

Guide to the Elizabeth Cutter Morrow Papers regarding Dwight W. Morrow, Jr.

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1992

CREATOR: Morrow, Elizabeth, 1873-1955

TITLE: Elizabeth Cutter Morrow papers regarding Dwight W. Morrow, Jr.

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SUMMARY: The papers document Elizabeth Cutter Morrow's relationship with and management of the care of her son, Dwight W. Morrow, Jr., as he struggled with mental illness. The papers consist of incoming and outgoing correspondence, newspaper clippings, school and college materials, teaching materials, and photographs. The bulk of the papers consist of correspondence between Elizabeth Cutter Morrow, Dwight W. Morrow, and Dwight W. Morrow, Jr., as well as with various family members, school staff, and health care providers. Correspondence between Elizabeth Cutter Morrow and Dwight W. Morrow with Dwight W. Morrow, Jr., illustrates Dwight, Jr.'s, changing mental state and its impact on the family. Correspondence with school staff and health care providers, including doctors Austen Fox Riggs, Austen Riggs Foundation; William B. Terhune, Silver Hill Hospital; Clarence O. Cheney, The New York Hospital; and John N. Rosen, consists of status reports and discussions of treatment.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Estate of Anne Morrow Lindbergh, 2002.

Custodial History

The papers were maintained by Elizabeth Cutter Morrow and were removed from her home in Englewood, New Jersey at her death in 1955. The collection was inherited by Anne Morrow Lindbergh who served as executor of her mother's estate.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Related Materials

Related materials: Anne Morrow Lindbergh Papers (MS 829). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Associated materials: Elizabeth Cutter Morrow Papers, Sophia Smith Collection, Smith College, and Morrow Family Papers, Smith College Archives, Smith College.

Biographical / Historical

Elizabeth Cutter Morrow was born May 29, 1873, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Charles Long Cutter and Annie E. Spencer Cutter. She attended Miss Mittleberger's School in Cleveland, Ohio, and received a BL degree from Smith College. She also studied at the Sorbonne in Paris, France, from 1896 to 1897 as well as in Florence, Italy. In 1903 Elizabeth Cutter married Dwight W. (Whitney) Morrow, who was born in Huntington, West Virginia, in 1873 and graduated from Amherst College in 1896. He served as the United States Ambassador to Mexico from 1927 to 1930 and served in the United States Senate from 1930 until his death on October 5, 1931. The Morrows had four children: Elizabeth Reeve, Anne Spencer (wife of Charles Augustus Lindbergh), Dwight W. (Whitney), Jr., and Constance Cutter.

Elizabeth Cutter Morrow was a teacher prior to her marriage and wrote prose, poetry, and multiple children's books including *The Painted Pig*, *Quatrains for My Daughter*, *The Rabbit's Nest*, *Shannon*, *A Pint of Judgment*, and *Casa Mañana*. She received six honorary degrees and served Smith College as acting president, trustee, and president of the alumnae association. She died January 23, 1955.

Dwight W. (Whitney) Morrow, Jr., was born November 28, 1908, the only son of Elizabeth Cutter and Dwight W. Morrow. He was educated at Groton School, Groton, Massachusetts, and spent the summer after graduation working in St. John's, Newfoundland, for the International Grenfell Association. He graduated from Amherst College in 1933, received an MA and PhD from Harvard, and attended Yale Law School from 1936 to 1938.

In 1928, he suffered his first episode of mental illness and was withdrawn from Groton School by his parents. Through treatment and his work in Newfoundland, he recovered sufficiently and began his freshman year at Amherst. He continued to struggle with mental illness, however, and received treatment, including multiple hospital stays, throughout his life. He was diagnosed as having paranoid-schizophrenia. Despite his mental illness, Morrow led a productive life as an educator. He taught at Lincoln University and Temple University. He was a cofounder of The Monterey Institute of International Studies, established in 1955. He also managed two ranches in Carmel Valley, California. In 1937, he married Margot Loines with whom he had three children. In 1970, he married Nancy Schallert Lofton of Carmel, California. He died April 9, 1976.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

The papers are arranged in two sections: Elizabeth Cutter Morrow and Dwight W. Morrow, Sr., correspondence and Dwight W. Morrow, Jr., correspondence and papers, and chronologically therein.

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Elizabeth Cutter Morrow and Dwight W. Morrow, Sr.

Correspondence with Dwight W. Morrow, Jr.

b. 1, f. 1-4	1924-1933	1924-1933
b. 1, f. 5-8	1941-1952	1941-1952

Correspondence with others

b. 2, f. 1-5	1924-1931	1924-1931
b. 2, f. 6	1941 English	1941
b. 3, f. 1-3	1945-1953	1945-1953
b. 3, f. 4-7	Dwight W. Morrow, Jr., correspondence and papers	1924-1952

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Mental health
Paranoid schizophrenia
People with mental disabilities -- Care

Families

Morrow family

Names

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Morrow, Dwight W. (Dwight Whitney),
1873-1931
Morrow, Elizabeth, 1873-1955

Contributors

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