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Revision note: This finding aid was updated in August 2022. As part of the update, the use of insensitive language such as the term “Indian” to refer to Native American populations and tribes with whom George Morgan interacted was removed wherever possible and replaced with “Native Americans.” The term “Indian” is still used within the finding aid in the following occasions: as part of the title of a published work, as part of an individual’s official title (e.g., Indian Affairs Agent), as part of the title of a collection that is referenced in the finding aid, but is housed by another library, and to refer to the Indian War.

I. Robert Reed Acquisition

Papers, undated, 1764-1835. 251 items, originals and transcripts.

Between 1928 and 1930, the Library purchased from Colonel Robert Reed of Washington, Pennsylvania, a descendant of George Morgan, a collection of 251 documents which provide

information on all phases of Morgan's career. A large body of the material relates to his stay in the Illinois Country as well as his later speculation in Missouri lands in connection with the colony of New Madrid. A number of the documents concern Thomas Hutchins (1730-1789), a military engineer and geographer, who was appointed "geographer to the United States" in 1781. In addition to the original documents, the portion of the George Morgan Collection acquired from Robert Reed contains two boxes of typescript annotations that correlate with items 1-250.

Originals

Box 1

1. Scraps of verse, undated (#180)
2. Part of an affidavit by G. Morgan concerning his partnership with Baynton and Wharton, undated (#54)
3. Roll of the Students of Jefferson College, No. 91, undated (#57)
4. George Morgan to wife (Molly). July 4, 1764 (#acquired from Robert R. Reed, February 8, 1937)
5. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. October 1, 1764 (#137)

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6. John Hughes to J. Baynton et al. May 24, 1765 (#64)

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7. George Morgan to Baynton. 1766? (#6)
8. George Morgan to John Baynton. [undated], 1766 (#61)
9. George Morgan to J. Baynton. July 7, 1766 (#62)
10. Morgan to Clarkson; Morgan to Jennings and Long; Morgan to his partners. July 26, 1766 (#63)
11. Morgan to J. Baynton. [undated], 1767 (#5)
12. Baynton, Wharton, Morgan. 1767-1768 (#4)
13. Copy of an invoice Batteau Forbes bond to post St. Vincent. Account of Baynton, Wharton, and Morgan. 1768 (#50)
14. Agreement between Baynton, Wharton, Morgan, and Wilkins. May 28, 1768 (#13)
15. George Morgan to Williamson. July 8, 1768 (#12)
16. George Morgan to Hutchins. July 29, 1768 (#11)
17. Morgan to J. Baynton. October 30, 1768 (#45)
18. Wilkins's account of goods delivered. June 5, 1769 (#51)
19. Morgan to Baynton and Warton. July 16, 1769 (#52)
20. William Scull to Hutchins. August 8, 1769 (#53)
21. John Connolly to Morgan. November 29, 1769 (#188)
22. Writs to be sold on account of Wilkins. Before 1770 (#220)
23. A list of papers which relate to Wilkins's accounts to Baynton, Wharton, and Morgan. 1770 (#36)
24. Morgan to J. Baynton. February 25, 1770 (#48)
25. W.B. Hamer to Lieutenant Ramsey. April 9, 1770 (#189)
26. Wilkins in account with Baynton, Wharton, and Morgan. June 1770 (#184)
27. Robert McCrea to Dr. John Morgan. June 19, 1770 (#177)

28. To Wilkins: remonstrance by Richard Hanson over debt to David Williams. July 13, 1770 (#183)
29. Bacon to Wilkins. September 1770 (#221)
30. Wilkins to Morgan. September 12, 1770 (#185)
31. To Wilkins: concerning Morgan's purchase of stills for a brewery; also his building of a grist mill and a sawmill. September 16, 1770 (#182)
32. Papers relative to some cedar pickets. September 30, 1770 (#181)
33. List of sundries stolen by Richard Bacon. September-December 1770 (#235)
34. Memo of a conversation between Morgan and Wilkins. October 8, 1770 (#186)
35. Wilkins to the Court of Enquiry. October 16, 1770 (#58)
36. Wilkins to the Court of Enquiry, on case of Bacon vs. Morgan. October 16, 1770 (#187)
37. Morgan to the Court of Enquiry. October 19, 1770 (#222)
38. Minutes of a Court of Enquiry - Morgan vs. Bacon. October 20, 1770 (#223)
39. Hutchins to ----- . November 15, 1770 (#219)
40. Morgan to Wilkins. December 7, 1770 (#155)
41. Morgan's protest against Wilkins. December 11, 1770 (#156)
42. Morgan's advertisement of his intended departure. December 20, 1770 (#33)
43. Memo of conversation between Wilkins and Morgan. December 23, 1770 (#35)
44. Morgan's bond. December 24, 1770 (#70)
45. Morgan's deposition regarding Ed. Cole's payment to Wilkins. December 26, 1770 (#174)
46. Benjamin Chapman to Morgan. December 28, 1770 (#159)
47. Wilkins to Morgan. January 23, 1771 (#158)
48. Morgan to Wilkins. January 25, 1771 (#157)
49. Wilkins to Morgan. January 27, 1771 (#46)
50. Colonel Wilkins to George Morgan. January 30, 1771 (#47)
51. Morgan to Wilkins. February 2, 1771 (#37)
52. Ben Chapman to Morgan, a denunciation of Wilkins. February 18, 1771 (#146)
53. Alexander Fowler to Morgan. February 26, 1771 (#38)
54. George Butricke to Hutchins. February 27, 1771 (#40)
55. Morgan to Hutchins. March 3, 1771 (#39)
56. Valentine Thomas D'Alton to Morgan. March 16, 1771 (#149)
57. Wilkins to Baynton, Wharton, and Morgan. March 16, 1771 (#41)
58. Charges: Wilkins against Morgan. March 20, 1771 (#32)
59. Wilkins's charge established: Morgan for court martial. March 20, 1771 (#44)
60. Colonel Wilkins to Morgan. March 23, 1771 (#167)
61. Austin Piety to Colonel Wilkins. May 28, 1771 (#248)
62. Austin Piety's statement in regard to his account with Messrs. Baynton, Wharton, and Morgan. June 1, 1771 (#143)
63. Affidavit concerning losses and damaged caused Morgan by Wilkins and John Rumsey. June 12, 1771 (#144)
64. Hutchins to Morgan. September 5, 1771 (#147)
65. Hooper to Hutchins. July 25, 1772 (#97)

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66. John Baynton to J. J. Johnson. September 1772? (#252)
67. Grayson to Baynton. September 7, 1772 (#249)
68. Robert L. Hooper to Hutchins. September 15, 1772 (#250)
69. Phil Livingston to General Lyman. March 14, 1773 (#164)
70. William Simpson's deposition; caveat against William Clark; William Scull to John Morgan. April 25, 1774 (#165)
71. Indenture of covenants between Joseph Bullock and Morgan. August 23, 1774 (#166)
72. William Trent to George Morgan. July 10, 1775 (#172)
73. Anthony Van Dam's letter to Hutchins. July 18, 1775 (#171)
74. Hutchins to Anthony Van Dam. September 10, 1775 (#170)
75. Morgan to Baynton. January 31, 1776 (#169)
76. Captain White Eyes to Congress. April 1, 1776 (#148)
77. James, Reynolds, Morris to Morgan. April 9, 1776 (#77)
78. Ephraim Blaine to Morgan. June 24, 1776 (#34)
79. "For the Federal Gazette" by Hutchins, in Morgan's handwriting. 1777? (#205)
80. Extracts from revolutions of C.C. by Charles Thompson, Sec. 1777 (#49)
81. A copy of a letter found by Sam S. Moorhead concerning the death of Simpson. February 9, 1777 (#162)
82. Receipt of Mary Mackay (for Hutchins's account) from George Morgan. April 12, 1777 (#211)
83. General Hand to Morgan and his reply. May 11, 1777 (#210)
84. John Killbuck [Thom Kilbock?] to Morgan. June 7, 1777 (#31)
85. Message from the Government of Virginia to the Shawnees. September 18, 1777 (#69)
86. Account of provisions in store at Redstone Fort. September 21, 1777 (#154)
87. McAllister to Morgan. October 1, 1777 (#30)
88. Joseph Skelton to Morgan. October 10, 1777 (#29)
89. Joseph Skelton to Morgan. October 10, 1777 (#28)
90. Colonel Archibald Steel to Morgan. November 2, 1777 (#206)
91. William Rippey's receipt from Morgan. December 12, 1777 (#204)
92. General Hand to Morgan. December 24, 1777 (#236)
93. Account and receipt - Malachy Hayes's for riding express. December 30, 1777 (#27)
94. Nathan Hammond's account. December 31, 1777 (#26)
95. Thos. Galbraith's account for provisions. January 5, 1778 (#145)
96. James McClelland's account. January 6, 1778 (#25)
97. John Donne's account. January 10, 1778 (#237)
98. Account - the estate of John McCollock. February 15, 1778 (#240)
99. James Ramsey's account. February 17, 1778 (#239)
100. Colonel David Shepherd's abstract and provisions for his troops in Ohio. February 17, 1777; May 6 - August 11, 1777 (#203)
101. Richard McMahan's account for provisions. February 17, 1778 (#242)
102. Robert Hamilton and Samuel Riddell's account. February 18, 1778 (#241)
103. Simon Girty's deposition respecting Morgan. February 18, 1778 (#74)

104. James McMechan's account. February 19, 1778 (#173)
105. Malachy Hayes's account for riding express. February 20, 1778 (#243)
106. James O'Hara's account. March 12, 1778 (#244)
107. Joseph Parkinson's account for provisions. March 12, 1778 (#245)
108. John Campbell's account. March 16, 1778 (#246)
109. Sampson Mathew's account. March 30, 1778 (#247)
110. Colonel John Evan's account. April 11, 1778 (#251)
111. Thomas Clare's account and receipt. January-April 11, 1778 (#238)
112. John Cordly's account for provisions. April 11, 1778 (#209)
113. Patrick McElray's account. April 15, 1778 (#208)
114. Joseph Parkinson's account. April 16, 1778 (#214)
115. Joseph Skelton's account. April 17, 1778 (#213)
116. Morgan to Cruzat, Don Francisco. April 26, 1778 (#207)
117. Speech from the Chiefs of the Ottawa and message from Governor Hamilton. June 18, 1778 (#212)
118. David Zeisberger to Morgan. August 19, 1778 (#215)
119. J.M. Mitchell to George Morgan. September 11, 1778 (#218)
120. Morgan to James Smith. September 26, 1778 (#217)
121. Morgan to Captain Postlethwaite, quartermaster at Carlisle. December 20, 1778 (#216)
122. Nathaniel Scudder to Morgan. January 8, 1779 (#124)
123. Jeremiah Wadsworth to Colonel Aylett. February 13, 1779 (#10)
124. Moran to Shelton and Irwin. March 25, 1779 (#175)
125. Memorial - Morgan to the Assembly of Pennsylvania asking for a better road to Fort Pitt. March 25, 1779 (#176)
126. Jos. Shelton to Morgan. April 11, 1779 (#68)
127. J. Pritchard to Hutchins. May 3, 1779 (#67)
128. Colonel Daniel Broadhead to Morgan. May 22, 1779 (#179)
129. Colonel Wm. Crawford to Morgan. June 28, 1779 (#18)
130. Chaloner and White to Morgan. August 24, 1779 (#8)

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131. Morgan to Petite; Morgan to Providence Mounts. November 9, 1779 (#7)
132. Hutchins's order on A. Van Dam. January 1, 1780 (#9)
133. Hutchins's order on A. Van Dam in favor of Morgan. June 1, 1780 (#16)
134. Hutchins to Morgan. February 27, 1781 (#17)
135. Hutchins to Morgan. April 20, 1781 (#15)
136. Commission of Congress to Thos. Hutchins. September 8, 1781 (#71)
137. S.W. Stockton to Morgan. November 29, 1781 (#90)
138. Benjamin Baynton to his sister. December 28, 1781 (#228)
139. Hutchins to Morgan. February 22, 1782 (#229)
140. Hutchins to Morgan. March 14, 1782 (#14)
141. Hutchins to Morgan. March 22, 1782 (#21)
142. William Conally to B. Baynton. May 17, 1782 (#22)
143. James Elliot to Morgan. May 18, 1782 (#23)
144. Benjamin Baynton to Morgan. May 22, 1782 (#95)
145. William Trent to George Morgan. July 8, 1782 (#96)

146. Hutchins to Morgan. July 16, 1782 (#98)
147. Van Dam to Hutchins. November 30, 1782 (#91)
148. A.P. Duarant to Lieutenant Colonel Smith. December 20, 1782 (#92)
149. Robert L. Hooper Jr. to Morgan. January 3, 1783 (#93)
150. Robert L. Hooper to Morgan. January 8, 1783 (#94)
151. Hutchins to George Morgan. February 10, 1783 (#103)
152. General Greene to George Morgan. April 9, 1783 (#75)
153. Hutchins to Morgan. June 14, 1783 (#102)
154. Hutchins to Morgan. July 13, 1783 (#89)
155. Hutchins to Morgan. October 1783 (#19)
156. Part of a Proposed Constitution for the Illinoppi Nation. 1784 (#55).
157. Thomas Jefferson to Hutchins. January 7, 1784 (#76)
158. Morgan's petition to Congress. March 1784 (#199)
159. Petition to George Morgan. March 1784 (#121)
160. Matthew Ritchie to Morgan. August 7, 9, 1984 (#193)
161. George Meade to Morgan. September 14, 15 (#194)
162. George Meade to Morgan. September 15, 1784 (#195)
163. George Meade to Morgan. October 10, 1784 (#196)
164. Hutchins to Morgan. December 24 ,1784 (#122)
165. Brown to Hutchins. 1785? (#197)
166. Hutchins to Morgan. February 14, 1785 (#65)
167. George Meade's printed circular to his creditory explaining his necessity
of stopping payments. February 18, 1785 (#133)
168. Clymer to Morgan. March 6, 1785 (#130)
169. Powell to Morgan. March 8, 1785 (#132)
170. Thomas Powell to Morgan. March 18, 1785 (#66)
171. Thomas Powell to Morgan. March 22, 1785 (#131)
172. T.E. Powell to Morgan. April 12, 1785 (#129)
173. George Meade to Morgan. April 16, 1785 (#168)
174. George Meade to Morgan. April 16, 26, 1785 (#128)
175. Baynton to Morgan. April 26, 1785 (#127)
176. George Morgan's receipt from Peter Baynton. August 10, 1785 (#178)
177. Brown to Hutchins. August 19, 1785 (#126)
178. Hutchins to Morgan. September 15, 1785 (#123)
179. George Meade to Morgan. September 23, 1785 (#198)
180. On project of agricultural experiment farm to be conducted by the
"Society." January 27, 1786 (#200)
181. Hutchins to Morgan. June 6, 1786 (#201)
182. Jos. Bullock to Morgan. July 20, 1786 (#192)
183. Jos. Harmar to Hutchins. July 26, 1786 (#134)
184. Morgan to Hutchins. July 29, 1786 (#191)
185. To the Legislature of Pa. Memorial of Thos. Hutchins's Geographer.
February 20, 1787 (#190)
186. George Meade to Morgan. March 12, 1787 (#125)
187. A. Cadwallader to Morgan. March 25, 1787 (#106)
188. Thomas Hutchins to James Simpson. November 2, 1787 (#136)
189. John Heckenwelder to Hutchins. November 16, 1787 (#135)

- 190. Thomas Lee to Morgan. December 24, 1787 (#107)
- 191. Memo of address of Dr. Francisco Bouligny in New Orleans. 1788? (#86)
- 192. Astronomical Directions by Thomas Hutchins [?]. 1788? (#111)
- 193. Wiley to Hutchins; Taylor to Hutchins. 1788 (#101)
- 194. Memorial – Thomas Hutchins to Congress. 1788 (#138)
- 195. Nathan McFarland to Hutchins. January 9, 1788 (#80)

Box 4

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| 196. | Jas. Conally to Colonel Stephenson. April 4, 1788 (#104) |
| 197. | In Congress – re-appointment of Thomas Hutchins as Geographer to the United States y Chas. Thomsom, Secretary. May 28, 1788 (#79) |
| 198. | Mrs. Brown to Hutchins. June 1788 (#105) |
| 199. | Hutchins to Israel Ludlow. July 24, 1788 (#110) |
| 200. | Hutchins, Dr. to Leonard, and Fenton Barber. June 30, 1788 (#83) |
| 201. | Thomas Hutchins to the President of Congress. July 1788? (#117) |
| 202. | Account of Thomas Hutchins with the United States. July 1788? (#82) |
| 203. | Thomas Hutchins to the Treasury Board. July 19, 1788 (#108) |
| 204. | Treasury Board to Thomas Hutchins. July 19, 1788 (#109) |
| 205. | Thomas Hutchins to Commissioners of the Treasury. July 31, 1788 (#78) |
| 206. | Treasury Board to Thomas Hutchins. July 31, 1788 (#81) |
| 207. | Hutchins to Mease. August 1788? (#113) |
| 208. | James Mease to Hutchins. August 1788 (#112) |
| 209. | Taylor to Hutchins. August 1788 (#114) |
| 210. | Thomas Hutchins to the Treasury Board. August 2, 1788 (#115) |
| 211. | Thomas Hutchins to a Committee of Congress. August 5, 1788 (#116) |
| 212. | Office of Secretary of Congress to Thomas Hutchin. August 11, 1788 (#119) |
| 213. | Board of Treasury to Thomas Hutchins. August 12, 1788 (#120) |
| 214. | Thomas Hutchins to the Board of Treasury. August 12, 1788 (#118) |
| 215. | Hutchins to Bethlehem; Rev. Mr. Elwein Bethlehem. August 25, 1788 (#24) |
| 216. | Thomas Hutchins to the President of Congress. September 3, 1788 (#84) |
| 217. | Don Diego Gardoqui to Morgan. September 17, 1788 (#85) |
| 218. | Gardoqui to Governor Miro of New Orleans. October 1788 (#87) |
| 219. | Gardoqui to Morgan. October 4, 1788 (#88) |
| 220. | Gardoqui to Morgan. October 16, 1788 (#99) |
| 221. | ----- to Mr. Strawbridge. 1789? (#152) |
| 222. | Warrant for land grant. 1789 (#226) |
| 223. | Callen McClous to John Conally. January 25, 1789 (#140) |
| 224. | Sedgwick Petition to Massachusetts. January 29, 1789 (#141) |
| 225. | Don Diego de Gardoqui to Hutchins. February 25, 1789 (#142) |
| 226. | The United States in account with Thomas Hutchins, Geographer. Marhc 15, 1789 (#151) |
| 227. | Speech given to the Kickapoo Potawatomis by Morgan. March 23, 1789 (#59) |
| 228. | Speech of Mr. Morgan to the Shawnee, Delawares, Cherokees. April 7, 1789 (#150) |

229. William McKinnon to Hutchins. April 7, 1789 (#160)
230. New Madrid Land Office – advertisement signed by Morgan. April 22, 1789 (#60)
231. Major McCully’s application for five-acre lot and grant and record. April 25, 1789 (#153)
232. Bland application to Morgan for land. April 25, 1789 (#161)
233. Major McCully’s application for city lot. Granted and recorded by Morgan. April 25, 1789 (#224)
234. Governor Miro to Morgan. May 23, 1789 (#100)
235. Andrew to Morgan. June 8, 1789 (#225)
236. General Harmar to Hutchins. June 19, 1789 (#139)
237. Mrs. Cowie’s letter to Hutchins. September 1, 1789 (#43)
238. Morgan to General Washington. September 1, 1789 (#163)
239. Mrs. Cowie to Morgan. September 8, 1789 (#42)
240. Gardoqui to Morgan. September 11, 1789 (#227)
241. Morgan and Clark overland belonging to Hannah Mason. 1791 (#2)
242. Morgan to Nones. April 13, 1791 (#202)
243. Morgan to Larpy. February 12, 1795 (#3)
244. Morgan to Scott. September 4, 1797 (#230)
245. Hutchins to Morgan. June 1, 1801 (#231)
246. Hutchins to Morgan. October 30, 1801 (#233)
247. Hutchins to Morgan. November 15, 1801 (#232)
248. Hutchins to Morgan. July 29, 1802 (#234)
249. Commission to Colonel Beatty and Dr. Stockton. September 25, 1812 (#73)
250. R. Rush to Morgan, (son). December 25, 1815 (#20)
251. R. Rush to Morgan. 1835? (#56)

Typescripts of Originals

There are two numbers that correspond to each typescript. The primary numbering (appearing before each item description) in the “originals” subseries relates to the chronological order. Smaller numbers (1) represent older items, while larger numbers (251) represent more recent items. The originals and transcripts are arranged in chronological order. The number to the right of the item description in the “originals” subseries that is formatted as (#_) relates to a different identification system. Both numbers are found on each physical paper.

To locate a typescript, identify the year of the item you are trying to find. It will be in the folder labeled with that year. For example, for:

103. Simon Girty’s deposition respecting Morgan. February 18, 1778 (#74)

This item would be found in the folder labeled “1778” in Typescripts Box 1.

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Typescripts Box 2

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Annotated Typescripts of Originals

This subseries includes notes on individuals mentioned in the papers, as well as rough drafts or additional copies of typescripts. The same location guide for non-annotated typescripts applies to these. Note that this set is incomplete and there are no annotated typescripts for items 7, 9, 79, 180, 221, or 222.

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II. Hopkins/Leons Acquisition

Papers, 1766-1769, 1775, 1810. 5 items, originals. 4 items, photocopies. (There are typescript copies of each).

Between 1956 and 1958, L.A. Hopkins gave to the University Library five original letters and four Photostats of letters written by his ancestor George Morgan. The photostats were of originals held by his cousin, James W. Means, who wished to retain them; the original of one of these completed a partial letter, which Mr. Alvord borrowed from another relation and published. Also supplied by Mr. Hopkins were genealogical tables and other biographical data.

Box 4 (cont.)

1. George Morgan to Molly Baynton Morgan. September 17, 1766 (Hopkins)

2. George Morgan to Molly. October 1, 1766 (Hopkins)
3. James Rumsey to Mrs. George Morgan. June 1768 (Hopkins)
4. George Morgan to Molly. 1768-1769, pages 3-4, 7-16, pp. 3-4 (Hopkins)
5. George Morgan to Molly. 1768-1769, pages 3-4, 7-16, pp. 7-8 (Hopkins)
6. George Morgan to Molly. 1768-1769, pages 3-4, 7-16, pp. 9-12 (Hopkins)
7. George Morgan to Molly. 1768-1769, pages 3-4, 7-16, pp. 13-16 (Hopkins)
8. George Morgan to Molly, September 19, 1775 (Hopkins)

Typescripts Box 2 (cont.)

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George Morgan to Molly Baynton Morgan. September 16, 1766

George Morgan to Molly. October 21, 1766:

James Rumsey to Mrs. George Morgan. June 1768

George Morgan to Molly (pages 17-20 missing). 1768-1769

George Morgan to Molly. 1768-1769

George Morgan to his wife (original in collection of L.A. Hopkins – photostat).
1769

George Morgan to Molly. September 19, 1775

III. Woodbridge/Thatcher Acquisition

Papers, undated, 1766-1786. 8 items, transcripts.

This section contains handwritten transcripts of letters and papers concerning George Morgan obtained by C.W. Alvord from Maria Woodbridge of Marietta, Ohio, and Mrs. Edward S. Thatcher of Nordhoff, California. One Morgan letter was printed in the *Illinois Historical Collection* 11:315 ff.

A. Woodbridge

1. George Morgan to Molly. Published in the *Illinois Historical Collection* 11:315 ff. June 29 – July 8, 1766
2. Extracts from an article written by Pres. Tuttle of Wabash College after visiting Colonel Horgan's daughter, Mrs. Dudley Woodbridge, of Marietta, Ohio
3. Extracts from the journal of Dr. Manasseh Cutler
4. George Morgan to his daughter Maria visiting her sister at Princeton, New Jersey. September 22-23, 1803
5. Contemporary obituary of George Morgan. 1810 ("Written by Morgan Neville an old family friend")
6. Sketch of George Morgan "copied from the obituary of one of Colonel Morgan's grandsons"
7. William Waldorf Astor, Descendant of a Washington County man

B. Thatcher

1. George Morgan to Molly. June 20, 1766 (Published in *Illinois Historical Collections* XI, 311 ff)

IV. Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Letter Books, 1774-1779. 3 volumes, transcripts (397 pages)

These three volumes of George Morgan's letter books concern the period when Morgan was chiefly at Fort Pitt, serving as Indian agent of the Middle Department and deputy commissioner general of purchases for the western district.

The original letter books were lent to C.W. Alvord for examination and copying by members of the Morgan family; the correspondence is filled with the transcripts. The letter books are now in the Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh.

Letter Book I. March 2, 1774 – April 10, 1777 (122 pages, typescript)

Letter Book II. July 30, 1776 – November 8, 1776 (84 pages, typescript). This is a letter book of the American Commissioners at Fort Pitt in late summer and autumn of 1776. Pages 56-76 are printed in *American Archives* 5th series, II, pages 511-518

Letter Book III. January 22, 1778 – May 28, 1779 (193 pages, typescript, 2 folders)

V. Historical Society of Pennsylvania (Letter Book)

Letter Book, 1767-1768 (1 item, transcript; microfilm, 1 reel)

C.W. Alvord borrowed the original letter book in 1907 for examination and copying. In October of 1959, the original letter book (Volume I) was located in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and a microfilm copy of the entire volume was procured. All twenty-three items were printed in the *Illinois Historical Collections*, Volumes XI and XVI, and the volume and page number are noted in parenthesis after each item description. In addition, there is one transcript of page four of the letter book (one of the few items not published); it is in Typescripts Box 2.

Microfilm Reel 1

1. Voyage down the Mississippi. November 21, 1766 – December 15, 1766 (11:438)
2. Journal. September-November, 1767 (16:67-71)
3. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. December 2, 1767 (16:125-8)
4. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. December 6, 1767 (16:128)
5. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. December 10, 1767 (16:128)
6. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. December 11, 1767 (16:132)
7. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. December 16, 1767 (16:138)
8. Morgan to Young. December 18, 1767 (16:146)
9. Morgan to Hacnamara. December 20, 1767 (16:149)
10. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. December 22, 1767 (16:153)
11. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. February 1768 (16:161)
12. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. February 4, 8, 1768 (16:165-70)
13. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. April 5, 8, 1768 (16:222)
14. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. April 18, 1768 (16:257)
15. Morgan memorandum. April 18, 1768 (16:255)
16. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. April 18, 1768 (16:257)
17. Morgan to his wife; incomplete. April 1768 (16:258)
18. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. April 23, 1768 (16:259)
19. Morgan to Finney. May 3, 1768 (16:274)
20. Remittances. December 20, 1767 – January 30, 1770 (16:332)
21. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. June 20, 1768 (16:324)
22. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. June 23, 1768 (16:335)
23. Morgan to Williamson. July 8, 1768 (16:344)

24. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. June 23, 1768 (16:347)
25. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. (16:351)
26. Morgan to Baynton and Wharton. July 20, 1768 (16:354)

Typescripts Box 2 (cont.)

1. Voyage down the Mississippi. November 21, 1766 – December 15, 1766 (11:438)

VI. Historical Society of Pennsylvania (Papers)

Papers, 1734, 1763-1790. Transcripts, 59 items. Microfilm, 1 reel.

The collections of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania were checked in October of 1959 for papers of George Morgan, and microfilm procured. Later transcripts were made in the University of Illinois Library. Three items had been earlier secured by Mr. Alvord. Two other transcripts were obtained between 1936 and 1939 from Mr. John Oakie of the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture. The list below identifies the papers microfilmed. The order of the papers on the list is that in which they appear on microfilm. Those marked by an "*" are also found in the transcript folder (V b) in Typescripts Box 2. The last transcript does not appear on microfilm.

Microfilm Reel 2

1. Warrant of Survey, Goshen Township, Chester County. January 1734 (Taylor Papers, v. 2, No. 262)
2. Address of Welcome to Governor John Penn from the Merchants of Philadelphia. D.S. November 21, 1763 (Penn Papers. Additional Miscellaneous Letters, v. 1, p. 115)
3. Journal of Left Philadelphia in Sloop "Abigail" for Rhode Island. With Morgan were Lambert Cadwalader and John Wharton. Describes Newport and Boston. June 20 – July 1764 (Society Papers. Misc. Coll.)
4. Account of Baynton and Wharton with Charles Norris. D.S. 1764 (Norris Manuscripts, family accounts, v. 1, p. 50)
- *5. Articles of agreement in regards to Illinois Lands. D.S. March 29, 1766 (Box 9A, Articles of Agreement)
6. Letter Book. Letters to Baynton and Wharton from Fort Chartres and Kaskaskia. 1767-1768 (Am. 10615)
- *7. From John Wilkins. A.L.S. June 20, 1769 (Society Coll.)
- *8. To Mr. Rumsey. Of his gratitude and affection for R.; various accounts and court case; time of transit. June 5, 1769 (Society, Miscellaneous Coll.)
- *9. From Colonel John Wilkins, wishing for a visit from him. June 5, 1769 (Gratz Coll., Col. Wars. Case 4, Box 9, under "Wilkins")
- *10. From Col. John Wilkins, about sending a boat to receive sheep at landing. June 10, 1769
- *11. To James Rumsey. A.L.S. January 28, 1770 (Etting Papers)
- *12. From Anthony Van Dam. Will forward Mr. Hutchins's uniform by first stage A.L.S. Photos. February 17, 1770 (Society Coll., under Van Dam)
- *13. To J. Rumsey. A.L.S. May 1, 1770 (Etting Papers)
- *14. From Thomas Hutchins. A.L.S. June 16, 1770 (Stauffer Coll., v. XI, p. 728, 16x20cm.)
- *15. From John Shee. July 16, 1770 (Society Coll.)
- *16. From Thomas Hutchins. A.L.S. September 13, 1770 (Dreer Coll., Soldiers of Rev.)

- *17. Fort Chartres. From Thomas Hutchins. Desires to send a letter to Gen. Gage. A.L.S. January 17, 1771 (Gratz Coll. Case 4, Box 7, under "Hutchins")
- *18. From Thomas Bullett. About sale and lead works. A.L.S. March 6, 1773 (Gratz Coll., Col. Wars under Bullett")
- *19. From James Burnett. A.L.S. April 19, 1773 (Society Coll., under "Burnett")
- *20. From Nicholas Van Dyke, about estate of Thomas Norris, and on personal matters. December 27, 1774 (Gratz Coll., Articles of Confederation under "Van Dyke")
- *21. From Alexander McKee deferring answer until Native American conference. A.L.S. June 7, 1775 (Society Coll.)
- *22. From Ralph W. Wormsley. Says Congress are in session, and may take plate to melt. A.L.S. July 28 1775 (Gratz Manuscripts. British Army and American Loyalists, under "Wormsley")
- *23. To Samuel Wharton. Draft by Morgan and Robert Callendar. September 2, 1775 (Etting Papers. Ohio Company, v. 2 p. 14)
- 24. Instructions from Congress to George Morgan as agent for Indian affairs at Pittsburgh, and assure them of friendship. Signed J. Hancock. D.S. Photostat. [L.C.] April 19, 1776 (Society Coll., under "Hancock")
- *25. Appointment of Simon Girty as Indian Interpreter and his dismissal for ill behavior. August 1, 1776. D.S. May 1, 1776 (Dreer Manuscript – twice)
- *26. To Governor Hamilton and James Heron. A.L.S. May 21, 1776 (Dreer Coll., Soldiers of Rev.)
- 27. To Governor at Detroit. Copy 1776 (Yeates Papers)
- *28. Pittsburgh. To Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Middle Department. Is about to visit Native American Country to make a treaty. List of articles needed as gifts, etc. (Gratz Manuscripts. Case 4, Box 22. Officer of Rev.)
- *29. From Henry Hamilton. Copy. July 20, 1776 (Yeates Papers)
- *30. From William Wilson. A.L.S. August 6, 1776 (Yeates Papers)
- *31. To Commissioners for Indian Affairs. A.L.S. August 14, 1776 (Yeates Papers)
- *32. To Commissioners of Indian Affairs. A.L.S. September 16, 1776 (Yeates Papers)
- 33. To Commissioners of Indian Affairs. A.L.S. October 10, 1776 (Yeates Papers)
- *34. Pittsburgh. Order from J. Yeates, others to Bernard Gratz. To pay Morgan, Indian agent. Also Morgan's receipt. L.S. October 10, 1776 (Gratz Coll. Indian Wars and Indians. Case 4, Box 5)
- *35. From Thomas Walker. Order by commissioners to give King Newcomer two blankets. A.L.S. October 17, 1776 (Am. 23151. "Walker")
- *36. From Thomas Walker. Order to deliver to John Gibson supplies for the Shawnee Native Americans. A.L.S. October 22, 1766
- *37. From Jasper Yeates. List of beads, belts, etc. needed for Native Americans. A.L.S. October 24, 1776 (Gratz Coll. Am. Judges. Case 3, Box 35)
- 38. Native Americans. List of goods issued at various times by Morgan. [A.D.S.] November 7, 1776 (Yeates Papers)
- 39. List of goods issued at various times to Native Americans. A.D.S. November 7, 1776 (Yeates Papers)
- *40. To unknown person, A.L.S. November 8, 1776 (Society Coll.)
- *41. To Dorsey Penticost. Copy. November 17, 1776 (Dreer Coll., French Refugees, p. 67)
- *42. From Dorsey Penticost. November 9, 1776 (Dreer Coll., French Refugees, p. 67)

- *43. George Morgan. John and Mary, from Stephen Collins. To executors of estate of Evan Morgan about rental of home. A.L.S. February 11, 1777 (Pemberton Papers, v. 29, p. 138)
- 44. From Jasper Yeates. Draft. April 10, 1777 (Yeates Papers)
- *45. To Edward Hand. A.L.S. August 21, 1777 (Hand Papers, v. 1, p. 19)
- *46. To Richard H. Lee, Daniel Roberdean, and Richard Law. A.L.S. November 11, 1777 (Dreer Coll., Soldiers of Rev.)
- *47. To Jasper Yeates. A.L.S. November 12, 1777 (Stauffer Coll., v. 22, p. 1636)
- *48. From David Geisberger. A.L.S. November 17 (16?), 1777 (Dreer Coll., Am. Clergy)
- *49. From Richard Henry Lee. L.S. October 30, 1777 (Dreer Coll., MOC)
- *50. From Jasper Yeates. A.L.S. November 13, 1777 (Dreer Coll., Am. Lawyers)
- *51. To James Welling. Copy. January 1778 (Hand Papers, v. 1, p. 36)
- *52. To Edward Hand. A.L.S. March 15, 1778 (Hand Papers, v. 1, p. 38)
- *53. To Major William Trent. A.L.S. September 27, 1778 (Etting Papers, Ohio Company)
- *54. To Major William Trent. A.L.S. December 1, 1778 (Etting Papers, Ohio Company, v. 2, p. 29)
- *55. From William Trent. Draft. January 23, 1779 (Etting Papers, Ohio Company, v. 2, p. 33)
- *56. Power of attorney from John Ormsby, to. D.S. March 13, 1779 (Etting Papers, Ohio Company)
- 57. Princeton. From George Washington. Order to wait on him with Delaware Native Americans. L.S. Photostat [in L.C.] May 11, 1779 (Under "Washington")
- *58. To Rev. Dr. Smith. Draft. October 19, 1779 (Etting Papers, Ohio Company, v. 2, p. 46)
- *59. To Major William Trent. A.L.S. October 20, 1779 (Etting Papers, Ohio Company, v. 2, p. 49, 51)
- *60. List of papers borrowed from Jamor Trent. D.S. August 8, 1780 (Etting Papers, Ohio Company, v. 2, 9. 104)
- *61. "Borrowed and received of Richard Stockton Esquire four hundred and fort dollars." A.D.S. August 24, 1780 (Dreer Coll., Soldiers of Rev.)
- *62. Petition of -----. D.S. October 1, 1781 (Etting Papers, Army, v. 2, p. 21)
- *63. To General John C. Cadwalader, A.S.S. April 17, 1783 (Cadwalader Papers, v. 2, p. 65)
- *64. To Samuel Meredith. Regarding man who wishes to work in a counting house. Sends General Dickinson one year elm trees. Regarding settling his sons in a large tract. A.L.S. November 3, 1786 (Dreer Coll., in Boxes)
- 65. From George Clymer A.L.S. May 1, 1787 (Dreer Coll., Federal Convention)
- 66. Speech to Delaware, Shawnees. Copy. April 1789 (Wayne Papers, v. 19, p. 78)
- 67. Speech to Native Americans at New Madrid. Cop April 1789 (Wayne Papers, v. 19, p. 78)
- *68. From William Floyd. A.L.S. September 20, 1792 (Dreer Coll., Signers, under "Floyd")
- *69. Information of John Campbell against ----- Copy. Undated (March 16, 1775?) (Dreer Coll., French Refugees)
- *70. To George Croghan. Of Lieutenant Colonel Wilkins, Mr. Hutchins, Mr. Wharton, Mr. McFee, and Ft. Pitt. A.L.S. Undated (Provincial Council Records)
- *71. To William Trent. A.L.S. Undated (Etting Papers, Ohio Company, v. 2, pp. 30-31)
- *72. Asylum, Lambeth. Mrs. Elizabeth Duche to Mrs. Mary Morgan, inquiring for George Morgan. A.L.S. May 29, 1783 (Am. 12905, p. 33 [E. Duchell])

73. Obituary notice and copy of a letter to B. Norris (September 25, 1790) and to Dr. John Morgan (December 15, 1775). September 25, 1790, and December 15, 1775 (Society, Misc. Coll. Box 10a, gen. misc.)

Typescripts Box 2 (cont.)

74. From Sam Young H.S.P February 18, 1768 (Pennsylvania Archive Files). Not on microfilm
Transcripts of items 5, 7-23, 25-26, 28-32, 34-37, 40-43, 45-56, 58-64, 68-72

VII. Library of Congress

Papers, 1776-1882. Transcripts, 34 items. Microfilm, 1 reel.

Folder A

The copies of these letters in Survey files were unidentified until 1958, when the originals were located in the Library of Congress. They were a group offered for sale to the Survey by Mrs. Duane Morgan after the Reed collection had been bought. The depression made purchase by the Survey impossible; the Library of Congress bought the originals instead.

1. Colonel Edward Cook to Captain Kelly. Undated (Westmoreland County)
2. Orders from the Commissioners to George Morgan. April 11, 1776 (Philadelphia)
3. Commissioners to George Morgan. Orders received by May 24, Ma 14, 1776 (Philadelphia)
4. Commissioners to George Morgan. Orders in Committee of Congress. May 31, 1776 (Philadelphia)
5. Resolution in Congress that Jacob Fowler of the Montauk Tribe be paid. September 19, 1776 (In Congress)
6. Timothy Pickering to George Morgan. Orders to attend the Board of War. June 1, 1776 (War Office)
7. Charles Thomson to Colonel George Morgan. July 28, 1787 (New York)
8. Governor Henry to Colonel George Morgan and Colonel John Neville. March 12, 1777 (Williamsburg)
9. Jas. Harmar to Captain Thomas Hutchins, Geographer to the United States. November 6, 1786 (Fort Harmar)
10. Kezlalement to "Taimenend" Colonel George Morgan. August 3, 1784 (Pittsburgh)
11. John Killbuck to George Morgan. April 27, 1779 (Carlisle)
12. Message from the United States to the Delaware Council, Message from the Delaware Council to the United States. February 26, 1777
13. William Drayton to Colonel George Morgan. November 23, 1785 (Charleston)
14. Message from Delaware Council at Coochocking to Colonel Morgan and General Hand's answer. June 9, 1778
15. ----- to -----; manuscripts incomplete. May 12, 1784 (Princeton)
16. George Morgan answers to Queries of the Commissioners on the conduct of the Indian War. January 1778
17. Resolve in Congress. June 12, 27, 1777

18. Queries. October 26, 1776
19. T. Hutchins to George Morgan. February 24, 1786 (New York)
20. Hutchins to George Morgan. April 5, 1784 (Philadelphia)
21. John Boreman to George Morgan. September 24, 1778 (Fort Pitt)
22. Daniel Clark to [Morgan]. February 13, 1786 (Hermitage)
23. Aaron Burr to Dr. John Morgan. August 10, 1786 (New York)
24. John Morgan to Aaron Burr. July 4, 1783 (Philadelphia)
25. Aaron Burr to Dr. John Morgan. May 6, 1786 (New York)

Folder B

These papers from the Library of Congress were microfilmed for the Survey – for two (nos. 1 and 5) prints were made from the film. For others, Steven Moll made transcripts from the microfilm. The Survey thus has transcripts of all Morgan papers in the Library of Congress.

Microfilm Reel 3

1. Resolves of Council relative to an expedition against Pluggy's Town. March 12, 1777 (Williamsburg)
2. Aaron Burr's "Answers to eight questions proposed by Doctor Morgan 29 August 1786."
3. George Morgan to the Honorable Samuel Adams. January 15, 1792
4. Letter to Peter Legair, Springfield Vineyard. Morgan's copy. And (same document?) December 1801
5. Field notices taken February 11 and 12 under the direction of Major George McCully by order of Colonel George Morgan, by the Subscribers. Taken by John Hard and David Rankin, endorsed "Captain Rankin's Surveys at Fort Massac."
6. George Morgan to Don Bernardo de Galvez. April 22, 1777, April 26, 1778
7. Instructions of Congress to George Morgan, agent for Indian Affairs; signed John Hancock. April 19, 1776
8. George Washington to Morgan at Princeton. Agrees to see Delaware chiefs with Morgan next day. May 11, 1779
9. Thomas Jefferson to Mrs. Katherine Duane Morgan. January 26, 1822

Typescripts Box 2 (cont.)

Transcripts and prints of Folder B

VIII. Pennsylvania Division of Public Records

This item records the proceedings of a Court of Inquiry in a suit brought by Richard Bacon against George Morgan, of Baynton, Wharton, and Morgan. The microfilm copy was obtained from the Pennsylvania Division of Public Records in 1961. The transcript of 102 pages was made earlier in the Survey under C.W. Alvord.

Microfilm Reel 4

Record of a "Court of Inquiry at Fort Chartres," September – October 1770. Transcript, 1 item (102 pages). Microfilm, 1 reel

Typescripts Box 2 (cont.)

Transcript of Record of a "Court of Inquiry at Fort Chartres," September – October 1770.
1 item (102 pages).

IX. Ridgeway Library, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

This item is a facsimile of a draft of "An Estimate of the Expenses of the Indiana Company" written by George Morgan. It covers the period from 1763 to 1793. This document is in the Ridgeway Library in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Document, 1763-1793. Facsimile, 1 item

X. State Historical Society of Pennsylvania

This item records the proceedings of a Court of Inquiry in a suit brought by Richard Bacon against George Morgan, of Baynton, Wharton, and Morgan. The microfilm copy was obtained from the Pennsylvania Division of Public Records in 1961. The transcript of 71 pages was made in the Survey in 1962.

Microfilm Reel 5

Record of a "Court of Inquiry of Fort Chartres," September – October 1770.

Typescripts Box 2 (cont.)

Transcript of Record of a "Court of Inquiry of Fort Chartres," September – October 1770,
1 item (71 pages)

XI. Maps

1. B.S.H.C. - 4044 no. 91
A Sketch of Scioto River from a scale of one mile to an inch
2. B.S.H.C. - 4044 no. 14
Plan of the Ruins of All Ancient Town or Fortified Camp near the Confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio Rivers
3. B.S.H.C. - 4044 no. 92
A Sketch of Muskingum River and Big Beaver Creek
4. Survey map, Morganza Tract. Washington, Pennsylvania
5. Printed copy of B.S.H.C. - 4044 no. 92
Confluence of the Muskingum River and Big Beaver Creek

XII. Pictorial Materials

Photographs and Silhouette, undated. 4 items

1. Silhouette of George Morgan, circa 1800-1810
2. Photograph of a portrait of George Morgan attributed to Matthew Pratt and owned (in 1932) by Hrs. J.A. Harper of Washington, Pennsylvania
3. Photograph of George Morgan's watch
4. Photograph of the George Morgan Monument in Washington, Pennsylvania; it was dedicated on June 7, 1929

Appendix

George Morgan – A Biographical Sketch

George Morgan, junior member of Baynton, Wharton, and Morgan, Philadelphia merchants, came to the Illinois Country in 1766 to direct his firm's second venture in western trade, and earlier project having suffered a loss during Pontiac's Conspiracy in 1763. At Fort Chartres, he established a main storehouse, prepared to trade in furs, supply Native Americans with goods, and provisions for British troops and French inhabitants. Morgan also played a part in the establishment of civil government, but by 1771 the commercial venture was conceded to be unprofitable. The next few years he spent repairing the firm's finances, devoting considerable time to the Indiana Land Company, a grant of land made by the Native Americans at Fort Stanwix in 1768 to compensate the "Suffering Traders of 1763." In 1776 he was made superintendent of the reorganized company; with the outbreak of the American Revolution in 1776, he also became Indian Agent for the Middle Department, with headquarters at Fort Pitt, and in 1777 he became Deputy Commissioner General of Purchases for the western districts. In 1779 he retired to his home in Princeton, where he indulged his interests in scholarship and scientific farming. A speculative venture in Missouri lands engaged him from 1788 to 1790, but the colony of New Madrid was opposed by the Spanish governor, and Morgan once more retired. In 1796 he moved to a farm "Morganza," near Washington, Pennsylvania, where he became especially interested in grape culture. In 1806 he was visited by Aaron Burr, who tried to enlist the support of Morgan and his sons in his enterprises. Morgan informed President Jefferson and later testified against Burr; Jefferson later wrote that Morgan "first gave us notice of the mad prospect of that day."

The history of Baynton, Wharton, and Morgan's trading operations in Illinois and George Morgan's activities as a member of the firm and otherwise is found in the British Series of the Illinois Historical Collections, volumes 1, 11, 16, published 1915-1921.

Organization of the Collection

This collection is divided into twelve parts on the basis of the source of acquisition. Parts which contain originals precede those which are copied from the holdings of other libraries. The original groups are in order of importance; within each original group the papers are arranged in chronological order. The groups of copied papers are in alphabetical order by name of depository. The arrangement within each group is chronological wherever possible; however, in some cases microfilmed materials were not copied in any order and thus the arrangement of typescripts is based on the microfilm order. The last two sections contain copied maps and photographs.