Albert and Bettie Morris papers

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1895-2008, bulk 1941-1979

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Accession Number: 2007.014

Creator: Dr. Albert and Bettie Morris

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Benjamin Franklin Kennerly papers, 2008.093

Separated Materials: Oversized materials have been housed in the flat file system.
Rare books and published works have been cataloged and placed with the Nabb Research Center’s non-circulating collection.
Artifacts have been transferred to object storage at Blackwell Library.
Biographical History: Salisbury, Maryland natives, Dr. Albert W. Morris (1917-2008) and Bettie Harcum Morris (1917-2005) were married in 1942, while Dr. Morris served as a dentist in the United States Army Dental Corps during World War II. Dr. Albert and Bettie Morris were influential in the development of the arts in Salisbury, Maryland. They participated in a wide range of historic and symphonic organizations including the Pemberton Hall Foundation, Wicomico Historical Society, Eastern Shore Symphony Society and the Eastern Shore Opera Society.

Citations: Albert William Morris Obituary, Salisbury Times, September 17, 2008  
Bettie Harcum Morris Obituary, Salisbury Times, February 2, 2005

Scope and Content Note: The Albert and Bettie Morris papers document their lives as long-time residents of Salisbury, Maryland, and include early family records of Rosa Lee Tilghman Morris as well as correspondence, biographical information, printed materials, newspapers and artifacts. The materials date from 1895-2008 with the bulk of the material dating from 1941-1979. Dr. Morris’ extensive World War II service record is documented and includes correspondence, service papers and photographic documentation of his encounter with General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Also included are the records of the Eastern Shore Opera and Symphony Societies as well as ephemera from many other local historic and symphonic organizations.

Arrangement Statement: The papers of Albert and Bettie Morris have been arranged into three series, FAMILY HISTORY, PRINTED MATERIALS and ARTIFACTS. Family history documents the social activities and education of the Harcum, Morris and Kennerly families through correspondence, biographical histories and composition books. The series is further subdivided into two subseries, Albert Morris World War II Service and Organizations. Dr. Morris’ service in the Army Dental Corps is detailed via correspondence and military service records. Organizations document the extensive involvement of Mr. and Mrs. Morris in local historic, theatrical and symphonic societies through correspondence, programs and administrative records. The Printed Materials series includes local ephemera such as programs and post cards as well as monographs, sheet music, local and regional newspapers, and bound books. The Artifacts series includes several types of housewares, toys, commemorative memorabilia and World War II uniforms used by the Morris family.

Folders are listed by their location in each box; any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entirety of the collection.
Subject Terms:

General Terms
  Military
  Socialite
  World War II

Corporate Names
  American Red Cross
  Army Dental Corps
  Bard Avon School, Baltimore, Md.
  Baltimore Symphony Orchestra
  Eastern Shore Symphony Society
  Eastern Shore Opera Society
  Maryland Ballet Company
  Mrs. Harold’s Bell Street and Grammar School
  Salisbury Consort
  United States Army
  Wicomico County Centennial

Personal Names
  Clay, Anne Morris
  Eisenhower, Dwight D.
  Fish, Charlotte Irving
  Harcum, Harry
  Kennerly, Ruth
  Morris, Albert W.
  Morris, Bettie Harcum
  Morris, Ida
  Morris, Rosa Lee Tilghman
  Van Hulsteyn, Ruth
Series I: Family History
Box 1
1. Funeral Program, Albert W. Morris, 2008 September 18
2. Funeral Program, Pauline Brittingham, 2004 October 9
3. Obituary, Bettie Harum Morris, 2005 January 30
4. Biographical Information, Charlotte Irving Fish, 1932
5. Biographical Information, Rosa Lee Tilghman Morris, 1945
6. Correspondence, To Mrs. Harry Harcum From Mrs. Clifton Davis, 1946 May 26
7. Correspondence, To City Commissioners, Wicomico County ie: Albert Morris Property, 1959
8. Correspondence, To Dr. and Mrs. Albert Morris, ie: Rosa Tilghman Morris Coverlets, 1989, 1993
10-11. Mrs. Harold’s Bell Street & Grammar School, Composition Books, Bettie Harcum, 1920s
12. Mrs. Harold’s Bell Street & Grammar School, Broadcaster Newsletter, 1930
13. Pocono Manor Nordic Touring Center, 1977

Subseries A: Albert Morris World War II Service
14. Correspondence, To Ida Morris From Albert Morris, 1941-1945
15. Correspondence, To Mr. & Mrs. H.L. Harcum and Ida Morris From Albert Morris, 1943 November 5 – 1945 January 28
16. Correspondence, To Bettie Harcum Morris From Albert Morris, 1944-1945
18. United States Army Service Papers, Dental Corps, Albert Morris, 1941-1946
19. Service Record, Albert Morris, 1943 January 13 – September 3
20. Army Service Forces Special Order No. 236, Troop Train Roster, 1944 August 23
21. United States Army Service Separation Papers, Albert Morris, 1946 January 8
22. Photograph, Dr. Albert Morris & General Dwight D. Eisenhouwer, 1945 February
23. Ephemera, Paris, France, 1940s
24. Volunteer Certificate, American Red Cross, 1945 April
25. War Ration Books, 1942-1943

Subseries B: Organizations
29. Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Photograph, Isaac Stern, 1963
30. Community Concert Association, Programs, 1937-1961
33. Eastern Shore Opera Society, Articles of Incorporation, 1975
34. Eastern Shore Opera Society, Correspondence & Organization Data, 1973-1975
36. Eastern Shore Opera Society, Photograph, undated
40. Eastern Shore Symphony Society, Correspondence, 1966-1967
41. Eastern Shore Symphony Society, Correspondence, 1969-1974
44. University of Maryland, Madrigal Singers, Ephemera and News Clippings, 1963-1964
45. Newsletters, Manation, Mensa, 1995-1998
47. Acknowledgment, Salisbury Theater Works, 1980
48. Wicomico County Centennial, Ephemera and correspondence, 1967

Box 2
4. George Washington Bicentennial Commission, Theater Programs, 1932
5. Hooked Rug Group, Photographs, 1950s
6. IMPD O.R. Men, Photograph, 1903
7. Local Jewelry Club, Photographs, 1950s
8. Maryland Ballet Company, Correspondence, 1976-1977
10. Maryland Ballet Company, Photographs, 1970s
11. Maryland Ballet Company, Programs, 1975-1979
12. Peninsula General Hospital, Junior Auxiliary Board, May Minstrel, 1952
13. Red Men, Photograph, ca. 1915
14. Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, Membership Roster, 1969 August
15. Salisbury Bicentennial Commission, Invitation, 1932
16. Salisbury Bicentennial Commission, Program, 1932 August 7-13
17. Salisbury Choral Society, By Laws, 1985
18. Salisbury Choral Society, Programs, 1974-1978
23. Wicomico County Secondary School Student Art Show, 1978
25. Wicomico Women’s Club, Photographs, 1950s
27. Various Theater Productions, Salisbury, Programs, 1968-1971

Series II: Printed Materials
30. David Esso Service Center, Brochures, 1960s
31. Dinner with Ike, Program, 1960 January 27
32. Eisenhower Presidential Inauguration, Program, 1953 January 20
33. Eastern Shore Poetry, 1940s
34. News Clippings, 1942-1965
35. Pageant Play, History of Salisbury, Maryland, 1950
36. Pemberton Historical Park, Ephemera, 1982-1984
37. Poplar Hill Mansion, Ephemera, 1980s
39. Salisbury High School Program, Commencement Exercises, 1897 May 18
41. Washington Hotel, Ephemera, 1978
42. Monograph, Anchorage Points, Their Return to the Development of Stable Personalities, Thomas J. Caruthers, 1963
43. Monograph, Basic Reference on Genealogy, Heraldry & Local History, 1952-1972
44. Monograph, Green Hill Church, 1733, Charlotte Lilly, 1988
45. Monograph, Is There a Santa Claus? Francis Pharcellus Church, undated
49. Song Books, Christmas, 1920s-1940s
50. Monograph, Assault on the Amazon, Tom Horton, 1980
Box 3
1-2. Piano Sheet Music, 1940s-1950s
3. Piano Accordion Sheet Music, 1914-1936

Subseries A: Newspapers
Box 4
1. Newspaper, Baltimore American, Eastern Shore Section, 1932 January 17
3. Newspaper, Evening Times, 1925 July 29
4. Newspaper, Evening Times, 1926 March 18
5. Newspaper, Evening Times, 1926 May 5
7. Newspaper, Salisbury Advertiser and the Wicomico Countian, 1924 May 3
8. Newspaper, Salisbury Advertiser and the Wicomico Countian, 1932 August 19
9. Newspaper, Salisbury Advertiser, 1932 May 27
10. Newspaper, Salisbury Advertiser, 1932 June 3
11. Newspaper, Salisbury Advertiser, 1932 August 5
12. Newspaper, Salisbury Advertiser, 1932 August 19
13. Newspaper, Salisbury Advertiser, 1933 January 26
14. Newspaper, Salisbury Advertiser, 1941 August 14
15. Newspaper, Salisbury Advertiser, 1967 June 15
16. Newspaper, See, 1945 September
17. Newspaper, Stars and Stripes, 1945 May 8
18. Newspaper, Stars and Stripes, 1945 May 9
19. Newspaper, Wicomico News, 1895 August 1

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1. Advertisement, Pastyme in Good Companye, Salisbury Theater Works, 1980

Subseries B: Library Materials
1. In the Child's World, Emilie Poulsson, 1922
3. Stories from Uncle Remus, Esther LaRose Harris, 1934
4. The Old Woman & Her Shoe, McLoughlin Bros., 1900
5. The Real Mother Goose, Rand McNally & Company, 1919
6. Christmas Morning, M.A. Donohue & Company, 1901
7. Bible Stories for Little Children in Word of One Syllable, Jean S. Remy, 1900
8. The Magee Readers Book One, Anna F. Magee & John F. Reigart, 1916
11. *Chicken Little*, Henry Altemus, 1905
12. *Bible Pictures and What They Teach Us*, Charles Foster, 1914
13-14. *How Granny told the Bible Stories*, Eleanor H. Boyd, 1921
13. *The Wollopor Family*, Anne Hare, 1927
17. *The First Christmas*, Eleanor Herr Boyd, 1926
18. *Billy and the Major*, Emma Speed Sampson,
19. *Grimm’s Fairy Tales*,
20. *Animal ABC*, Dean’s Rag Book
22. *Babar’s Visit to Bird Island*, Laurent de Brunhoff, 1952
23. *Let’s Sing songs for Little Children*, 1940
26. *Sunshine Stories*
27. *Beasts and Nonsense*, Marie Hall Ets, 1952
29. *History can be Fun*, Munro Leaf, 1950
30. *Geography can be Fun*, Munro Leaf, 1950
31. *Arithmetic Can be Fun*, Munro Leaf, 1949
32. *Bears*, Ruth Krauss, 1948
33. *The Boy’s King Arthur*, Sir Thomas Malay, 1926
34. *Little Red Riding Hood*, 1901
35. *I Wish, I Wish*, Lisl Weil, 1957
36. *Wee folks and Mother*, Literary Staff of American Institute of Child Life, 1915
37. *The Night before Christmas*, Clement Clark Moore, 1944
38. *Sing and be Happy Songbook*, 1941
39. The New American Song Book, 1933
40. Merry We Sing, 1936
41. Nursery Songs, 1946
42. Helen’s Babies, John Habberton
43. Grimm’s Fairy Tales, 1922
44. Songs the Children Love to Sing
45. The Colorful Story of North American Indians, Royal B. Hassrick, 1974
46. American Folk Songs for Christmas
47. A Nursery Garland, 1917
48. Songs of the Gilded Age, 1960

Series III: Artifacts
1. Coverlet, 2007.014.001
2. Coverlet, 2007.014.002
3. Bin, Ore, 2007.014.003
4. Set, Croquet, 2007.014.004
5. Yardstick, 2007.014.005
6. Chair, Folding, 2007.014.006
7. Yardstick, 2007.014.007
8. Wheel, Spinning, 2007.014.008
9. Ruler, 2007.014.009a
10. Ruler, 2007.014.009b
11. Soap, 2007.014.010
12. Shoehorn, 2007.014.011.1 - .2
13. Clothespin, 2007.014.012
15. Car, Model, 2007.014.014
16. Opener, Can, 2007.014.015
17. Razor, Straight, 2007.014.016
18. Patch, 2007.014.017
19. Box, Jewelry, 2007.014.018.1 - .2
20. Box, Wooden, 2007.014.019
21. Shuttle, Weaving, 2007.014.020
22. Shuttle, Weaving, 2007.014.021
23. Yardstick, 2007.014.022
24. Pin, Military, 2007.014.023
25. Medal, Commemorative, 2007.014.024
26. Medal, Commemorative, 2007.014.025  
27. Patch, Military, 2007.014.026  
28. Tags, Dog 2007.014.027  
29. Jar, Milk, 2007.014.028  
30. Broom, 2007.014.029  
31. Sunglasses, 2007.014.030  
32. Memorabilia, Business, 2007.014.031  
33. Swatter, Fly 2007.014.032  
34. Bottle, Water, 2007.014.033  
35. Album, Record, 2007.014.034  
36. Iron, Sad, 2007.014.035  
37. Cannon, Toy, 2007.014.036  
38. Cannon, Toy, 2007.014.037  
39. Cannon, Toy, 2007.014.038  
40. Ashtray, 2007.014.039  
41. Brick, 2007.014.040  
42. Handkerchief, 2007.014.041  
43. Game, 2007.014.042  
44. Chain, Key, 2007.014.043  
45. Artifact, Braided Yarn, 2007.014.044  
46. Chair, Rocking, 2007.014.045  
47. Mold, Casting, 2007.014.046  
48. Spoon, 2007.014.047  
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50. Doll, 2007.014.049  
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59. Doll, 2007.014.058  
60. Doll, 2007.014.059  
61. Badge, 2007.014.060  
62. Block, Commemorative, 2007.014.061  
63. Clothing, Uniform, 2007.014.062