

Maine Historical Society

Coll. 2691

Morgan family

Morgan family collection

1857-1938

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Size: 1.5 linear feet + oversized photographs (located in O.S. Box 1)

Biographical note:

Captain John Alfred Morgan (1831-1925) and his wife Ella A. (Briggs) Morgan (1847-1930) were of Portland, Me. Captain Morgan began his seafaring career at the age of 10, completed two trips around Cape Horn, and survived at least three shipwrecks.

Captain John and Ella's daughter, Lizzie May (Morgan) Field (1868-1958), was a founding member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Portland Veteran Fireman's Association. Lizzie's husband, Milton Beane Field (1868-1937) was president of The 13 Class (their publication, *The Thirteener*, was published by the St. Lawrence Congregational Church and the First Radio Church of America, both in Portland, Maine).

See Box 2, Folder 12 for obituaries for John and Ella Morgan.

Scope and content note:

This collection consists of photographs, photograph albums, correspondence (1857-1877), Bible records/genealogy, *The Thirteener* (magazine of *The 13 Class*), Bible records, genealogical materials, and organizational records of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Portland Veteran Fireman's Association (including record book, by-laws, photographs, memorial program, and newspaper clippings). The material in this collection is related to the members of the Captain John Alfred and Ella A. (Briggs) Morgan family, including Hannah (Bakemann) Morgan (1771-1867), Jacob L. Morgan (b. 1805), John A. Morgan (1831-1925), Rufus R. Morgan (1838-ca. 1862), Elizabeth Jane Morgan, and Lizzie May Morgan (1868-1958).

Volume 1 of the photograph albums contains a picture of Mary Baker Eddy and a picture of "Aunt" Martha Morgan, who was the cook for Mary Baker Eddy (see source file for more information)

Volume 3 of the photograph albums contains a possible picture of Col. Elijah Walker, who led the 4th Maine Regiment, 2nd Brigade.

In Museum:

.001 Friendship or signature quilt, "Christian cross" pattern, unknown maker, but associated with Ella and John Morgan, circa 1860 - 1861

.002 Oval, pin-back broach with photographs, in leather-covered case, circa 1870

Provenance: Gift of Harold Field Worthley. This collection descended through the Morgan, Field, and Worthley families. Lizzie May Morgan Field and her husband Milton Beane Field are the maternal grandparents of donor, Harold Worthley.

Inventory

Box 1: Correspondence, printed materials, and organizational records

Folder 1: Correspondence (originals and transcriptions). Includes an inventory of the letters, including dates of people and letters. Dates of letters range from 1857-1877, and are regarding illness, ships, death of Rufus, etc.

Folder 2: Ladies Auxiliary of the Portland Veteran Fireman's Association – record book, by-laws, photographs, memorial program, newspaper clippings

Folder 3: *The Thirteener* (January 1933), the official magazine of *The 13 Class* (including biographical information about Milton B. Field, the president of the organization).

Folder 4: Photograph of Aline M. Field (class photo: "B.G.S.")

Box 2: Photographs (see also Box 1, Folder 4, and oversized photographs) and Bible records/Genealogy

Folder 1: Photographs – John and Ella Morgan

Folder 2: Photographs – Morgan family (1st generation)

Folder 3: Photographs – Morgan family (2nd generation)

Folder 4: Photographs – Briggs family (1st generation)

Folder 5: Photographs – Briggs family (2nd generation)

Folder 6: Photographs – Briggs family (3rd generation)

Folder 7: Photographs – Field family (1st generation)

Folder 8: Photographs – Field family (2nd generation)

Folder 9: Photographs – Field family (3rd generation)

Folder 10: Photographs – Field family (4th generation)

Folder 11: Small photograph album and autograph book (may have belonged to Lizzie Morgan)

Folder 12: Genealogy – Field family, etc., as well as obituary for John A. Morgan and Ella A. Morgan

Folder 13: Bible records with transcriptions: Briggs, Morgan families

Folder 14: Bible records with transcriptions: Morgan, Osgood families

Folder 15: Bible records with transcriptions: Briggs, Crockett families

Box 3: Photograph albums

v. 1 Photograph album – includes Osgoods, Morgans, Fields, Mary Baker Eddy and Aunt Martha Morgan (Mary Baker Eddy's cook), and Greenleafs.

v. 2 Photograph album – includes Briggs, Swett, Lowney, Lowell, Chase, Merrill, and Osgood.

Box 4: Photograph album

v. 3 Photograph album – includes mostly unidentified adults and children, but does include a possible picture of Col. Elijah Walker, who lead the 4th Maine Regiment, 2nd Brigade

Photographs in O.S. 1 Box (located in corner of garden level collection storage)

1. Milton B. Field and family (1906 – Spring Street house). In car: Lizzie M., Aline M., Ada, Milton B., Sumner M.
2. Stables with horses
3. Stables with men and horses
4. Stables with men and horses (close-up)
5. Group photograph with note identifying people: Frank Davis, Charles Ray, Harry Vickery, Albert Knight, Dave Ray, Milton Field, Ted Walton, Wm. Dunscomb, Frank Johnson, Meserve?, Arthur Johnson, Chief Eldridge, Chief Oliver Sanborn, Theodore Johnson?, with additional note: “Clarence Johnson burned to death.”