Morris family financial records, 1794-1943
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Preferred Citation

Morris family financial (MC.975.08.018), Quaker & Special Collections, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
Biographical note

Samuel Buckley Morris (1791-1859) was born in Philadelphia, Pa., the son of Quakers Luke Wistar and Elizabeth Buckley Morris. Samuel B. Morris became a member of the shipping firm of Waln & Morris in Philadelphia. He was one of the first directors of the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society. Morris was one of the founders of Haverford College, a manager of Friends Asylum and served on the Committee for Westtown School from 1843 until his death in 1859.

Hannah Perot Morris (1854-1931) was the daughter of Samuel Morris and Lydia Spencer Morris. She attended Westtown School and was made a minister in the Society of Friends in 1908. She was the first woman appointed by a Quarterly Meeting in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to serve on Representative Meeting. Morris was the author in 1907 of Glimpses of the Life of Samuel Morris.

Source: Morris Family Papers, 1715-1925, finding aid, Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections.

Elliston Perot Morris I (22 May 1831- 1 November 1914) was born in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1831, the son of Samuel B. Morris and Hannah P. Morris. He attended Westtown Boarding School, and Haverford College. He took care of his family's financial trusts and real estate holdings in a downtown Philadelphia office. He was prominent in Germantown civic organizations, serving on the board of the Savings Fund for sixty years, and was active in local Quaker institutions such as the Friends' Free Library and the Friends' Free School. He was a long-time member and president of the Friends' Freeman Association of Philadelphia and in this capacity corresponded with Booker T. Washington about Christianburg Institute, a school for African-Americans in Virginia. He died on 3 December of that year at the House.

Martha Canby Morris (12 May 1836 – 1 November 1919) was born in 1836, in Wilmington, De., the daughter of Merrit Canby. She married Elliston P. Morris in 1861. Upon the death of Merrit Canby, her father, in 1866, she inherited money for which she kept an account. Martha ran the households at Church Lane and Sea Girt and documented expenditures. She died in Philadelphia in 1919.

Marriott Canby Morris I (7 September 1863 - 2 March 1948) was born in Philadelphia, in 1863, the eldest child of Elliston and Martha Morris. He attended the same Quaker schools as his father had and worked with his father in his real estate business. After his 1885 Haverford graduation and before his 1897 marriage, he lived with his parents but travelled to Europe and Bermuda on his own. He and Jane, his wife, raised three children -- Elliston Perot III, Marriott Canby Jr., and Janet ("Jay") -- and lived in Germantown throughout their lives. He continued his father's civic interests by serving in many organizations including the Germantown Savings Fund, the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Friends' Freedmen Association, and the Germantown Friends School. Marriott was heavily involved in the Germantown Boys' Club from its early days as the Boys' Parlor and in 1947 was given an award commemorating his sixty years of service from the National Association of Boys' Clubs.

Marriott Canby Morris Jr. (29 December 1900 – 9 February 1992) was born in Philadelphia in December, 1900, the son of Marriott Canby Morris and Jane Rhoads Morris. Marriott attended Westtown School and Haverford College. He helped in building operations at a Native American school in the summer of 1917 and in 1919 went to France as a American Friends Service Committee volunteer. He spent 1923 and
1924 in Russia. He became a professor of German at Beloit College. Marriott married Elizabeth ("Libby") Haines. He died in 1992.

Janet ("Jay") Morris Butler (7 April 1907- 28 August 2010) was born in Philadelphia in 1907, the daughter of Marriott C. Morris and Jane Rhoads Morris. Janet attended Germantown Friends' School and Connecticut College. She died in 2010.

Source: Morris Family Papers, 1741-1989 finding aid, by the Northeast Museum Services Center for Independence National Historical Park

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**Scope and Content note**

This collection is comprised of the 51 volumes of business and personal financial records of various members of the Morris family. Materials include account books, trustee accounts, and receipt books. Volumes generally record deposits, withdrawals for payments for goods and services, and account balances.

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**Administrative Information**

**Publication Information**

Haverford College Quaker & Special Collections November 2015

**Use Restrictions**

Standard Federal Copyright Law Applies (U.S. Title 17).

**Acquisition**

Unknown.

**Processing Information**

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Related Materials

Related Materials

- MC 950 Cope - Collins - Morris family papers
- MC 1008 Morris Family papers
- MC 1191 Morris-Shinn-Maier collection
- MC 1147 Perot family papers
- MC.950.131 Morris family papers
- MC.975.02.030 Morris family letterbook

Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

- Morris family

Genre(s)

- Account books
- Financial records

Subject(s)

- Quaker businesspeople
- Quakers
- Quakers – Family relationships
- Quakers--History
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**Scope and Content note**

This volume is the daily sales book for an unknown member of the Morris family.

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**Scope and Content note**

This volume records payments made to the Bank of North America and to various individuals, amounts received by Morris, and the balances of her accounts. Pages inserted at the back of the volume record amounts left to Ann Morris by the Estate of Luke W. Morris.

| Account book, vol. 2 1830-1849        | 0.13 Linear feet |

**Scope and Content note**
This volume records withdrawals, deposits, and balances of Morris’ account.

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**Scope and Content note**

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**Scope and Content note**

This volume records deposits, withdrawals for payments for goods and services, and account balances for Elliston P. Morris.

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**Biographical note**
### Janet Morris

Hannah Perot Morris was the daughter of Elliston Perot. She married Samuel B. Morris

**Account book, vol. 1 1825-1826** 0.04 Linear feet

**Scope and Content note**

This volume records payments made to various individuals for furniture and home goods.

### Janet Morris 1915-1929 0.13 Linear feet

**Account book, vol. 1 1915-1929** 0.13 Linear feet

**Scope and Content note**

This volume is the account book for the trust of Janet Morris. The executor of the trust was Marriot C. Morris.

### Margaret H. Morris 1768-1812 0.12 Linear feet

**Account book, vol. 1 1768** 0.04 Linear feet

**Scope and Content**

This volume records deposits, withdrawals for payments for goods and services, and account balances.

**Account book, vol. 2 1812** 0.04 Linear feet

**Scope and Content note**

This volume records deposits, withdrawals for payments for goods and services, and account balances.
### Receipt book 1782  0.04 Linear feet

**Scope and Content note**

This volume records payments received by Morris for various goods and services.

### Marriot C. Morris 1891-1943  0.57 Linear feet

### Business account books 1916-1943  0.21 Linear feet

**Vol. 1 1916-1943  0.21 Linear feet**

**Scope and Content note**

This volume was labeled as “Blotter no. 2,” and records deposits, withdrawals for payments for goods and services, and account balances, as well as income from investments.

### Personal account books 1891-1932  0.36

**Vol. 1 1891-1919  0.08 Linear feet**

**Scope and Content**

This volume records deposits, withdrawals for payments for goods and services, and account balances.

**Vol. 2 1919-1932  0.15 Linear feet**

**Scope and Content note**
This volume is labeled as "Personal Blotter no. 2," and records deposits, withdrawals for payments for goods and services, and account balances for Morris’ personal finances.

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**Scope and Content note**

This volume is labeled as "personal blotter, no. 3," and records deposits, withdrawals for payments for goods and services, and account balances.

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**Scope and Content note**

This volume records the payments from the investments and stocks of the trust for Marriott C. Morris Jr.

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**Scope and Content note**

This volume records the payments from the investments and stocks of Elliston P. Morris' trust for Martha Canby Morris, and provides balances for each month. Companies invested in include: Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, Finance Company of Pennsylvania, and the Northumberland County Gas and Electric Company.

| Account book, vol. 2 1919-1929 | 0.08 Linear feet |
### Merrit Canby 1866-1869  0.39 Linear feet

Account book, vol. 1 1866-1875  0.1 Linear feet

**Scope and Content note**

This volume records deposits, withdrawals for payments, and account balances for the estate of Merrit Canby. The executors of the estate were William M. Canby, and Elliston P. Morris.

Account book, vol. 2 1877-1884  0.08 Linear feet

Account book, vol. 3 1885-1892  0.08 Linear feet

Account book, vol. 4 1893-1899  0.13 Linear feet

### Luke W. Morris 1795-1858  0.55 Linear feet

Account book, vol. 1 1795-1814  0.15 Linear feet

**Scope and Content note**

This volume records deposits, withdrawals for payments for goods and services, and account balances.

Account book, vol. 2 1816-1830  0.15 Linear feet

**Scope and Content note**

This volume records deposits, withdrawals for payments for goods and services, and account balances.

Account book, vol. 3 1828-1830  0.1 Linear feet
Scope and Content note

This volume records deposits, withdrawals for payments for goods and services, and account balances of Luke W. Morris' accounts. The volume also includes information about Morris’ guardianship of Caroline and Elizabeth Morris, and records information about their financial accounts.

Estate account book, vol. 1 1830-1852  0.13 Linear feet

Scope and Content note


Estate account book, vol. 2 1830-1858  0.13 Linear feet

Scope and Content note

This volume is the estate account book and records deposits, withdrawals for payments, and account balances. The executor of the estate in Samuel B. Morris.

Receipt book 1807-1810  0.02 Linear feet

Scope and Content note

This volume includes amounts paid to various individuals for goods and services, including: the purchase of dry goods and the payment of wages.

Samuel B. Morris 1809-1866  0.54 Linear feet

Business account books 1815-1820  0.38 Linear feet
### Personal account books

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Bills and Notes Receivable and Payable.

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**Scope and Content note**

This volume is labeled Bills and notes section includes the following columns: “Numbers,” “Date,” “Drawer,” “On Whom Drawn,” “To Whom Payable.” The Payable and Receivable sections include the following columns: “For Whom Account,” “Accepted,” “When Due,” “Dollars,” “Cents,” and “Remarks.”

| Account book, vol. 5 | 1816-1819 | 0.1 Linear feet |

### Personal account books 1809-1866 1.92 Linear feet

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### Personal account books

**Scope and Content note**

This volume records expenses for his house on Walnut St., and accounts with the Bank of America.

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**Scope and Content note**

This volume is a partial copy of Samuel B. Morris's personal account book, volume 4.

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Estate accounts after his death.

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This volume records Morris' investments, including stocks, and investment account with Bank of America.

Trustee account book, vol. 1 1835-1859  0.08 Linear feet

**Scope and Content note**

This volume records the dispersal of amounts of cash and investments left to Trustees of Elliston Perot Morris’ will.

Trustee account book, vol. 2 1835-1853  0.08 Linear feet

**Scope and Content note**

This volume records the dispersal of amounts of cash and investments left to Trustees of Elliston Perot Morris’ will.

Trustee account book, vol. 3 1853-1859  0.1 Linear feet

**Scope and content note**

Note on the inside cover reads, "Trust for Children of Samuel B & Hannah P. Morris under Will of Elliston Perot."

Receipt book 1809-1816  0.08 Linear feet

**Scope and Content note**

This volume records amounts received for goods and services from various individuals.