

Town and Country Public Library
Historical Collection
Julia Calliss Morris Collection
#2010-08

Scope and Content Note: Julia Elizabeth Calliss Morris (1903 – 1988) married Charles Lee Morris (1895 – 1962), August 16, 1928 in Baraboo, WI. Julia Calliss was born in Syracuse, NY, the daughter of Walter O. and Evangeline (Propson) Calliss. Her father died soon after she was born, and Julia was frequently uprooted during her childhood. She graduated high school in Baraboo, WI and went on to receive her teaching degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, completing an additional two years of graduate studies. She married C.L. Morris in 1928 and they made their home in Elburn where she taught for two years, until 1930. However, during WWII, she was asked to return to teaching, which she did gladly. She was an eager educator and a gifted thespian, directing many of the school plays, writing original works and acting as Director of the Elburn Players. She retired from teaching in 1955. After her husband's death, she returned to college, receiving her Masters of Arts in Library Science in 1966. She was a reference librarian at the Glen Ellyn Library from 1965 – 1970. Throughout the years she was also an active member of the community through her involvement in civic and fraternal organizations. She died in Geneva, IL in 1988. This collection contains personal, scholastic, business, and governmental material pertaining to Blackberry (later Elburn) and its surrounding area from 1899 to 1988 collected by Mrs. C.L. Morris. This collection is arranged chronologically. It is complete.

Quantity: 2 Letter Size Boxes, 5 x 12 ¼ x 10 ¼
1 Oversized Box, 15 x 12 x 3
25 Linear Inches 2.08 Linear Feet

Box 1

- 1-1 Miniature copy "The Maywood Herald" 1906
- 1-2 The Morris Collapsible Circles and Forms, Patent 1909
- 1-3 Blackberry Township Plat Map 1926
- 1-4 Wedding Announcement Julia Calliss and Charles Lee Morris
- 1-5 Quit Claim/Release Deed, other documents re: Morris property 1929, 1972
- 1-6 Julia Calliss Morris Elburn High School Year Book 1930, clipping re: Class 1931 reunion (with photo)
- 1-7 Elburn High School Diplomas, Charles Lee Morris and Julia Morris (diplomas are replacement with no dates)
- 1-8 Newspaper clippings 1930-1941
- 1-9 Valentine to Julia Calliss Morris 1932
- 1-10 Order of the Eastern Star (OES) material – Anemone Chapter, Elburn (includes member list) 1933 – 1938
- 1-11 Farm Journal, 1933; Fox Valley Mirror, 1933; British War Relief pamphlet n.d.; Military acronyms, n.d.
- 1-12 Publications of the Pan American Union with hand drawn maps of Pan American countries 1934 – 1939
- 1-13 "Guiding Hands" – a play written by Julia Calliss Morris; rejection notice from The Dramatic Publishing Company 1935
- 1-14 Vocal lessons and exercises 1935
- 1-15 Correspondence from Kane County Centennial Association 1936
- 1-16 Official Commission as Village Treasurer to C.L. Morris 1937; American Legion 11th Dist. Convention program 1936; Republican specimen Primary Ballot, Kane County April 1940
- 1-17 Correspondence to Members of American Legion helping with basketball tournament 1937
- 1-18 Fortnightly Club (a social club) – By laws, Initiation paper 1937 – 1938; Program 1953-1954
- 1-19 Elburn Players Programs 1937 – 1938

- 1-20 Playbills, amateur and professional ~ 1938 – 1945
- 1-21 Illinois Republican State Convention Program 1940; A. Lincoln Day Dinner Program 1962; Sample Ballot 1954, 1962
- 1-22 Certificates of Recognition for Martha Johansen Morris 1941 – 1942

Box 2

- 2-1 Red Bank Register, July 31, 1941 as requested by C.L. Morris for article Section One, page 5 re: Morris family genealogy
- 2-2 Correspondence to C.L. Morris re: appointment as Chief Air Raid Warden of Blackberry Township; Handbook for Air Raid wardens 1942
- 2-3 American Red Cross correspondence 1942; Annual Report 1962
- 2-4 Correspondence re: oil ration 1942
- 2-5 Ration Books from WWII
- 2-6 Correspondence re: War ration of Fuel oil (requesting additional supply) 1944
- 2-7 American Red Cross Certificate of Appreciation for service in WWII
- 2-8 DeKalb Regional Basketball Tournament Program/Scorecard 1962
- 2-9 Official Commission as Village Treasurer for C.L. Morris 1962-1963
- 2-10 Article on Julia Calliss Morris joining the Glen Ellyn Library staff 1965
- 2-11 College Coursework bef. 1966
- 2-12 Northern Illinois University Master of Arts Diploma, Julia Calliss Morris 1966
- 2-13 Photograph with inscription, 'Nov. 28, 1973 50th wedding anniversary, Donald and Eunice'
- 2-14 Anemone #678 O.E.S. Directory 1975-1976
- 2-15 Memorial service speeches by Don Westlake and Helen Gum Westlake for Julia Calliss Morris; photocopy of Memorial program for Julia Calliss Morris, 1988
- 2-16 Misc. photos from Julia Calliss Morris family (note: contents of this folder has been incorporated into master photo collection)
- 2-17 Misc. correspondence; Holiday card n.d.
- 2-18 Johnny Schmoker's German Band n.d.
- 2-19 Flag Poems n.d.
- 2-20 The Robert Morris National Memorial Tower at Valley Forge n.d.
- 2-21 Flyer, Economy Grocery, Elburn n.d.
- 2-22 Scarf (?) "Vive France Libre" (possible gift to Julia from C.L. from his trip to France 1937? – conjecture by LCL)
- 2-23 Information and patterns for marionettes; craft ideas and instructions n.d.

Box 3 – Oversize

- 3-1 Calliss, Julia – Bachelor of Arts Degree, University of Wisconsin at Madison, 1925
- 3-2 Calliss, Walter – Certificate of Subscription, American Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial Association, 1899; certificate #C34384
- 3-3 Calliss, Julia – framed portrait photo, 1926
- 3-4 Calliss, Julia – framed letter from co-workers at Glen Ellyn Library, n.d.
- 3-5 Calliss, Julia – framed photo, ~ 2 years old
- 3-6 Calliss, Julia – unframed portrait photo