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Biographical Notes:

James E. Morrow (1837-1904)

James E. Morrow was born on March 28, 1837, the son of Alexander Morrow and Sara Jane (Wilson) Morrow, in Fairview, the county seat of Hancock County, (West) Virginia. Morrow attended Jefferson College [now Washington and Jefferson University. He entered at the age of fifteen and graduated in 1856. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted in the 1st West Virginia Infantry at Wellsburg, (West) Virginia, on October 30, 1861. He advanced through the ranks to captain, commanding Company F. He was wounded and retired to mend at Wheeling, West Virginia, with less active and he was mustered out on November 26, 1864. While in Wheeling, he met his wife, Clara Johnson. They would go on to have eight children, five of whom lived to adulthood:

Jay Johnson Morrow (1870-1937)
Dwight W. Morrow (1873-1931)
Hilda Morrow Mcilvane (1874-1954)
Alice C. Morrow (1871-1940)
Agnes Morrow (1869-1953)

In 1871 he was hired as the first assistant at Marshall College, and became its Principal during the 1872-1873 school year. After leaving Marshall, he was hired at West Liberty Normal School (now West Liberty University), West Liberty, West Virginia. He left in 1875 to accept a position at Oakdale Academy near Pittsburgh, where he remained three years. In 1878 he accepted a position as teacher of mathematics and physics at the Central High School in Pittsburgh, and in 1880 he became principal of the Fifth Ward School (now Conroy School) in the same city. From 1889-1890, he served as principal of Slippery Rock State Normal School (now Slippery Rock University). In 1889 he received an honorary doctorate from Washington and Jefferson College. In 1891 he returned to Central High School when he was selected as the school's principal, where he remained for the next thirteen years. He died on December 12, 1904. He is the namesake of James E. Morrow Library on Marshall University’s campus.

Dwight Whitney Morrow (1873-1931)

Dwight Whitney Morrow (January 11, 1873 – October 5, 1931) was an American businessman, diplomat, and politician. He was the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico between 1927 and 1930, at which point he was elected to the Senate on behalf of New Jersey. He was best known as the man who improved U.S.-Mexican relations, mediating the religious conflict in Mexico known as the Cristero rebellion (1926–29), but also contributing to an easing of conflict between the two countries over oil. He was married to Elizabeth Cutter (1873-1955), who was the first female President and Chairman of the Board of Smith College. He is the primary donor for the construction of James E. Morrow Library on the campus of Marshall University. He had four children:

Elizabeth Reeve Morrow Morgan (1904–1934)
Anne Spencer Morrow Lindbergh (1906–2001) (Married to Charles A. Lindbergh)
Dwight Whitney Morrow, Jr. (1908–1976)
Constance Cutter Morrow Morgan (1913–1995)

Jay Johnson Morrow (1870-1937)

Jay Johnson Morrow (February 20, 1870 – April 16, 1937) was Chief Engineer of the United States First Army and Deputy Chief Engineer of the American Expeditionary Force during World War I, as well as Governor of the Panama Canal Zone from 1921 to 1924. In 1922, Chile and Peru asked the United States to arbitrate their dispute over the ownership of the provinces of Tacna, Arica, and Tarata, a dispute dating back to 1883. Commonly called the Tacna-Arica Arbitration, The U.S. government invited Chilean and Peruvian representatives to Washington, but a final settlement would not be settled until 1929 through the Treaty of Lima. During this time, Jay Johnson Morrow was the chairman of the special commission arbitrating the boundary dispute between Chile and Peru from 1925 to 1929.
**Scope and Content:**

The collection is divided into two series: Series I: Special Commission on Boundaries, Tacna-Arica Arbitration Papers and Series II: Morrow Family Personal Papers.

The first series pertains the 1922 request by Chile and Peru for the United States to arbitrate their land dispute over the provinces of Tacna, Arica, and Tarata. Jay Johnson Morrow was the chairman of the special commission arbitrating the boundary dispute between Chile and Peru from 1925 to 1929. Collection materials include historic maps and treaties, copies of geological surveys, field reports, annexation documents, and reports of arbitration meetings. This series includes materials in Spanish.

The second series contains materials related to the broader Morrow family, beginning with James E. Morrow’s Washington and Jefferson College cabinet photograph album (1850s) and his Civil War Letter Book (1863-1864) to photographs and albums of various family members, as well as a portion of Dwight W. Morrow’s personal papers, such as press books documenting his 1929 and 1930 political career. Also included are book or manuscript biographies of various Morrow men, especially Dwight W. Morrow.

**Processing Notes:**

This collection was already processed at the time the finding aid was created. Minimal changes to folder titles, order, or content were made.

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Series I: Special Commission on Boundaries, Tacna-Arica Arbitration Papers

(Gift of Dwight Scandrett, Framingham, Massachusetts, June 1992)

Box 1

Fds 1-30       Mapas 1 - 30, 1775-1923.
Fds 31-39       Incident Reports, 1925.
Fds 40-45       No-Quorum Meetings, 1925.
Fds 84-86       Enrique Brieba, Limites entre Chile y Peru (1931); 3 volumes

Box 2

Fds 1-12       USGS Field Reports, 1925-1926
Volumes 1-5     Bound Annexes [appendices]
                  Volumes 1-4 labelled as documents 1-164, Volume 5 labelled as II and contains page numbers 191-378

Series II: Morrow Family Personal Papers

(Gift of Nancy S. Ross, Peekskill, New York, June 1992)

Box 3

Fds 1-6       Nineteen portraits of various members of the James E. Morrow family, including two sets of silhouettes of the Dwight Whitney Morrow family and a small oil painting of Clara Johnson Morrow.
Fd 7          “Jay Johnson Morrow,” [biographical sketch] 1938
(originally part of the Scandrett gift).


One cabinet photograph album

**Box 4**

One cabinet photograph album, Washington and Jefferson College.

**Box 5**

Folder 1 Photographs (family)
Folder 2 Photographs (ship, S. S. Dwight W. Morrow)
Folder 3 Lindbergh Clippings
Folder 4 Dwight W. Morrow pamphlets and clippings (political, death, speeches)
Volume Press book of clippings about Dwight W. Morrow as a public figure, senate race (December 1929- February 1930)
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**Box 6**

Letter book owned by James Elmer/Elmore Morrow, Captain in the 1st Regiment, West Virginia Infantry for the dates November 1863-December 1864

**Box 7**

Folder 1 Photographs, James E. Morrow, 3 items.
Folder 2 Photographs, James E. Morrow family, 2 items.
Folder 3 Photographs, Clara Johnson Morrow. 37 items.
Folder 4 Photograph Album, James E. Morrow Family.
Folder 5 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE CHARTERING OF JEFFERSON COLLEGE IN 1802. 1902. (Book)
Folder 6 Newspaper Clippings, 1904-1928. 8 items.
Folder 7 Correspondence, 1866-1938. 18 items.
Folder 8 REUNION PROCEEDINGS...JEFFERSON CLASS OF '56... . 1902. (Book)
Folder 9  Invitation for the presentation of a James Morrow portrait to a high school, 1941.
Folder 10  Autograph Book, 1889.
Folder 11  Howland, Hewitt H. DWIGHT WHITNEY MORROW.  1930. (Book)
Folder 12  Gomez, Santiago Carlos.  EL EPILOGO DE LA GUERRA DL 1879. 1925. (Book)
Folder 13  Guest Book "Canal Zone and Englewood NJ," 1921-1934. (features Anne Morrow (Lindbergh))

Oversized Material (contained in map case unless otherwise specified)

Three Oil Paintings (on display)
  James E. Morrow, 1917, by Chester Loomis
  Clara Johnson Morrow, 1923, by Chester Loomis
  Dwight W. Morrow, by Bethuel Moore

- ACC 547 Maps of South America, Peru, Bolivia and Chile, 1775-1928.
  - Folded map of Bolivia
  - Spanish map of Latin America
  - Map of Sama
  - Fontera Sur Map
  - Black map ‘Departamento de Oruro’
  - Latin America map
  - Map of Bolivia
  - Saguna de Titicaca map
  - Divided map Tarata & Taciva
  - Map of Peru
  - Irrigation map of Tacna Valley
  - Topography Map of Titicaca
  - Document written in Spanish with thick black border and pointy edges
  - 3 maps in Spanish with hand-drawn churches on them.
  - Map of Peru and Bolivia
  - Another map of Bolivia
  - Black map of ‘Frontera Norte’
  - 2 piece map
- ACC 547 Certificates
  - Certificate from Pres. Woodrow Wilson
  - Certificate from Pres w/ blue seal
- ACC 547 Pictures
  - Picture of older man with a beard
  - Political cartoon of a man wearing a sombrero with golf clubs
  - Picture of Woodrow Wilson
  - Empty oval rim picture frame
• Picture of old guy with moustache in separate folder
• Picture of Jay Johnson Morrow in military uniform
• Picture of 3 ladies, 1910
• Copy of the same picture, but bigger and in black and white.
• Big oval portrait of a man with a larger beard
• ACC 547 Morrow (Jay) – Tacna-Africa Border Maps
  • 42: Dispute Maps