

Morgan family papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Morgan family.
Title:	Morgan family papers
Dates:	1911-2008
Extent:	1.75 cubic feet (2 boxes, 1 oversize folder, 1 roll)
Identification:	MS 2294

Biographical/Historical Note

Samuel Hill Morgan, Sr. (1863-1936), son of Samuel H. Morgan and Flora Abigail Smith, married Wilhelmina Meyers in 1886. They had eight children and were longtime residents of Guyton in Effingham County, Georgia.

Samuel Morgan, Sr. served as the mayor of Guyton, on the board of Regents of the University of Georgia, on the Effingham County board of education, on the Effingham County Commission, and as a senator in the first district in the Georgia Assembly. In 1904, he founded the Savannah Buggy Company (later renamed Morgans, Inc.), a leading dealer in industrial and farming supplies. After his death, three of his sons took over the company: G. Philip Morgan (1892-1953), W. Jason Morgan (1897-1944), and Samuel Hill Morgan, Jr.

G. Philip Morgan (1892-1953) served as chairman of the board of Morgan's Inc., was chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Georgia Forestry Commission and referred to as the "father of Georgia's forestry program". G. P. Morgan also served as vice chairman of the Coastal Highway Commission, and as admiral on Georgia Governor Herman E. Talmadge's staff.

Edward Morgan, son of G. Philip Morgan, was in the first graduating class at Armstrong Junior College (now Armstrong Atlantic State University) in Savannah, Georgia. He developed a rotary wheel assembly for the United States government and has a patent on a rotary diesel engine. He served as vice president and later president of Morgans, Inc. and is a long time member of the Savannah Benevolent Association. E. Morgan authored several booklets including, "Addendum Quail on Toast at 30,000 Feet", "Memories of a Healing Man: The Wonderful and Wacky World of Dr. J. C. Metts, Sr.", "Hymnody and Happiness: Inspirational Stories of F. Bland Tucker, D.D.", and "Community Service: Sister Mary Cornile Duloherly and her Spiritual Leadership in Savannah". He also dictated a book entitled, "Quail on Toast at 30,000 Feet" by Adele Dominy.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains Morgan family papers including correspondence, clippings, drawings, genealogy materials, business records, photographs, topical files, and publications. Booklets authored by Edward Morgan include, "Addendum Quail on Toast at 30,000 Feet", "Memories of a Healing Man: The Wonderful and Wacky World of Dr. J. C. Metts, Sr.", "Hymnody and Happiness: Inspirational Stories of F. Bland Tucker, D.D.", and "Community Service: Sister Mary Cornile Duloherly and her Spiritual Leadership in Savannah". Also included is a book by Adele Dominy that was dictated by Edward Morgan entitled, "Quail on Toast at 30,000 Feet".

Business records document the Morgan family business beginning with the Savannah Buggy Company and later renamed Morgans, Inc. Also included are topical files on Tybee Island, Georgia, the trial of Jefferson Davis, World War II, Henry Ford, the Savannah Police Department, Armstrong Junior College, "Heltzel," Holiday Cemetery in Pooler, Georgia, Savannah Benevolent Association, and other subjects. Papers in the collection date from 1911 to 2008.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 2 boxes, 1 oversize folder, and 1 roll:

Box 1: Topical files, publications, genealogy materials, business records, photographs, 1911-2001.

Box 2: Publications, business records, genealogy materials, 1920s-2008.

Oversize folder 1: Photograph of G. Phillip Morgan Memorial Nursery, Byron, Georgia, 1959; and photograph of Trail Blazer (ship) build by Morgans, Inc., undated.

Roll 1: Morgan engine ring carrier and rotary piston diesel engine drawings by Edward Morgan, 1986-2002.

Index Terms

Business enterprises--Georgia--Savannah.
Business records.
Clippings (information artifacts)
Family-owned business enterprises--Georgia--Savannah.
Genealogies (histories)
Letters (correspondence)
Morgan family.
Morgan's, Inc. (Savannah, Ga.)
Morgan, Edward.
Morgan, G. Philip, 1892-1953.
Morgan, Samuel Hill, 1863-1936.
Photographs.
Publications.
Savannah Buggy Company (Ga.)

Administrative Information

Processing Information

This collection is processed at the Basic Level (or collection level). There is no detailed inventory for this collection as it is not fully processed. To request that this collection be added to our priority list of collections to be fully processed as staffing and funding allow, please contact the Library and Archives staff.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Sponsorship

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