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INTRODUCTION

This collection is centered on James Marsh Morey, a Confederate soldier and businessman in the enterprise of Morey & Smith, Importers, Boston, Massachusetts, and later in partnership with Henry R. Brown in Greeneville, Tennessee. The James Marsh Morey Papers were given to the Manuscript Unit by Richard B. Hughes of San Rafael, California, through the agency of Edward J. Tribble of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee.

The materials in this collection measure 1.26 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the James Marsh Morey Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The James Marsh Morey Papers, containing approximately 130 items and 12 volumes, cover the years 1861-1942, with genealogical information dating from the 600s through 1970. The collection is composed of correspondence, accounts, diaries, genealogical books, drawings, maps, newspapers, pictures, invitations and calling cards, a *Soldier's Pocket Bible*, and a copy of Washington's Farewell Address.

The correspondence of James Marsh Morey spans the years 1865 through 1917 and covers such subjects as his Civil War service, imprisonment and release, love letters to his wife and later business trips, Thanksgiving 1881 away from home and his children, and the upcoming World War (1914-1918) and the United States' involvement. Much of the correspondence to Morey came from his mother and concerned the Civil War, his imprisonment and her efforts for his release, his father's death, and news of friends who were in the war or at home. His sister, Eudora, also wrote to Morey during his stay in prison at Hart's Island, New York. Other correspondence also dealt with Morey's release from prison. Mrs. Louisa Morey, James's wife, wrote love letters and letters concerning family and home life in Greeneville, Tennessee.

The original Civil War Diaries of James M. Morey are in the collection, as well as copies made by his wife and clippings from a newspaper when the diaries were serialized. Morey was a Corporal in Company D, 32nd Regiment, Tennessee Infantry, which was organized at Franklin (Williamson County), Tennessee in September of 1861. His diaries give a day-by-day account of his company's activities, with especially descriptive comments concerning the Georgia Campaign, the Battle of Chickamauga, and Morey's capture, imprisonment, and release from Hart's Island Prison, New York.

A later diary, covering the years 1866 through 1868, is also included. This diary gives information on Morey's schooling at the Commercial College in Boston, Massachusetts, his church work, lectures that he attended (including one given by Henry Ward Beecher on Reconstruction and one by Miss Annie E. Dickenson on Woman's Rights), recall of his experiences during the Civil War (especially the Battle of Chickamauga), and the courting, engagement, and marriage to Louisa H. Broughton. Mrs. Louisa Morey also made a copy of this diary.

There is a diary which was kept by Hannah M. (Herrick) Morey in 1865 while she visited her son, James, in Hart's Island Prison, New York. She wrote of her daily attempts to free her son and the continual frustrations.

Hannah M. (Herrick) Morey also compiled the three genealogical books on the various families (Morey, Lawrence, Cobb, Herrick, Haywood, Beach, *et al.).* There is a good biographical sketch of Ira Morey (1814-1864) and his work as a minister and teacher in Vermont, Virginia, and Tennessee.

The daybook contains the writings and notations of several different people. It gives the dates of marriages, births, illnesses, deaths, and other tragedies in the family. There is also genealogical information concerning the Broughton family in the daybook.

The collection contains several newspapers which commemorate the anniversary of the American Revolutionary War (1875), the “Peace Jubilee” celebration in Boston, Massachusetts (1869), and news of the progress of the Civil War (1863). There is also a sketch of the positions around Franklin, Tennessee, during the battle there (1864).

There are two photographs of James Marsh Morey and a composite photograph of several Confederate generals, as well as some pictures of the Civil War taken from the book, *The Photographic History of the Civil War*. Other Civil War memorabilia include some Confederate money, military passes and permits found in the packet carried by Morey during the War, and his Oath of Allegiance. There is also a *Soldier’s Pocket Bible*. Other miscellaneous items include invitations and calling cards, a copy of a story submitted to *Woman’s Magazine*, and a copy of Washington’s Farewell Address.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

James Marsh Morey

1844	November 20 – Born, the son of Ira and Hannah M. (Herrick) Morey in Jonesboro, Tennessee
1849	Family moved to Greeneville, Tennessee where Reverend Ira Morey pastored two churches
1856	Moved to Lebanon, Tennessee, where Reverend Ira Morey accepted a position with the Abbe Institute, a young ladies school
1858	January – Reverend Ira Morey and his family moved to Franklin, Tennessee, where he pastored the Presbyterian Church
1862	October – Joined Company D, 32nd Tennessee Regiment, at Franklin, Tennessee
1865	February – Captured by General Sherman's men
	April – Imprisoned at Hart's Island, New York
	June – Released from prison ; went to stay with his uncle, David Morey; started at Commercial College in Boston, Massachusetts
1868	August 13 – Married Louisa Hickborn Broughton
	Went into business with his uncle in Boston, Massachusetts
ca. 1888	Moved to Greeneville, Tennessee, for his health. Established partnership with Henry R. Brown of that city.
1923	August 18 – Died in Greeneville, Tennessee

CONTAINER LIST

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Box 1

1. Accounts and account book – Morey, James Marsh
2. Correspondence – Broughton-Courtney
3. Correspondence – Harrison-Lewis
4. Correspondence – Morey, Eudora "Dora"
5. Correspondence – Morey, Hannah M. (Herrick)
6. Correspondence – Morey, James M. to his mother, Hannah M. (Herrick) Morey and to his children
7. Correspondence – Morey, James M. to his uncle, to Captain Walker, and to Captain Fay Brabson
8. Correspondence – Morey, James M. to his wife, Louisa H. (Broughton) Morey
9. Correspondence – Morey, Louisa H. (Broughton) to her husband, James M. Morey
10. Invitations and calling cards
11. Memorabilia – Confederate money, Military passes and permits, Oath of Allegiance
12. Miscellaneous – Story submitted to *Woman's Magazine*, 1915

Box 2

1. Diaries – Morey, James M. – 1864-1868 (4 volumes)
2. Diaries – Morey, James M. – Copies of James M. Morey's 1864-1866 diaries (3 volumes)
3. Diary and day book (1 volume)
4. Genealogical books (3 volumes)
5. Packet of James M. Morey

Box 3

1. Drawing – Dartmoor Prison
2. Drawing – Franklin, Tennessee, 1864
3. Maps – Atlanta Campaign, 1864 (5)
4. Newspapers – *Boston Evening Journal*, June 1875 (3)
5. Newspapers – Supplement to *Boston Journal*, June 16, 1869
6. Newspapers – *Daily Richmond Enquirer*, May 1863 (3)
7. Newspapers – *New York Herald*, April 19, 1875
8. Newspaper clippings
9. Photographs – Morey, James Marsh (2), Confederate generals
10. Pictures – *The Photographic History of the Civil War*
11. *Soldier's Pocket Bible*
12. Washington's Farewell Address

NAME INDEX

This is a name index of only the correspondence in the James Marsh Morey Papers, together with the names of the persons to whom the letters were directed, dates of the letters, and information regarding their contents. The figures in parentheses denote the number of letters, if more than one. The last numbers refer to the box and folder in which the material is to be found.

Broughton, Susan, to his sister, Louisa Hickborn (Broughton) Morey (2), n.d., re: family news and requests visit, 1-2

Brown, Florence Broughton (Morey), to her mother, Louisa Hickborn (Broughton) Morey, 1894, re: material for a dress, 1-2

Brown, J.R., to Mr. Morey, 1918, re: requests visit; oil development in Texas, 1-2

Bush, Carrie, to her father, Dr. Bush, n.d., re: her work as a missionary in Turkey, 1-2

Campbell, William P., 1865, re: petition for release of James Morey from prison signed by John Miller, John McGavock, Randal M. Ewing, and A.B. Ewing, 1-2

Courtney, W.W., to James M. Morey, 1911, re: sending applications for roll of honor; concern for Bivouac, 1-2

Harrison, Susie B. to James M. Morey, 1911, re: requesting completion of Roll of Honor blank for Confederate Museum, Richmond, Virginia, 1-3

Lewis, E.H., to James M. Morey, 1869, re: purchase of plates, 1-3

Morey, Eudora, to brother, James M. Morey (2), 1865, re: family news; sending photographs; hopes that he will come home from prison soon, 1-4

Morey, Hannah M. (Herrick), to her son, James M. Morey (10), 1864-1868(?), re: sickness and death of James's father; concern for James in the Confederacy; news of friends; war news; prison at Hart's Island, New York, and his release; rough draft of letter sent to President Johnson, 1-5

Morey, James M., to his mother, Hannah M. (Herrick) Morey (4), n.d., 1865, re: possible conflict near Nashville; life at Hart's Island Prison and hope for release, 1-6

Morey, James M., to his children, 1881, re: Thanksgiving, 1881; Tusculum College; some Negro singers, 1-6

Morey, James M., to his uncle, 1865, re: taking the oath of allegiance as soon as possible; need for money, 1-7

Morey, James M., to Captain Walker, 1865, re: requests information on where he may go upon his release from prison, 1-7

Morey, James M. to Captain Faye Brabson, 1917, re: the upcoming war; writer's nephew, Ira Morey, 1-7

Morey, James M., to his wife, Louisa H. (Broughton) Morey (12), 1868-1894, re: love letters; news of friends; business trips to different places; Louisa's vacation, 1-8

Morey, Louisa H. (Broughton), to her husband, James M. Morey (3), 1868-1891, re: love letters; family news; home in Greeneville, Tennessee, 1-9

Ira Morey
1814-1864
m. 1842
Hannah M. Herrick
1816-1908

- James Marsh
  1844-1923
  m. 1868
  Louisa H. Broughton
  1841-1920
  - Louisa Harriet
    1869-
    m. 1904
    Charles Wesley Allen
  - Florence Broughton
    1873-
    m. 1899
    Albert Leroy Brown
    1870-
  - Edith Herrick
    1876-1877
- Harriet Amelia
  1849-1861
- Eudora
  1853-
- Charles Ira
  1856-