

Descriptive Summary:

Creator:	Dr. Nathaniel Alexander Morgan (1823-1907), Eugenia Frances McCown Morgan (1833 or 4-1917)
Title:	Dr. Alex and Fanny Morgan Papers
Inclusive Dates:	1862-1865
Bulk Dates:	1863
Abstract:	The Morgan Letters primarily consist of 26 letters sent by Dr. Alexander Morgan, a Confederate soldier, to his wife during the American Civil War. Additionally, there is one letter from Fanny to her cousin and some unmatched envelopes. All of the letters include transcriptions.
Accession #:	3781
Extent:	0.2 linear feet (1 document box)
Language:	Collection materials are in English.
Repository:	The Texas Collection, Baylor University, Waco, Texas 76798

Biographical Note:

Nathaniel Alexander "Alex" Morgan was born in Mecklenberg County, North Carolina, on August 24, 1823, to Reverend N. R. and Mary Alexander Morgan. When Alex was ten years old, the family moved to Eutaw, Alabama. At 24, Alex graduated from the Jefferson Medical Institute in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1850, in Marshall, Texas, he married Eugenia Frances "Fanny" McCown, daughter of Colonel James McCown, a former member of Texas' first legislature.

In the 1860 census, Alex and Fanny were living in Mansfield, Louisiana, and they had four children at the time of Alex's enlistment: Jim, 11, Ross, 8, Mary Elizabeth "Pet", 3, and baby "Fanny." Alex is listed as a "physician/farmer."

Alex enlisted in Company F, 19th Louisiana Infantry of the Confederate Army on November 17, 1861. He was involved in the Battle of Shiloh in 1862. In August of that year, he was sent to serve in an army hospital in Greenville, Alabama. During his stay, he received a letter from his wife relating to the death of their youngest child. In December, Alex was promoted to Assistant Surgeon in a Georgia unit and stationed at Camp Beulah in Mobile, Alabama. In December of 1863, Alex was provided medical service to soldiers from the Battle of Chickamauga.

After the war, Alex returned to his family. By the time of the 1870 census, Alex and Fanny had four more children and were living in McLennan County, Texas. Alex died on March 14, 1907, and his wife died on December 10, 1917. They are buried in Patrick Cemetery outside Waco.

Scope and Content:

The Morgan letters are primarily from Alexander Morgan, a Confederate soldier, to his wife during the American Civil War. Additionally, one letter is written from Fanny in Mansfield, Louisiana to her cousin. The letters are written from a number of places, including Corinth, Mississippi; Greenville, Alabama; Mobile, Alabama; Tullahoma, Tennessee; Bridgeport, Alabama; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Marietta, Georgia; James Island, South Carolina; and Colleton, South Carolina. The bulk of the letters were written during Morgan's time in Mobile and Bridgeport. The earliest letter is from April

9, 1862, and the latest is from January 29, 1865, with two undated portions of letters. The bulk of the letters are from 1863. All of the letters in this collection include a transcription.

Organization and Arrangement:

The Morgan Letters, from 1862 to 1865, are arranged chronologically in one series: I. Correspondence.

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Index Terms:

Chickamauga, Battle of, Ga., 1863.
Confederate States of America. Army.
Mobile (Ala.) -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865.
Shiloh, Battle of, Tenn., 1862.
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Correspondence.

Related Materials: None.

Separated Materials: None.

Custodial History:

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Container List:

Series I, Correspondence, 1862-1865. 0.2 linear feet (1 document box)
Arranged chronologically. Letters from a Confederate soldier to his wife during the American Civil War.

- Box 1, Folder 1: Correspondence, 1862
- Box 1, Folder 2: Correspondence, January – March, 1863
- Box 1, Folder 3: Correspondence, April – May 1863
- Box 1, Folder 4: Correspondence, June – December 1863
- Box 1, Folder 5: Correspondence, 1864
- Box 1, Folder 6: Correspondence, 1865
- Box 1, Folder 7: Correspondence, undated
- Box 1, Folder 8: Unmatched envelopes and transcripts