploma ever awarded by that institution.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

### **Dr. Henry William Morgan**

- 1853      October 25 – born near Nashville, Tennessee, the son of Dr. William Henry and Sarah Anne Noel Morgan
- 1873      Graduated from Nashville High School
- 1875      Graduated from Vanderbilt University
- 1876      Graduated from Philadelphia Dental College
- 1880      November 3 – married Matilda Alloway Evans
- 1879-1886   Assistant Professor of Operative Dentistry, Vanderbilt University
- 1886-1911   Professor of Operative Dentistry, Vanderbilt University
- 1911-1919   Dean of Vanderbilt University
- 1876-1900   Partner of his father in the practice of Dentistry
- 1916-1920   Partner of his son, Dr. Walter McNairy Morgan
- 1920      May 16 – died in Nashville, Tennessee

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

### **Dr. William Henry Morgan**

- 1818 February 22 – born near Russellville, Kentucky, the son of Joseph Morgan and Elizabeth Adams
- 1848 Graduated in Dentistry at the Baltimore Dental College and practiced one year in Russellville, Kentucky
- 1849 Moved to Nashville and formed a partnership with Dr. T. B. Hamlin
- 1852 November 30 – married Sarah A. Noel
- 1855 Graduated in Medicine at the University of Nashville in the first class
- 1860 Assisted in the organization of the American Dental Association
- 1865-1870 Trustee of the Ohio Dental College
- 1871 President of the American Dental Association
- 1879 Organized the Dental Department of Vanderbilt University and became its first Dean
- 1900 Became Dean Emeritus
- Member of McKendree Methodist Church and served as Steward and Trustee for over forty years. His political affiliation was as an old line Whig.

## CONTAINER LIST

### **Microfilm Roll #1**

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#### **Box 1**

1. Banks and notes
2. Bills and receipts – King, D. C. Estate
3. Bills and receipts – Dempsey Weaver, 1861-1876
4. Clippings re: Morgan family
5. Coat of Arms – Morgan
6. Contracts, 1856-1864
7. Correspondence – re: Cotton exportation during the Civil War
8. Correspondence – Kenneday, Dr. W. E.
9. Correspondence – Morgan, Dr. William Henry
10. Correspondence – Morgan, Dr. Henry W.
11. Correspondence – Dental Profession and Hamblen and Morgan
12. Correspondence – Vanderbilt University School of Dentistry
13. Correspondence – Weaver, Dempsey
14. Correspondence – Diary – Morgans – Mary Hamilton Thompson Collection
15. Diary – Morgans – re: Morgan Family
16. Early papers – Abraham Morgan, *et al*
17. Diary – Swearingen, Lt. James Strode

#### **Box 2**

##### **Genealogical Correspondence**

1. Author unidentified
2. A's 1930-1936
3. Ballard – Badinger, 1933-1934
4. Blacklock, Mrs. Lillian – 1934-1937
5. Biggs – Brown, Mrs. Carrie M., 1929-1935
6. Bannerman, Mrs. Robert C. – 1933-1934
7. Cardwell – Carlock – Crockett, 1929-1934
8. Dickinson, Jennie M. – Dominy, Mae, 1932-1934
9. Drake, Julie A., 1934-1936
10. Flickinger – Franklin, 1929-1930
11. Getzendanner, Anna M., 1930-1935
12. Gordon – Green, 1934-1937
13. Hodges – Hoskins, 1934-1938
14. Indiana Records
15. Kimbrough – Kinkead, 1929-1934
16. Kurtz, Mabel, 1935-1937
17. L – Morgans, 1929-1937

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18. New Jersey – Noel – Noyes, 1929-1936
19. O – Rose, 1928-1935
20. Saunders – Stutzman, 1929-1934
21. Templeton – Thruston, 1929-1934
22. Tillman – Tinsley, 1934-1936
23. Traughber – Tuck, 1929-1934
24. Virginia – Wycoff, 1929-1935
25. Outgoing – W. H. Morgan, 1928-1937

## **Box 3**

1. Genealogical Data – Bedinger Family
2. Genealogical Data – Charts of Slagle, Swearingen, Morgan
3. Genealogical Data – Deeds and indentures
4. Genealogical Data – McNairy Family
5. Genealogical Data – Morgan Family
6. Genealogical Data – Morgan Family
7. Genealogical Data – Morgan Family
8. Genealogical Data – Morgan Family
9. Genealogical Data – Rouse Family
10. Genealogical Data – Swearingen Family
11. Genealogical Data – Weldon Family
12. Genealogical Data – Wills – William Morgan *et al*
13. Memorabilia
14. Photographs
15. Service Record – William Henry Morgan
16. Sketch – “Experience in a Base Hospital in France” by Walter M. Morgan
17. Sketch – Filson Club
18. Sketch – McNairy House
19. Sketch – Dr. Henry William Morgan, 1853-1920
20. Sketch – Colonel William Morgan, 1723-1788
21. Sketch – Dr. William Henry Morgan, 1818-1900
22. Sketch – Harvard Dental School
23. Addition – January, 1975

## **Map Drawer No. 1**

1. \* Henry William Morgan, Doctor of Medicine diploma, Vanderbilt University, March 1, 1875. This diploma was issued prior to the regular diploma, which was in the process of being prepared.
2. \* Henry William Morgan, Doctor of Medicine, Vanderbilt University, March 1, 1875 – regular diploma
3. \* Henry William Morgan, Doctor of Medicine, University of Nashville – diploma, March 1, 1875

4. Henry William Morgan, Doctor of Dentistry, Philadelphia Dental College, February 25, 1876
5. Obituaries of Dr. and Mrs. Henry W. Morgan in *Nashville Tennessean* and *Banner*

\* These items were on deposit. They were returned to Dr. Walter Morgan February 6, 1975.