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MS 1287
Morris Family Collection
1903 - 1978

DESCRIPTION

This small collection consists of family papers, certificates, and photos associated with Samuel and Cornelia Morris. Contents include two biographical sketches, memorial tributes on Samuel's death, and letters for appointment of Samuel to Annapolis in 1903. Educational certificates and reports are present for both individuals from the University of Arizona and Arizona State College. Photographs depict Samuel and Cornelia, their home in Tucson, and Samuel's mother. One outstanding tintype is unidentified of a family group scene.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Samuel Henry Morris was a lawyer, civic and political leader, and long-time member of the Arizona Board of Regents. He was born in New Orleans and became a resident of Arizona in 1893. Morris graduated from the University of Michigan in 1911, received a Juris Doctor degree in 1913, and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Arizona State University in 1953. He practices law in Bisbee and Globe with the Phelps Dodge Corporation. Active in Democratic politics he was a member of the Democratic National Committee from Arizona from 1940 to 1952. Morris served on the Board of Regents from 1943 to 1963 and was president of the Board in three of those years. Samuel Morris died in 1967.

Cornelia E. Morris was a native of Flagstaff Arizona and a graduate of Smith College in 1914. Active in women's organizations she organized the Women's Club in Globe and twice served as its president. From 1942 to 1946 she was president of the St. John's Episcopal Church Auxiliary and served on the National Executive Board from 1946-1949. During World War II she was the first leader of a sewing project with the Production Service of the Gila County Chapter of the American Red Cross and was chairperson of the Women in Civil Defense in Globe. Cornelia was a member of the American Association of University Women, Arizona Federation of Women's Clubs, and Business and Professional Women's Club of Globe. In 1958 she was chosen for membership in the Arizona chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

ACQUISITION

Donation date and donor unknown.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in September 2006.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box 1

Folder 1 Samuel and Cornelia Morris Biographical Information

f.2	Letters of Tribute and Memorial Statements for Samuel Morris	1967
f.3	Certificates of Achievement for Cornelia Morris and Mother	1876/1958/1960
f.4	Samuel Morris Education	1903/1953
f.5	Samuel Morris Correspondence	1906/1913
f.6	Samuel Morris and University of Arizona Scholarship Investment	1978
f.7	Paper Image of Samuel Morris at Banquet	1911
f.8	Photographs of Samuel and Cornelia Morris	