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Summary:

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Search Terms:

Morgan family Business Genealogy

Biographical Notes:

The Morgan Family was primarily a Putnam County, West Virginia family. Taken from the finding aid of Accession 0012 about the family comes the following information:

"John Morgan Sr. was probably born in Shenandoah County, Virginia, near the beginning of the nineteenth century. In 1832, he married Elizabeth Ann Beale, daughter of Colonel James Madison Hite Beale, and granddaughter of William Steenbergen, both wealthy landowners in Shenandoah County. Their son, John Morgan, Jr., was born in 1840. They were also the parents of two other sons, James B. and William Steenbergen Morgan, and a daughter. In 1846, John and Elizabeth Morgan brought their family to a farm on the Kanawha River in what is now Putnam County, opposite the mouth of the Pocatalico River. During the Civil War, the three sons served in the Confederate Army: John was a member of Company A, 22nd Virginia Regiment; James was a captain the 36th Battalion, Virginia Cavalry, and William, who was killed at Fayette Court House, (West) Virginia in 1862, was a member of Company A, 36th Regiment. The daughter died of consumption during the war. After the Civil War, John, Jr. and James returned to Putnam County and engaged in farming. On October 12, 1875, John Morgan, Jr., married Samantha Jane Atkeson, daughter of Thomas and Virginia Brown Atkeson. Samantha A. Morgan was born in Mason County, (West) Virginia, on January 27, 1843. She and John Morgan Jr. were the parents of four sons: John Morgan III, born August 1876; Thomas Atkeson, born April 15, 1878; Rembrandt, born June 19, 1880; and Albert Sidney, birth date unknown.

The Skipper family is represented by Mary Alice Skipper of Alabama.

Individuals mentioned in this collection include:

Samantha A. (Clovis) Morgan (1848-1902) John Morgan (unknown—there are many) John Morgan III (1876-1947) and Mary Alice Skipper (1884-1974) [husband and wife]

Scope and Content:

This collection is composed of genealogical materials such as family group charts, pedigree charts, family histories, articles and family bible records for the Morgan and Skipper family, a copy book for practicing handwriting and copying verse by Mary Alice Skipper, account books and receipts for John Morgan (which John Morgan is unknown), promissory notes and receipts

Based on the dates, most of the business and financial materials appear to be concerned with John Morgan's business ventures, first as a store keeper in Shenandoah County, Virginia, and later as a farmer in Putnam County, Virginia, now West Virginia. It is good to note that there are three men named John Morgan, and distinctions are difficult.

Related Collections:

Accessions 0012, 608, and 707 are related collections.

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Folder 1	Letter – Samantha [Morgan] to [John Morgan], 1876
Folder 2	Pedigree chart and bible record, Skipper family, 1819-1974
Folder 3	Skipper Copy Books, no date
Folder 4	Morgan-Skipper family history

Folder 5 Invoices, statements, 1860-1897

Folder 6 Notes – promissory; other, 1850-1897

Folder 7 Tax statements, 1867-1867

Folder 8 Receipts, 1851-1898

Folder 9 Printed articles, 1980

Folder 10 Family genealogies