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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Samuel Dold Morgan (1798-1880) – merchant, manufacturer, industrialist, financier, and public-spirited citizen of Nashville, Tennessee – were given to the Tennessee Historical Society by R. Miles Burns, a descendant. The addition to the Morgan Papers is a gift of Mrs. Robert J. Warner, Jr. of Nashville, Tennessee.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Samuel Dold Morgan Papers, containing approximately 180 items and spanning the years 1828-1967, are composed mainly of correspondence, dispatches, orders, receipts, etc., to Samuel Dold Morgan while he was engaged in the manufacture of percussion caps for the Confederacy in 1861.

Included is a list of subscribers to the Central Bureau of Military Supplies in Nashville, Tennessee (1861) of which Samuel Dold Morgan was chairman, accounts of the State of Tennessee with the Bureau, and orders from the State to the Bureau.

In addition, there are some papers of Samuel Dold Morgan's son, St. Clair MacIntosh Morgan (1831-1863), such as his resignation from the U.S. Military Academy in 1851, his letter (December 29, 1860) to the governor of South Carolina volunteering his services for "defense of the Republic of South Carolina," and his autograph book from Johnson's Island Prison in 1862.

Included are biographical sketches of Samuel Dold Morgan and of his two sons who were killed in the Civil War – his namesake, and St. Clair MacIntosh Morgan.

Miscellaneous items include autographs of Ulysses S. Grant, John Bell, Jefferson Davis, John Hunt Morgan, and Ambrose P. Hill (1825-1865); a land certificate for S.D. Morgan, signed by President John Quincy Adams (1828); a $1,000 bond of the State of Tennessee for the Lebanon and Sparta turnpike (1840); and photographs and information about the Tiffany tea service that was given to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dold Morgan by their son-in-law, Charles John Cheney, in gratitude to the Morgans for raising his children after his wife's death in 1850.

An addition made to the Samuel Dold Morgan Papers consists of an autograph book of Henrietta Clark Cheney, clippings, correspondence, a court record, a diary of S.D. Morgan, III, a diploma awarded to Sarah Ann C.L. Morgan by the Nashville Female Academy, a program of the 100th anniversary of the death of Colonel Morgan and correspondence relating to this event, and a sketch of "The Story of the Morgan Tea Service" by Mrs. Robert J. Warner, Jr.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Samuel Dold Morgan – merchant, manufacturer, industrialist, financier, and public-spirited citizen of Nashville, Tennessee – was born in Staunton, Virginia, the son of Luther Morgan and Ann Cameron Dold. When a young man, he was in the mercantile business in Huntsville, Alabama, but in 1833 he moved to Nashville and started the house of Morgan, Allison & Company. In 1853 at the latest, this became Morgan & Company, a wholesale dry goods store on the public square. So good was Morgan's credit that during the panic of 1837 the Legislature of Tennessee, with full faith in the stability of his firm, authorized his house to issue scrip or paper money.

Samuel Morgan did much to advance the prosperity of Nashville and the South. He founded industries and constantly urged the development of the mineral resources of the South. He built a cotton mill at Huntsville, Alabama, another at Lebanon, Tennessee, and in his later years founded the Tennessee Manufacturing Company in 1875 in Nashville, which was succeeded by the Warioto Cotton Mills in 1908. He was the prime mover in the inauguration of the first railroad system in Tennessee, the Nashville-Chattanooga railroad, after whose charter all others were copied. His interests and contacts were many and wide ranging.

In 1861, he counseled calm, and with John Bell successfully opposed the secession of Tennessee and the June election, but when Lincoln called for Tennessee to furnish troops to fight her sister states, he along with Bell, gave all he had in knowledge and industry for the benefit of the South. (Two of his sons were killed in the war – his namesake and St. Clair MacIntosh Morgan.) With his usual foresight, Samuel Morgan knew that to produce munitions was now the first essential. In the South there was but one powder mill and no gun foundries or percussion cap factories. Morgan built a gun cap factory in South Nashville and provided the caps that made the victory at Manassas possible. He served as Chairman of the Central Bureau of Military Supplies in Nashville. After the war, although his business was destroyed along with others, Samuel Morgan paid off his debts to his northern creditors in full and with interest, although he was given the opportunity to repay any percent he thought fair and just.

In 1843, when the 25th General Assembly of Tennessee made an appropriation for the purpose of building a state capitol, Samuel Morgan was selected as president of the committee and so remained to the end. He was the only one of the original members who did remain until the building was completed. He played an increasingly important role, and after the death of Strickland (the architect), Morgan had the prime responsibility of completing the building. He had the imagination and knowledge to realize that the state capitol should be a thing of beauty, and it was due to this endeavors and leadership that such emerged. For ten years he worked with Strickland, and today both Strickland and Morgan are buried in the walls of the capitol. Morgan' s crypt is at the south end of the building on the east side with his name and death date and this inscription, "The State here gives repose to the remains of this eminent and useful citizen in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him in the building of the capitol."

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Samuel Dold Morgan

1798	Born in Staunton, Virginia; son of Luther Morgan and Ann Cameron Dold Morgan
1825 (ca.)	In the mercantile business in Huntsville, Alabama
1833	Moved to Nashville, Tennessee and founded the mercantile house of Morgan, Allison & Company, later Morgan, Crutcher & Company
1837	The State of Tennessee authorized his firm to issue scrip
1843	Selected to serve as president of the building committee for the Tennessee State capitol
1853 (ca.)	Morgan & Company established (formerly Morgan, Crutcher & Company)
1861	Opposed the secession of Tennessee at election, but when the North called for troops from Tennessee to fight its fellow states, he went along with the South wholeheartedly
	Chairman of the Central Bureau of Military Supplies, Nashville; built a gun cap factory in South Nashville
1875	He founded the Tennessee Manufacturing Company in Nashville, which became the Warioto Cotton Mills in 1908
1880	Died in Nashville and is buried in the southeast wall of the State capitol in Nashville, Tennessee

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LUTHER MORGAN
1776-

m. 1798

ANNA CAMERON DOLD

- Samuel Dold
  1798-1880
  (See Chart III)
- Alexander Gibson[1]
  1800-1847
- Calvin Cogswell
  1801-1854
  (See Chart II)

1 killed in Mexican War

CHART II - MORGAN

CALVIN MORGAN
1800-

m.

HENRIETTA HUNT
1805-1891

- John Hunt 1825-1864
- Calvin C. 1827-1892
- Richard
- Thomas Hunt 1844-1863
- Francis Key 1845-1878
- Charlton
- Kitty m. (1) Calvin McClung (Knoxville) (2) Ambrose P. Hill (Gen. CSA)
- Henrietta m. Basil Duke

CHART III - MORGAN

SAMUEL DOLD MORGAN
1798-1880

m. 1819

MATILDA GRANT ROSE MACINTOSH
1801-1860

- Sara Ann Catherine Lawrence, 1821-1850, m. 1839 Charles John Cheney, 1815-1871
- Henrietta, c. 1826-, m. Benjamin Porter Clark (See Chart IV)
- Samuel St. Clair[1], -1833
- Rufus Grant[2], -1833
- Frances ("Frank"), -1833
- St. Clair MacIntosh, 1831-1863, m. 1854 Ida Pope (See Chart V)
- Lucille Amanda, 1834-1921, m. 1866 William Crawford Sherrod, 1835-1919 (See Chart VI)
- Franklin[3] Henry, 1835-1856
- Mary Matilda, 1837-1925, m. Robert Nichols Williams[5], 1834-1871 (See Chart VII)
- Madeline Allison, 1839-, m. Joseph Duncan[6], 1830- (See Chart VIII)
- Samuel[4] Dold, 1841-1862
- Harriett Cruse, 1844-1860

1, 2 died of scarlet fever
3 died of typhoid fever
4 killed in Civil War
5 Arkansas planter
6 of Barnwell, S. C.

SOURCE: Mrs. Robert J. Warner, Jr.

CHART IV - CLARK (Revised)

BENJAMIN PORTER CLARK

m.

HENRIETTA HUNT MORGAN
c. 1826-

- Sarah Cheney
  m.
  Thomas Fluker Kendrick
  - Henrietta
    1871-1968
    m. 1891
    John H. Reeves
    -1921
  - Adele
    1874-1956
    m.
    Joseph Orgill
    1866-1929
    - Adele K.
      1898-1978
      m. 1921
      John Flautt
    - Joseph, Jr.
      1903-1979
      m.
      Kate Bond Smith
      1907-
    - Florence
- Addie
  m.
  William Eastman
- Henrietta

CHART V - MORGAN (Revised)

ST. CLAIR MACINTOSH MORGAN
1831-1863

m. 1854

Ida Pope

- Judith ("Doodie") 1851-
- Louisa ("Loulie") 1856-1914 m. Michael Burns 1847-
  - Ida Morgan m. I. F. Huddleston
  - R. Miles -1960 m. Saidee Andrews
    - Mary Louise 1908- m. 1934 Ben O. Gammage 1908-
    - Mark Andrew 1901- m. 1921 Elva Lucinda Hardy 1903-1981
  - St. Clair
- Samuel Dold, III 1859-

CHART VI - SHERROD

WILLIAM CRAWFORD SHERROD
1835-1919

m. 1866

LUCILLE AMANDA MORGAN
1834-1921

- Addie[1]
- Infant son
- Charles Morgan m. Helen Cates (See Chart IX)
- William C.
- St. Clair m. Mrs. Nina Butler
- Benjamin m. Marietta Jones
- Eugene 1874-1963 m. 1905 Virginia Withers 1883-1967 (See Chart X)
- Lillian m. Charles B. Toney
- Lucille Amanda

1 died age 7

CHART VII - WILLIAMS

ROBERT NICHOLS WILLIAMS
1834-1871

m.

MARY MATILDA MORGAN
1837-1925

- Genevieve Morgan 1859-1915
- Morgan 1861-
- Nancy Lee 1864- m. William Porter
  - Nancy m. H. O. Pickard
  - Eleanor 1929-
- Robert Nichols 1869-
- (two died in infancy)
- Willoughby

CHART VIII - DUNCAN

JOSEPH DUNCAN
1830-

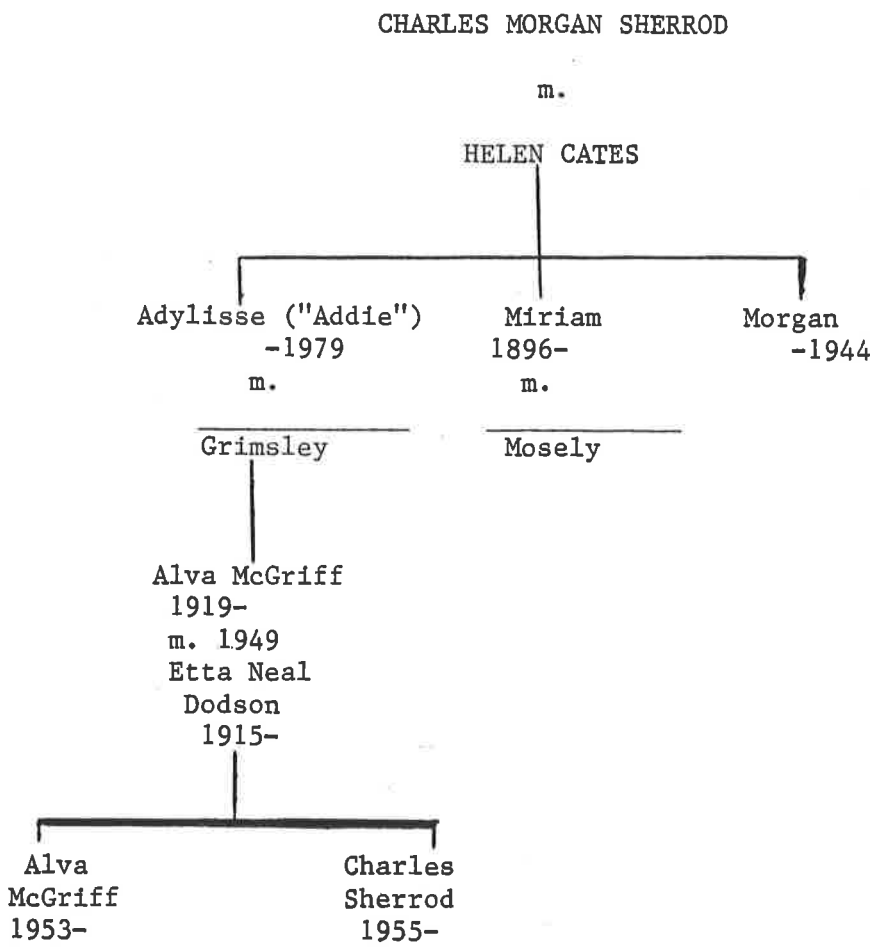
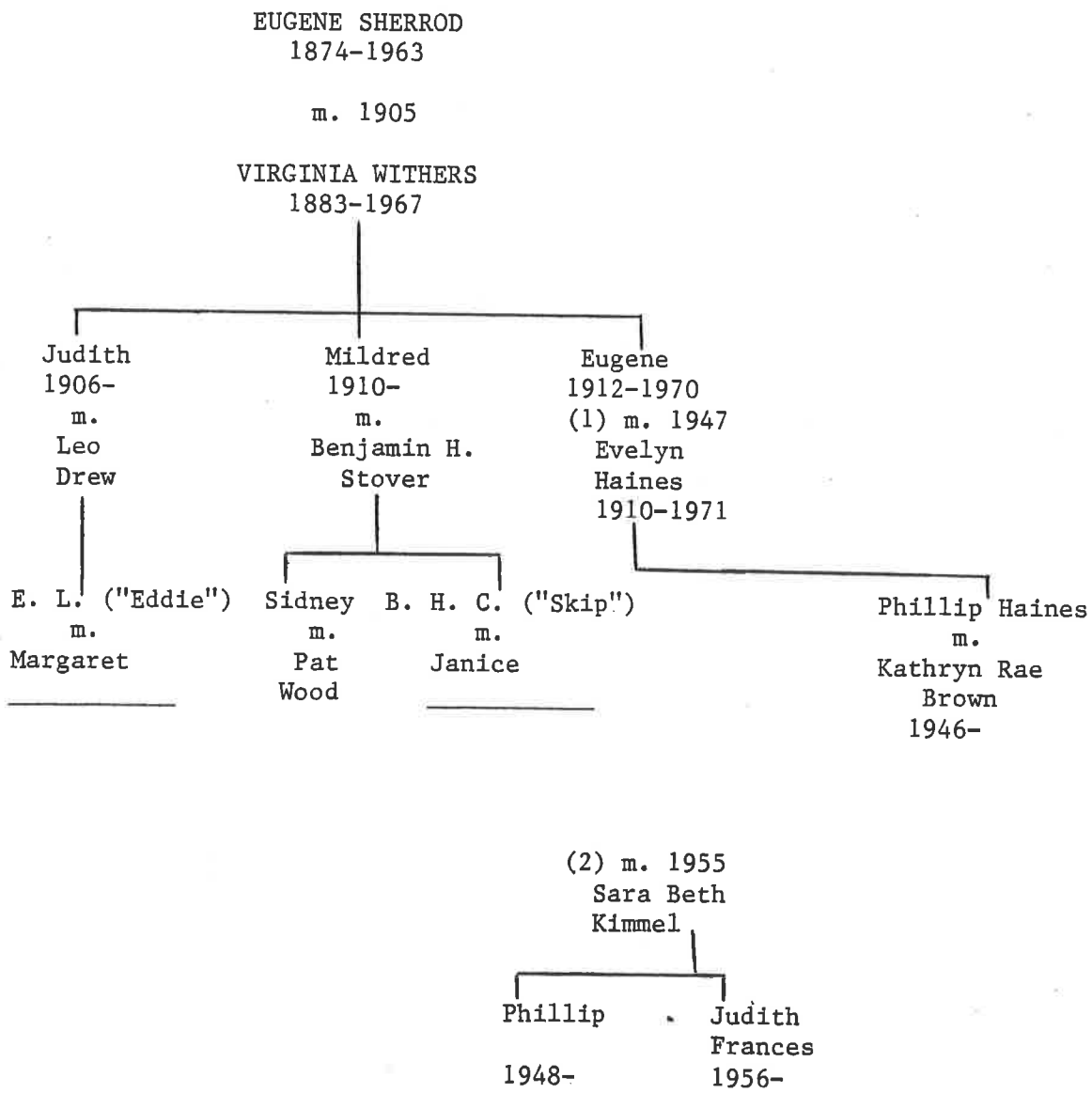
m.

MADELINE ALLISON
MORGAN
1839-

- Matilda[1] Morgan 1858-1866
- George 1860- m. _____ Weakley
- St. Clair[2] m. Thomas M. Edmonds

1 died at age 8
2 crippled

CHART IX - SHERROD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