

McLean County Museum of History
Morrell-Moreland Family Collection

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Collection Information

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Brief History

William Morrell (22 Feb 1836 - 2 March 1924). William was born and raised in New Jersey. In 1856 he and his brother John moved west to Illinois where he became a farmer in Mount Hope. On 28 January 1864, William enlisted in the Union army during the Civil War. He served as a private in the 152nd infantry unit until 11 September 1865. On 22 May 1866, he married **Caroline Stryker**. The couple had two children, Edward and George.

Edward H. Morrell (16 July 1867- 14 May 1954). Edward was the only member of the family to move out of state (Wisconsin). The collection includes a few documents regarding Edward's inheritance from his father and a couple letters he wrote to his brother George.

George W. Morrell (13 July 1872- Jan 1965). George lived his entire life in Mount Hope and farmed there. On 1894, he became a master mason of the McLean Masonic Lodge. George was actively involved in the formation of McLean's chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. He served two terms as Mount Hope's Justice of the Peace. A two-term mayor of McLean, he was also actively involved in planning McLean's 1955 centennial celebration. George married Harriet Virginia Moreland; the couple had one child, Beatrice.

Harriet Virginia Morrell, nee Moreland (1870-1956) Harriet "Hattie" Moreland wed George Morrell. She volunteered with the McLean Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star, Women's Service League and served on the township library board. She participated in planning the McLean Centennial celebration. Hattie taught for many years.

Beatrice Alice Riggs (Morrell) (27 May 1905- 12 Dec 1998). "Bea" grew up in Mount Hope. After graduating high school she attended Illinois State University in Normal to receive her teaching certificate. Then she taught in Mount Hope for a year and in Springfield for seven years. In 1932, Bea moved to Kankakee Illinois with her husband Richard Riggs, once a fellow ISU student. At the time, Kankakee was not hiring married women, so she substitute taught when possible. Labor shortages during World War II permitted her to return to full-time teaching. She completed her bachelors at Olivet Nazarene College in Bourbonnais and in 1955 her masters at the University of Illinois. She had taught forty years when she retired in 1970. Bea also volunteered with church and community organizations during her lifetime.

Richard Riggs (16 March 1870- 30 Dec 1966) Richard Riggs wed Beatrice Morrell. They met while they were both attending Illinois State Normal University. Although Richard did not finish college, he continued a long distance relationship with Beatrice for years until they married in 1932. Originally from Atwood, Illinois, Richard moved to work in St. Louis for a few years. After he married Beatrice the couple moved to Kankakee, Illinois where he died in 1966.

Mary Moreland & Nellie Bowles Hattie's two sisters were both teachers and are mentioned frequently in letters.

Scope Note

The collection includes correspondence (mostly personal), will and probate documents, financial records, newspaper articles, college notebooks, livestock records, etc. Materials from the planning of McLean's Centennial Celebration in 1955 include committee records, speeches, poems and histories.

Box 1

Folders 1-13: Morrell Family Correspondence (both to and from them) and Misc. Documents

Folder 1 William Morrell (1863-1923)

- 1.1.1 Letter to William about a discrepancy on a sale. Unsigned. (5/29/1863)
- 1.1.2 Letter to William from his brother informing him of the death of their father. (9/27/1872)
- 1.1.3 Letter from the U.S. Bureau of Pensions requesting more identification from William in order to qualify for a pension increase. (12/16/12)
- 1.1.4 Letter to the Commissioner of the Civil War Department asking if there is any other information William can provide to receive a pension increase. (1/9/13)
- 1.1.5 McLean Bank booklet with 12 checks, debit slips, etc. (5/14/23-8/25/23)
- 1.1.6 From the U.S. Bureau of Pensions approving his application for a pension increase. (7/7/23)
- 1.1.7 From the U.S. Bureau of Pensions detailing William's monthly payment. (7/17/23)
- 1.1.8 Will, probate notice, and certification of will. (1923-24)
- 1.1.9 Two probate court filings, 3-2-24 and March 1924 (incomplete).
- 1.1.10 Application for Inheritance Tax Consents, 3-2-24.
- 1.1.10 Report to Probate Court from George requesting finalization of William's estate. (1925). Unsigned.

Folder 2 Caroline (Stryker) Morrell (1898-1923)

- 1.2.1 "Birth and Death Record of the Stryker Family." From birth of P.L. Stryker in 1813 to birth of George W. Morrell in July 1872.
- 1.2.2 Letter to Caroline from her sister Mary concerning weather, family health matters, P.L. Striker estate settlement, possible summer travel, boarding, farm note payable, etc. 3-14-1897.
- 1.2.3 Telegraph from Caroline's sister, Lillie Everett, informing her of their mother's death. (4/3/1898)
- 1.2.4 Caroline's will, 12-2-22, with two probate confirmation documents, June-Aug 1923.
- 1.2.5 Four probate documents, 1923-24.

1.2.6 Legal notice published in newspaper concerning mortgage foreclosure, New Jersey, May 1873. Involves both William and Caroline.

Folder 3 Caroline Morrell's financial records (1913-1924)

1.3.1 Three McLean State Bank check books. (1/31/23-7/18/1924)

1.3.2 Eighteen credit slips (12/7/23-7/5/24)

1.3.4 McLean State Bank booklet. Contains eighteen items. (7/5/1923-10/17/1923)

1.3.5 Inventory of Caroline's estate assets (7-31-25 from bank) and 10-5-23 general.

1.3.6 Property tax receipt. (4/14/1924)

Folder 4 Edward Morrell (1923-1924)

1.4.1 A copy of Edward's father's Will. (8/14/1923)

1.4.2 A letter from Edward to the Judge and Clerk of the Probate court. He believes that there is a problem with his father's will.

1.4.3 A letter to George from Edward. Edward is letting George know that he is ready to file a report on their mother's Will. (9/2/1924)

1.4.4 A Letter to Edward explaining a confusion about his address. (9/23/1924)

Folder 5 George Morrell (1900-1962)

1.5.1 Letter to George from an M.M. Eddy. The letter seems to be attempting to reconcile a dispute between George and a Mr. B (8/20/1900)

1.5.2 Letter to Edward from George. He is responding to his letter, and hopes to see the upcoming Saturday evening. (8/22/1900)

1.5.3 Letter to George from his brother Edward. Ed is writing to update George on his family matters. (6/1/1905)

1.5.4 Postcard to George from Harriet with a picture of her sister's house and family. (8/14/1909)

1.5.5 George's certification for being a mason. (2/13/1914)

1.5.6 Three documents concerning George's Fire and Lighting Insurance. (8/9/1924)

1.5.7 Herd record book, 1929-1930. 72 pp. Includes total herd and individual cow records.

1.5.8 Herd record book, 1935-41. 61 pp used.

1.5.8 A life insurance policy for George (8/7/1937)

1.5.9 A contract between George Morrell and Harry Palmer. It details the purchase and installation of a mechanical milk cooler. (8/24/1942)

1.5.10 Additional insurance for George's Electric Cooler. (2/23/1943)

1.5.11 Official record of George being elected as Mount Hope's Justice of the Peace. (4/5/1949)

1.5.12 Official record of George being elected as Mount Hope's Justice of the Peace (4/7/1953)

1.5.13 A memoriam of Harriet Morrell written by Ruth Evelyn Quinn. (2/20/1956)

1.5.14 An invitation to the Heyworth Centennial Parade. (6/15/1956)

1.5.15 Thank you letter to George from George C. Lunde (9/15/1956)

1.5.16 Official record of George being elected as Mount Hope's Justice of the Peace. (4/2/1957)

1.5.17 Letter to George Morrell from Forrest L. Thompson. Detailing \$23 dollars he owed George. (7/5/1958)

1.5.18 Income tax return 1960

- 1.5.19 Letter to George from Edward. (3/8/1960)
- 1.5.20 George's report as Justice of the Peace (4/10/1960)
- 1.5.21 George's report as Justice of the Peace (4/13/1961)
- 1.5.22 Official commission of George as Mount Hope's town auditor. (4/20/1961)
- 1.5.23 Income tax return 1961
- 1.5.24 Income tax return 1962
- 1.5.25 Funks Seed Company advertisement.
- 1.5.26 Poster for Closing Out Sale for George's livestock and farm equipment, Dec 9, no year.

Folder 6 George Morrell (1947-1959)

- 1.6.1 Letter to George from Harriet. She is giving him an update about her trip to a cabin. (10/6/1947)
- 1.6.2 George Morrell's Auto License Receipt (10/20/1949)
- 1.6.3 Payment records from McLean Lumber Co. (9/1/1951)
- 1.6.4 A memoriam for Harriet written by Ruth Evelyn Quinn. (2/21/1956)
- 1.6.5 Letter from Bea and Richard from their stay in Florida. (2/24/1954)
- 1.6.6 Letter offering condolences for Harriet's death from Rudy Roush. (2/4/1956)
- 1.6.7 Letter offering condolences for Harriet's death from Ms. Alexander. (2/5/1956)
- 1.6.8 Letter offering condolences for Harriet's death from Ms. Pitts. (3/29/1956)
- 1.6.9 Newspaper clipping with a letter from the governor to congratulate George on his 85th birthday. (7/24/1957)
- 1.6.10 Letter to George from the Smiths. (12/13/1957)
- 1.6.11 Greeting to George from Bea and Richard in Hawaii (8/26/1959)
- 1.6.12 From the McLean Library. Informing George that a selection of books have been put on display in memoriam of Harriet.
- 1.6.13 Eleven receipts from Standard Oil Company.

Folder 7 Letters between George and Harriet before marriage (1898)

- 1.7.1 Letter to George from Harriet. She writes about how she is doing, and what is happening at Church. (5/22/1898)
- 1.7.2 Letter to Harriet from George. He writes about what he has been working on. He briefly talks about almost being killed by lightning. (5/28/1898)
- 1.7.3 Letter to George from Harriet. She discusses religion and her feelings for him. (6/5/1898)
- 1.7.4 Letter to George from Harriet. She talks about her sister, and church. (6/10/1898)
- 1.7.5 Letter to Harriet from George. George talks about visiting her in a few weeks, and family matters are discussed. (6/13/1898)
- 1.7.6 Letter to George from Harriet. She talks about her future trip to Chicago and the possibility of visiting George in the coming weeks. (6/15/1898)
- 1.7.7 Letter to Harriet from George. He updates her on the on goings of his life and asks her to find a certain book for him while she in in Chicago. (6/17/1898)
- 1.7.8 Letter to George from Harriet. She talks about her stay in Chicago, and apologizes to George for not being able to get the book he requested. (6/20/1898)

- 1.7.9 Letter to Harriet from George. He updates her on his week, mutual friends are discussed. (6/20/1898)
- 1.7.10 Letter to Harriet from George. He keeps in short, because he knows he will be seeing her soon. (6/22/1898)

Folder 8 Letters between George and Harriet before marriage (1899-1900)

- 1.8.1 Letter to George from Harriet. She talks about family that is visiting. (7/25/1899)
- 1.8.2 Letter to Harriet from George. He gives an update of the on goings of the town, and asks her to say hello to Mrs. E for him. (7/25/1899)
- 1.8.3 Letter to George from Harriet. She talks about visiting family in Pontiac. (7/7/1899)
- 1.8.4 Letter to George from Harriet. She wishes him well after hearing news that George caught a cold. (8/10/1900)
- 1.8.5 Letter to Harriet from George. He talks about his visit with his friend Jim, and plans his next visit with Harriet. (8/12/1900)
- 1.8.6 Letter to George from Harriet. She talks about her neighbor getting married, she informs him that it is alright for him and Jim to visit. (8/13/1900)
- 1.8.7 Letter to Harriet from George. George invites her to accompany him to a wedding. (8/15/1900)
- 1.8.8 Letter to George from Harriet. She writes about her sister and has more news about the wedding. (8/17/1900)
- 1.8.9 Letter to Harriet from George. Family is discussed, he informs her that he is unable to make the wedding. (8/21/1900)
- 1.8.10 Letter to Harriet from George. A quick letter to Harriet, enclosed with \$5. (8/23/1900)
- 1.8.11 Letter to George from Harriet. She talks about buying a wedding present for a wedding they will be attending. (8/23/1900)
- 1.8.12 Letter to Harriet from George. He tells her that he cannot meet with her and Ms. E but he sends her money to help buy the wedding present. (8/23/1900)
- 1.8.13 Letter to George from Harriet. She thanks him for the money, and writes about Ms. E and her sister.

Folder 9 Harriet Morrell (1895-1956)

- 1.9.1 A Letter certifying Harriet as a delegate to the First Congregation Church. (6/6/1895)
- 1.9.2 A letter of recommendation declaring Harriet's good character. (8/17/1895)
- 1.9.3 County Superintendent's Certificate for the Second Grade. (6/1/1898)
- 1.9.4 Letter to Harriet from her sister she talks about their father and making visit. (10/9/1907)
- 1.9.5 Letter to Harriet from her niece Ruby E. Heath. She thanks her for a gift and asks about Beatrice, who is three years old at this time. (1/30/1908)
- 1.9.6 Letter to Harriet from her sister. She is writing about their mother and her condition, which is becoming worse. (7/26/1910)
- 1.9.7 Letter to Harriet from Florence Youngman. She is giving her sympathies over the passing of Harriet's mother. (8/1/1910)

- 1.9.8 Letter to Harriet from her mother. The letter dated is dated (8/15/1910), however her mother died on (7/30/1910). Based on content from other letters it seems that her mother may have had dementia which could explain the discrepancy in dates.
- 1.9.9 Letter to Harriet from her sister. She is asking Harriet to inform Nellie that Ruby has passed away. (1/10/1939)
- 1.9.10 Slip confirming that Harriet as subscribed to the United States Government Securities. (9/29/1943)
- 1.9.11 Three statements detailing how much of Harriet's salary is being deposited into her retirement fund. (2/5/1944-4/1/1944)
- 1.9.12 Harriet's Limited State War Emergency Teaching Certificate. (4/6/1944)
- 1.9.13 Statement of income tax withheld on wages (1944)
- 1.9.14 Certificate of Harriet's election to Mt. Hope Library board. (4/6/1945)
- 1.9.15 Booklet of song verses owned by Harriet. (1945)
- 1.9.16 Letter to Harriet discussing money owed with bonds. (2/5/1947)
- 1.9.17 Two savings bonds (2/7/1947)
- 1.9.18 Letter to Harriet from Elizabeth. Elizabeth is letting her know when certain church services are being held. (2/11/1947)
- 1.9.19 Letter to Harriet discussing purchasing bonds. (2/13/1947)
- 1.9.20 Letter to Harriet about a \$500 dollar bond. (2/17/1947)
- 1.9.21 Letter from the superintendent of Harriet's school district. He apologizes for not being able to attend the picnic that was honoring the closing of Harriet's school. (7/27/1947)
- 1.9.22 Letter to Harriet from her friend Lia. She writes about Mrs. Baker, and Mr. Buck. (10/16/1949)
- 1.9.23. Letter to Harriet from her daughter Beatrice. Bea is telling her what she and Richard have been up to. She also talks about their friend Ms. Baily.
- 1.9.24 Letter to Harriet from Mrs. Coffman. She is writing to her for the first time in a long time. She tells her of new born family and other updates. (1/13/1956)
- 1.9.25 Letter to Harriet from her mother. She informs them about friends who just married as well as other family updates. Dated September 19th with no year.
- 1.9.26 Letter to Harriet from her sister Mary asking her if she can come to their mother's because she has fallen ill. Dated July 23rd with no year.
- 1.9.27 Letter to Harriet from her sister Mary. She tells her about a funeral and sends love to George and the family. Not dated.
- 1.9.28 List of names and donations for the Harriet Morrell memorial fund. Not dated.

Folder 10 Beatrice Morrell (1908-1931)

- 1.10.1 Twenty three short letters to Beatrice, aged 3-4 years, from Aunt Mary. Most of these letters are not dated with the year; the fully dated ones range from 1908-1910.
- 1.10.2 Collected cut outs of songs, and poems. (1915)
- 1.10.3 Collected cut outs of songs and poems (1916)
- 1.10.4 Collected cut outs of songs and poems (1917)
- 1.10.5 A happy birthday letter to Beatrice from Dorothy Gibbs. (3/27/1917)

- 1.10.6 Letter to Beatrice from her Aunt. She is responding to a letter Bea wrote to her. She talks about other family who are visiting from out of town. (9/19/1929)
- 1.10.7 Letter to Beatrice from her mother. She is responding to a letter Bea had written. She discusses church and family matters. (1/4/1931)
- 1.10.8 Collected cut outs of songs and poems. (1934)

Folder 11 Letters addressed to George & Harriet, and to Harriet & Beatrice. (1905-1956)

- 1.11.1 Letter to George and Harriet from Harriet's mother, Harriet Moreland. She is responding to a telephone message. She gives updates regarding family members, and friends. (5/29/1905)
- 1.11.2 Letter to George and Harriet from their friends Nellie, and Will. They are congratulating them on the birth of Beatrice. (6/2/1905)
- 1.11.3 Letter to George and Harriet from Harriet's mother, Harriet Moreland. She gives updates about family and friends. (6/5/1905)
- 1.11.4 Letter to George and Harriet from George's mother, Caroline Morrell. She is writing from Edward's home in Wisconsin. She talks about William buying a horse, and about Edward's wife Minnie visiting Chicago. (9/13/1905)
- 1.11.5 Letter to Harriet and Beatrice from George. George is writing from his parents' home. He is letting Harriet know that he will not be able to bring the family to visit because his father William has become very sick with cholera. (8/20/1909)
- 1.11.6 Letter to Harriet and George from Harriet's mother, Harriet Moreland. She writes about George's father and is thankful that he has recovered. She writes to Harriet about her sisters. (10/11/1909)
- 1.11.7 Letter to Harriet and George from Harriet's mother, Harriet Moreland. She writes about what is going on with both of her sisters. (5/3/1910)
- 1.11.8 Letter to Harriet and George from Harriet's mother, Harriet Moreland. She gives updates on family matters. (5/17/1910)
- 1.11.9 Letter to Harriet and George from Harriet's mother, Harriet Moreland. She talks about their upcoming visit. She informs Harriet that cases of the measles have been going around and names which kids have them, for the purpose of keeping Beatrice away from them. (6/8/1910)
- 1.11.10 Letter to Harriet and George from Harriet's mother, Harriet Moreland. She writes about the death of a family friend. She describes the circumstance of his death, and his funeral. (6/26/1910)
- 1.11.11 Letter to Harriet and George from Beatrice. Beatrice writes about a polish family she and Richard were staying with. She writes about a new apartment her and Richard moved into in Kankakee. She writes about going to Peoria with Richard to meet Richard's new bosses. (1932)
- 1.11.12 Letter to Harriet and George from Beatrice. She keeps them updated on their life in Kankakee. She informs them that Aunt Nelly had her ankle x-rayed. (1932)
- 1.11.13 Letter to Harriet and George from Beatrice. She writes about preparing for her Red Cross Christmas event. She writes about her wedding, which will be on December 3rd. (1932)

- 1.11.14 Letter to Harriet and George from Beatrice. She gives an update of how she has been doing in Kankakee. She writes about kids who have been breaking and entering in their area. (3/3/1947)
- 1.11.15 Letter to Harriet and George from Beatrice. She tells them that she received their package, and that they have a meeting with their Bishop later in the evening. (11/20/1948)
- 1.11.16 Letter to Harriet and George from Beatrice. She writes about Richard and work, as well as other updates on what they have been up to. (10/23/1949)
- 1.11.17 Letter to Harriet and George from Beatrice. She thanks them for coming up to visit. (6/19/1950)
- 1.11.18 An invitation card to Harriet and George. They have been invited to a graduation ceremony. (5/21/1951)
- 1.11.19 Letter to George and Harriet from Edward. A brief update about himself and his wife (1/2/1955)
- 1.11.20 Letter to George and Harriet from Beatrice. (1/9/1956)
- 1.11.21 Letter to Harriet and George from Edward's wife, Minnie. She thanks them for their Christmas present, and discusses their holiday. (1/10/1956)
- 1.11.22 An invitation to Harriet and George. It is from their minister, he is inviting them to attend church every Sunday until Easter. (1/20/1956)
- 1.11.23 Letter to Harriet and George from Beatrice. She is updating them about how her month has been going. (1/28/1956)
- 1.11.24 Letter to Harriet and George from Beatrice. She talks about their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Baily. (1/29/1956)
- 1.11.25 Letter to Harriet and George from Beatrice. She expresses sympathy over the death of a family member. (2/7/1956)
- 1.11.26 Letter to Harriet and George. A thank-you letter from their friends Bella and Archie. Not dated.
- 1.11.27 Letter to Harriet and George from Beatrice. No letter dated.

Folder 12 Letters addressed to Beatrice and George (1956-1964)

- 1.12.1 Letter to Beatrice and George from their friends the Miles, expressing sympathy over the death of Harriet. (2/5/1956)
- 1.12.2 Letter to Beatrice and George from George's niece, who is Beatrice's cousin. She gives her sympathy for Harriet, and informs them that her mother is starting to feel better. (2/5/61956)
- 1.12.3 An invitation to George and Beatrice from the Heyworth Centennial Committee. They are being invited to lunch. (7/17/1956)
- 1.12.4 A Christmas letter to George and Beatrice from the Miles family. In the letter they talk about major events that have occurred within the last year. (12/21/1964)
- 1.12.5 Letter to George and Bea from Richard's mother. In it she discusses their Christmas party and makes some apologies. (12-29-1964)

Folder 13 Nellie Bowels, and Harriet's grandmother, and some extended Moreland family.

- 1.13.1 Diary of Harriet Morrell's Grandmother. (1829)
- 1.13.2 Official commission from the State of Massachusetts. It state that Phillip Smith is a captain of the infantry regiment of the first brigade. Phillip has marital ties to the Moreland family.
- 1.13.3 Information on Nellie's teacher's pension
- 1.13.4 Information on Nellie's fire and lighting insurance
- 1.13.5 A liberty bond bought by Nellie
- 1.13.6 Spending records of Nellie

Folders 14-21 McLean's Centennial Celebration

Info gathered for McLean's Centennial Celebration includes brief histories of towns, businesses, and organizations. As mayor at the time of the Centennial, George was involved in celebration planning. Harriet contributed poems and other writings and served on planning committees.

Folder 14 Brief histories of McLean (1950's)

- 1.14.1 McLean County towns 1950 census records printed by The Pantagraph. 22 Oct 1951.
- 1.14.2 Brief history of Village of McLean and its organization by Claude Crain, Jan 1955. 2pp.
- 1.14.3 Brief history of the first hotels in McLean by Grant Kinsey, undated.
- 1.14.4 Brief history of the early settlers of McLean by Florence M. Funk, Jan 1955. 2 pp.
- 1.14.5 Brief history of Churches of McLean by U.N. Hieronymus, et al. Includes cemeteries, Ebenezer Church, and the Baptist and Christian Church. 4pp.
- 1.14.6 Brief history of fires in McLean by Geo. L. Wilcox, Jan 1955.
- 1.14.7 Interesting items about McLean, 1901-1902, and New Rural Routes May 1903. Submitted by Harriet Morrell.
- 1.14.8 How the town looked then and now. Details on changes in the town and community. George Morrell and his home are mentioned. 1950. 7pp.
- 1.14.9 Brief history of the railroads serving McLean. By W. Hilligers (sp?), 1955.
- 1.14.10 Brief history of McLean business firms by Geo. L. Wilcox, undated. 2pp.
- 1.14.11 Brief history of the McLean area milling industry by Ben. H. Stubblefield, undated. 3 pp.
- 1.14.12 Brief history of grain elevators by Ben H. Stubblefield, undated. 3 pp.
- 1.14.13 Brief history of McLean Banks by Ben. H. Stubblefield, undated.
- 1.14.14 Newspaper clipping that is celebrating the 53rd year of the Women's Relief Corps. March 1936.
- 1.14.15 Brief history of the Dalziel Insurance Company of McLean. Undated.
- 1.14.16 Brief history of McLean's Congregation of the Church of God by Faye Mitchell, Bertha Spaulding, & Clyda Burger, undated. 2pp.
- 1.14.17 Brief history of McLean's Masonic Lodge by Ben H. Stubblefield. Undated.
- 1.14.18 Brief history of the Good Templar's Lodge. Undated.
- 1.14.19 Brief histories of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows by Geo. L. Wilcox Jan 1955; Nona Rebecca Lodge No. 269, and Modern Woodmen of American Camp 233.

Folder 15 Brief histories of Mount Hope

- 1.15.1 Newspaper clipping from the *McLean Lens* printed on (7/3/1936) providing a brief history of the town. 2pp.
- 1.15.2 Brief histories of the Mount Hope Church, cemeteries, Congregational Church, and township library by Lola W. Horn, Jan 1955. 5pp.
- 1.15.3 Brief history of the Mount Hope Home Bureau by Mrs. E.P. Crain, 28 May 1955. 6pp.

Folder 16 McLean Centennial Association

- 1.16.1 Kick off Dinner program for the Association. 11 Nov 1954.
- 1.16.2 Two envelopes with official McLean Centennial logo
- 1.16.3 Letter to Association members about the book the committee is working on. 20 Mar 1955
- 1.16.4 Short speech by Geo. Morrell on the centennial time capsule on Association stationery. 9 Sep 1955.
- 1.16.5 An empty progress report for a committee. 2pp.
- 1.16.6 Letter to all committee coordinators and chairmen. Provides guidelines to how their Committee should function.
- 1.16.7 George Morrell's mayoral proclamation declaring September 7-10th 1955 as the official centennial celebration
- 1.16.8 Procedural Manual of All Committees. 6 pp.

Folder 17 Committees' papers

- 1.17.1 Newspaper clipping that details all the committees involved in the centennial celebration.
- 1.17.2 Notes on the meeting at the library. November 16th 1954
- 1.17.3 Letter to all members of the planning board. A reminder that the next meeting is at the Grade School on Wednesday March 16th 1955
- 1.17.4 Letter to all committee coordinators. It updates the coordinates on their responsibilities to their committees
- 1.17.5 Letter stating that the theme contest will be extended to Monday November 9th 1954
- 1.17.6 Letter to members of the Exhibits and Displays Committee. It provides a list of Committee members.
- 1.17.7 Letter to the members of the Historical Committee. It provides a list of members. Harriet Morrell is the coordinator of this committee
- 1.17.8 Letter to all members of the planning board. Details the plan for the meeting that will be held on Wednesday January 5th 1955
- 1.17.9 Letter to all members of the Hospitality Committee. Provides a list of names of all members.
- 1.17.10 Letter to all members of the planning board. Details the plans for the meeting that will be held on January 12th 1955
- 1.17.11 McLean Centennial Program. Provides an Outline of the events going on throughout the celebration
- 1.17.12 Notes on the Centennial Program

Folder 18 Speeches

- 1.18.1 Harriett Morrell gives a short speech introducing the winner of the centennial theme contest, who was Mr. Harry Heising. (11/11/1954)
- 1.18.2 Harry Hesing's response to Harriet's introduction
- 1.18.3 Opening speech for the centennial celebration. Given by mayor George Morrell
- 1.18.4 A short speech by George Morrell given on third day of the centennial celebration

Folder 19 McLean's Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star

- 1.19.1 List of Charter members from 1898-1905
- 1.19.2 A list of directors up until 1918. Includes a list of teachers who served in the Order
- 1.19.3 A list of worthy matrons and patrons of the Order
- 1.19.4 A short poem written by Harriet Morrell for the Order
- 1.19.5 List of officers of the Order
- 1.19.6 A booklet celebrating the Order's golden anniversary

Folder 20 Poems collected for the Centennial

- 1.20.1 Poem by Lola Wilcox Harm (9/9/1955)
- 1.20.2 Poem by Lola Wilcox Harm (9/9/1955)
- 1.20.3 "A Century of Golden Years" Poem by Harriet Morrell (1/13/1955)
- 1.20.4 "McLean of 1912" by Mary M. Harland
- 1.20.5 "Old Pictures" by Harriet Morrell
- 1.20.6 "Olden Times" by Claude Stubblefield Crain

Folder 21 Club Histories

- 1.21.1 Brief history of the club with a list of former members and current members.
- 1.21.2 Brief history of the Junior Pleasant Hour Club
- 1.21.3 Brief history of The Idlers Club
- 1.21.4 Brief history of The Friendship Club
- 1.21.5 Booklet that details club membership and positions.

Folders 22-34: Greeting Cards and Postcards

Cards containing handwritten messages are listed individually; others are often listed as a group.

Folder 22 Postcards (1908-1966)

- 1.22.1 To William Morrell from Harriet and Beatrice (11/4/1908)
- 1.22.2 To Caroline Morrell from her grandson Howard (12/5/1910)
- 1.22.3 To Caroline and William from Harriet. They are staying in Boston, and went to the Beach this day. (7/31/1911)
- 1.22.4 To Caroline from her friend Susan L. Gileles (10/21/1912)
- 1.22.5 To Caroline from her friend Mary F. Wheelock (10/21/1914)
- 1.22.6 To Mr. and Mrs. John A. Nelson from Harriet and George sent from South Dakota (1916)
- 1.22.7 To Caroline from Harriet (1/30/1917)
- 1.22.8 To William Morrell from his friend Elizabeth congratulating him on a milestone (2/22/1917)

- 1.22.9 To William and Caroline from their friend Susan (5/22/1918)
- 1.22.10 To Harriet Morrell from her friend Mrs. Pittens (8/11/1924)
- 1.22.11 To Harriet from Beatrice (4/21/1925)
- 1.22.12 To Beatrice from her friend Lauren (8/1/1929)
- 1.22.13 To Beatrice from her friend Leona (8/10/1929)
- 1.22.14 To Beatrice from George (8/14/1929)
- 1.22.15 To Harriet from her friend Louise Yancey (10/8/1937)
- 1.22.16 To Harriet Morrell from her friend Mrs. Ella Benjamin (7/27/1950)
- 1.22.17 To Harriet Morrell from her friend Dona M. (8/16/1951)
- 1.22.18 To Georg Morrell from his friend Vance (5/8/1952)
- 1.22.19 To George and Harriet from their friends Gale and Ray (9/16/1951)
- 1.22.20 To George and Harriet from their friend Evelyn (7/17/1952)
- 1.22.21 To Louise Yancey from Harriet (7/27/1952)
- 1.22.22 To Louise Yancey from Harriet (7/31/1952)
- 1.22.23 To Harriet and George from Beatrice (10/24/1952)
- 1.22.24 To Harriet from her friend Sadie (1/11/1956)
- 1.22.25 To Harriet and George from their friends Lola and Ray (1/16/1956)
- 1.22.26 To George from his friend Mr. Grewer (1/19/1956)
- 1.22.27 To Harriet Morrell from a friend in California (1/21/1956)
- 1.22.28 To George from Beatrice and Richard (8/9/1960)
- 1.22.29 To George Morrell from Beatrice (1963)
- 1.22.30 To George from Beatrice and Richard (1963)
- 1.22.31 To George from his friends Eva and Carl (1/22/1966)

Folder 23 Post Cards Continued (1905-1954)

- 1.23.1 To Harriet Morrell from her friend Alice Warner. She informs her of her trip to her brother's place. (5/25/1905)
- 1.23.2 To William and Caroline from Harriet. (7/24/1911)
- 1.23.3 To William from Edward, he wishes him a happy birthday. (2/22/1912)
- 1.23.4 To Caroline from her friend Marsha she wishes her a happy Easter (4/5/1912)
- 1.23.5 To Caroline from Edward he sends a card for mother's day (5/11/1913)
- 1.23.6 To Beatrice from her friend Alice (7/7/1929)
- 1.23.7 To George from Harriet (7/28/1930)
- 1.23.8 To Harriet from a friend (9/17/1938)
- 1.23.9 To Harriet and George from Beatrice (12/14/1946)
- 1.23.11 To Harriet from her friend Dora (8/30/1949)
- 1.23.12 To Harriet and George from their friends the Gales (9/27/1951)
- 1.23.13 To George from Richard Riggs (6/17/1952)
- 1.23.14 To Louise Yancey from Harriet and Beatrice (8/1/1952)
- 1.23.15 To Louise Yancey from Harriet and Beatrice they mention their stop at the Grand Canyon (8/3/1952)
- 1.23.15 To Louise Yancey from Harriet she talks about her stay in New Mexico (8/11/1952)

- 1.23.16 To Harriet from her friend Susan (1/29/1953)
- 1.23.17 To George and Harriet from their friend Ruth Smith (10/12/1953)
- 1.23.18 To Harriet and George from their friend George Nell (2/16/1954)

Folder 24 Christmas Cards (1932)

- 1.24.1 Eighteen Christmas cards to Beatrice and Richard
- 1.24.2 One Christmas Card to Harriet and George from Beatrice
- 1.24.3 A booklet of Christmas songs and tales including stories such as A Christmas Carol.

Folder 25 Get Well Cards for Harriet Morrell (1956)

- 1.25.1 Eighteen get well cards to Harriet Morrell from friends and family

Folder 26 Get well cards for Harriet Morrell (1956)

- 1.26.1 Thirty-two get well cards for Harriet Morrell from friends and family

Folder 27 Get well cards for Harriet Morrell (1956)

- 1.27.1 Sixteen get well cards for Harriet Morrell from friends and family

Folder 28 Get well cards for Harriet Morrell, and other related letters (1956)

- 1.28.1 Thirty-six get well cards to Harriet from friends and family
- 1.28.2 Letter to Harriet from the Ellises she expresses concern for her health and talks about other personal matters
- 1.28.3 Letter to George from Harriet. Written from the hospital she tells George about how she is doing and what she did today.

Folder 29 Get well cards for Harriet and other related letters (1956)

- 1.29.1 Fifteen get well cards for Harriet Morrell from friends and family
- 1.29.2 Letter to Harriet from her niece Besse. She expresses concern for her health and also talks about other family members.
- 1.29.3 Letter to Harriet from her niece in Rockford IL. She expresses concern for her illness, and talks about her parents.
- 1.29.4 Letter to Harriet from Meda she wishes for her good health and talks about what has been going on with herself lately.
- 1.29.5 Letter to Harriet from her friend Carlin. She wishes her well and updates her on what has been going on in her life lately.

Folder 30 Sympathy cards and letters for Harriet's death

- 1.30.1 Eighteen cards giving their sympathies to George and Beatrice over Harriet's death
- 1.30.2 Letter to Beatrice and Richard from their friends Reid and Bill Hughes. They give their sympathies for Harriet's death and offer any help if it is needed.
- 1.30.3 Letter to George and Beatrice from Lola from the Library. She is informing them that a number of people have added books to the library dedicated to Harriet

1.30.4 To George and Beatrice from Nellie. She baked them a loaf of bread and mentions that she plans on dedicating a book to Harriet at the Library.

Folder 31 Lists of attendants at Harriet's wake, and sympathy cards.

1.31.1 Eight cards with the names of who attended Harriet's wake.

1.31.2 Eight sympathy cards from friends and family

1.31.3 Nine sympathy cards from friends and family

Folder 32 Sympathy Cards for Harriet's death

1.32.1 Eighteen cards from friends and families expressing their sympathy over Harriet's death

1.32.2 Letter to George from his friend Del Swearinger. Del expresses gratitude for George's role in his life and also his sympathy for Harriet.

1.32.3 Letter to George from his niece Besse. She is writing to him to wish him a Happy Easter. She wishes George and Beatrice well knowing that it is their first holiday without Harriet

1.32.4 Letter to George from his friends Maude, and Merritt Gifford, They write about Harriet's death, and talk about an old story of all of them making a trip to Stanford together.

1.32.5 Letter to George from the Women's Service League. They mention that they have received a contribution in honor of Harriet.

1.32.6 Letter to George from his friends Clad, and Hulda Kinsey. He talks about Harriet's death and religion

1.32.7 Letter to George and Beatrice from their friend Elanor. She gives sympathy for Harriet's death. She also wishes Richard well who is also ill at this time

1.32.8 Letter to George from his friend Maebelle. She is glad she was able to attend the funeral and reminds George to hold to his faith in times like these

1.32.9 Letter to George from William Ray. William writes on behalf of McLean Methodist Church. He talks about how Harriet was an inspiration to the Church

1.32.10 To George from his friend Florence. She gives sympathies, and reminisces on past memories.

1.32.11 To George and Beatrice from their friend Ruby. She gives sympathy for Harriet and talks about the impact she has had on her life.

1.32.12 To George and Beatrice from their friend Mildred. She gives sympathy for Harriet and talks about past memories.

1.32.13 To George from his friend Maureen. She gives sympathy for Harriet and talks about her impact on her life

Folder 33 Sympathy Cards for Harriet's death

1.33.1 Eighteen sympathy cards for Harriet's death

Folder 34 Sympathy Cards for Harriet's death

1.34.1 Fourteen cards expressing sympathy over Harriet's death.

Box 2

Folders 1-4: Christmas and wedding anniversary cards

Folder 1 Christmas (1964)

2.1.1 Eighteen Christmas cards to George Morrell from friends and family

Folder 2 Christmas (1964)

2.2.1 Twelve Christmas cards to George Morrell from friends and family

Folder 3 Christmas (1964)

2.3.1 Twelve Christmas cards to George Morrell from friends and family

Folder 4 Wedding Anniversary Cards and Letters

2.4.1 Five anniversary cards

2.4.2 Letter to Richard and Beatrice from Richards sister Selma. She wishes them a happy anniversary. She asks for them to write back about George and Harriet and updates them on their father's health which is not doing too well

Folders 5-7 Letters from Richard to Beatrice before their 1932 marriage.

Folder 5 Letters from Richard to Beatrice before their marriage (1924)

2.5.1 His letter reveals that at this time Bea has appendicitis. He talks of buying a new car, of a wedding he attended, and a movie he recently saw. (4/18/1924)

2.5.2 He mentions that he bought a two-door sedan, and that since his parents are out of town he is in charge of their store. (6/10/1924)

2.5.3 A brief letter he wishes her well in her classes, and inquires about other friends. (6/13/1924)

2.5.4 He talks about his family visiting others in Decatur. He mentions that a bridge has been completed that makes traveling from Atwood to Kappa much easier. (6/16/1924)

2.5.6 He talks about being on the road for a couple days. And planning a visit soon. (6/20/1924)

2.5.7 He writes about working at the store, catching a ball game in Decatur, and possibly visiting next week. (6/24/1924)

2.5.8 He writes about other friends, and how he misses her. (6/25/1924)

2.5.9 He informs her that he will not be able to visit for a couple weeks. (6/27/1924)

2.5.10 He talks about how worried he was when he heard she was sick, but is relieved now to know that she is better. (7/1/1924)

2.5.11 A telegraph from Richard to Beatrice telling her he will see her soon. (7/1/1924)

2.5.12 He talks about being excited to go back to school (7/2/1924)

2.5.13 He talks about planning a visit after Bea recovers from her appendicitis (7/3/1924)

2.5.14 He makes plans to visit the following Friday or Saturday (7/7/1924)

2.5.15 He is writing to her after returning home from his visit. He lets her know that he got home safely. (7/14/1924)

2.5.16 He writes to her about working on his garage, he recently finished painting. (7/15/1924)

2.5.17 He gives her updates about the store and his parents, and mentions that he'll be painting a second coat on the garage. (7/18/1924)

- 2.5.18 He is glad that Bea is back in normal, and is excited to start school in normal soon. He writes about going to Decatur for the dentist, and a ball game. (8/19/1924)
- 2.5.19 He writes about finding a place to stay while going to school in normal (8/21/1924)
- 2.5.20 He mentions that he found a place to stay with two other friends. He talks about different friends visiting from out of town (9/10/1924)
- 2.5.21 He writes to her hoping that she got home ok, and mentions that he ran out of gas 10 miles from town on his way home. (12/23/1924)
- 2.5.22 He writes about his week. Richard and other alumni lost a game to the current high-school team, and went to the movies in Decatur (12/27/1924)
- 2.5.23 He writes about friends and family, and going back to school. (12/30/1924)

Folder 6 Letters to Beatrice from Richard before their marriage (1925-1929)

- 2.6.1 He mentions that he will not be able to attend a party they were invited to, and sends a copy of the Vidette to her as well. (4/29/1925)
- 2.6.2 He talks about driving to Indianapolis to pick up a Ford to bring back for the dealer he works for (6/23/1925)
- 2.6.3 He informs her that he cannot make it to her friends picnic on the fourth of July because he will be playing in a ball game. (6/26/1925)
- 2.6.4 He tells her that he does not think he will be going back to school this year and is considering getting a job in Detroit (9/1/1925)
- 2.6.5 He mentions that his co-workers at the dealership are talking about driving out to Florida to work for a while and that if they do he may join them. (9/8/1925)
- 2.6.6 He talks about preparing for a big fair that is going to be happening in town. (9/16/1925)
- 2.6.7 He invites her to come and visit for the fair, and he informs her that he will be going to Florida with a contractor from Peoria. (9/18/1925)
- 2.6.8 He tells her that he will not be able to visit her in the coming week because he needs to be present at a ball game. He then invites her to visit him if she is able. (9/21/1925)
- 2.6.9 He tells her about an all night job he will be working this week that pays well and that he will be visiting within the week. (9/23/1925)
- 2.6.10 He apologizes for not writing often the past couple weeks. (11/21/1925)
- 2.6.11 He talks about his niece and his Christmas Day. (12/25/1925)
- 2.6.12 He asks about the weather, as it is snowing around him. (1/9/1926)
- 2.6.13 He talks about attending a big show tonight and mentions that he will be going to St. Louis on Thursday (4/2/1926)
- 2.6.14 He has come down with a cold, gives more details about his coming trip to St. Louis, talks about election-day, and asks if he can visit before his trip. (4/6/1926)
- 2.6.15 His first letter from St. Louis. He talks about work and gives her the address he will be staying at in St. Louis (4/9/1926)
- 2.6.16 He talks about work how when he saves up enough money he will come and visit (4/13/1926)
- 2.6.17 He talks about how he did not have much work today, and he boasts that his girl is better than his co-worker's girls. (4/15/1926)

- 2.6.18 He plans on coming home the coming Saturday and asks if she will be free for a visit. (5/25/1926)
- 2.6.19 He is writing from home in Atwood. He wanted to let her know that he arrived home safely with no trouble (6/2/1926)
- 2.6.20. He tells her that he has received her package and is very thankful. As for work his boss is on vacation but they are still working as hard as ever. He went to the dog races to see what it is like. (6/8/1926)
- 2.6.21 He writes about the Mason's Convention downtown and the celebration afterwards. He also caught a ball-game and had the chance to see Baby Ruth in action. (6/15/1926)
- 2.6.22 He is writing from St. Louis again. Works been keeping him very busy, and he excited to be able to go to a Cardinals game soon. (8/20/1926)
- 2.6.23 He is writing from Atwood. He had to make an emergency trip home to stay with his Dad because he is sick. His boss assured him his job will be waiting for him when he comes back. (9/9/1926)
- 2.6.24 Writing from St. Louis, he informs her that he has been laid off from his job and has begun searching for new work. (4/21/1927)
- 2.6.25 He apologizes for not writing as often as he would like. He has been busy trying to find new work. (4/30/1927)
- 2.6.26 He recently tore a ligament in his finger and is having difficulty writing due to a splint on his finger. (9/9/1927)
- 2.6.27 He apologizes for not writing as frequently as usual. His sister came down to visit him over the weekend, they watched a parade for a festival going on. (10/20/1927)
- 2.6.28 He mentions that he took off of work Friday due to an illness but expects to be back at work Monday. (3/11/1928)
- 2.6.29 He lets her know that he received her letter and will be arriving to see her at 10:00am the following morning. (4/12/1928)
- 2.6.30 He talks about work, and tells that it is going well. He plans on visiting her soon on a Saturday, he always has Saturday off of work. (6/16/1928)
- 2.6.31 He mentions that one of his co-workers is doing a radio broadcast, and that his plans for the night are to tune in and listen. (8/21/1928)
- 2.6.32 He writes to make sure that she got home safely. (9/4/1928)
- 2.6.33 Talks about his week, and gives condolences for their friend Hannah's mother who passed. (10/22/1928)
- 2.6.34 He mentions that is arm is recovering well from an accident he had earlier (11/5/1929)
- 2.6.35 He gives her an address of where he will be staying, and talks about his night of playing cards. (12/3/29)

Folder 7 Letters from Richard to Beatrice pre-marriage (1930-1932)

- 2.7.1 He sends her a Valentine's Day card. (2/13/1930)
- 2.7.2 He talks about seeing his sister, and the preparations he is making to move. (10/27/30)
- 2.7.3 He is writing from his new place in Galesburg, IL. He tells her that he is all settled in. (10/31/30)
- 2.7.4 He talks about work. His boss gave him a raise, and complimented his work at the station. He hopes to have a station of his own soon. (12/1/1930)

- 2.7.5 He talks about going to a basketball game, but since he could not find someone to go with he went to the show instead. (2/8/1931)
- 2.7.6 A brief letter he talks about looking forward to payday (2/12/1931)
- 2.7.7 He talks about work, and how it has been busy lately, and plans on going to a basketball game later. (2/13/1931)
- 2.7.8 He responds to a letter Bea sent about almost getting into a car accident. He is writing on Easter and talks about his plans for the day. (4/5/1931)
- 2.7.9 He tells her that he saw the picture she recommended, and that business has been slow. (5/26/1931)
- 2.7.10 He talks about his day, and about family that plans on visiting soon. (6/28/1931)
- 2.7.11 He talks about trying to get a couple days off of work. And mentions that he took a ride in his boss's mono plane (7/3/1931)
- 2.7.12 He asks her about her vacation and mentions that he had three days off of work as well. (7/9/1931)
- 2.7.13 He writes to her wishing her happy birthday and sends a card with the letter. (5/26/1932)
- 2.7.14 He talks about work and asks her about her problem at the dentist. (6/23/1932)
- 2.7.15 He talks about getting letters from other friends and how they are doing. (7/6/1932)

Folder 8-12 Letters written to Beatrice and Richard

Folder 8 Letters to Beatrice Riggs and other documents (1930-1993)

- 2.8.1 Beatrice's teaching certificate. (2/21/1930)
- 2.8.2 A letter regarding salary deductions issued by the teachers retirement system of Illinois (8/24/1959)
- 2.8.3 A list of various salaries and how they compare to level of education (1/18/1960)
- 2.8.4 A letter from her friend Elma, she inquires about Bea's trip to Alaska. (10/8/1960)
- 2.8.5 A reissued teaching certificate (5/23/1966)
- 2.8.6 From the teachers retirement system of Illinois. Contains information about Bea's age retirement allowance application. (6/22/1970)
- 2.8.7 From the Kankakee School district. A formal letter approving of Beatrice's retirement application. (6/25/1970)
- 2.8.8 From the teachers retirement system of Illinois. It details the specifics of Bea's retirement allowance. (6/30/1970)
- 2.8.9 Letter from Bea's from congratulating her on her retirement. The letter is initialed A.E. (7/22/1970)
- 2.8.10 Official certificate of Bea's lifetime membership to the retired teachers association. (9/1/1970)
- 2.8.11 Letter appointed Bea as a lay reader serving under Reverend Robert A. L'Homme in St. Pauls Church in Kankakee Illinois. (1/1/1974)
- 2.8.12 A copy of a Christmas song from her friends Wayne and Florence (12/20/1988)
- 2.8.13 Letter from Shaun. He asks how she has been, and talks about his trip to Main
- 2.8.14 From her friends Bruce, Ben, and Betty. They thank her for sending gifts to their children. (6/8/1991)

- 2.8.15 Letter from her friend Muriel Lopez. She thanks her for a donation that Bea gave in memory of deceased family member. (6/17/1991)
- 2.8.16 Multiple thank you letters, thanking Beatrice for her donation to the church in memory of Bob Boushe (7/9/1991)
- 2.8.17 A letter from a friend talking about funerals (6/20/1991)
- 2.8.18 From riverside medical care, detailing information about life insurance (8/1/1991)
- 2.8.19 Teachers retirement guide from the retirement system of Illinois (4/30/1992)
- 2.8.20 A letter from her cousin Margie. She is letting her know that Dot is having an operation on her stomach. (3/6/1993)
- 2.8.21 A letter from Laura. She is letting Bea know that a good friend of hers passed away. (6/29/1993)

Folder 9 Letters Addressed to both Beatrice and Richard Riggs (1932)

- 2.9.1 An invitation to Pastor Charles H. Thrall's home with detailed directions. (11/14/1932)
- 2.9.2 Letter to Beatrice from her Aunt Nell addressing the upcoming wedding. (11/28/1932)
- 2.9.3 Letter to Beatrice from her friend Lawrence addressing the upcoming wedding, and also talks about different club meetings. (12/2/1932)
- 2.9.4 Letter to Beatrice from her parents. Her mother discusses George's trip to Springfield, and talks about her baked goods for the Church. (12/5/1932)
- 2.9.5 Letter from Richards sister thanking them for sending a birthday gift to Jean, Richard and Beatrice's niece. (12/7/1932)
- 2.9.6 Letter to Beatrice from her friend Selena. She writes about a variety of topics, love interests, school, and she sends Beatrice a newspaper clipping. (12/7/1932)
- 2.9.7 Letter to Beatrice and Richard from an unaddressed friend. She talks about bridge club, and her personal health. (12/10/1932)
- 2.9.8 Letter to Beatrice and Richard from Nepla. She apologizes for being unable to send a wedding gift, and inquires how they are settling into their marriage. (12/11/1932)
- 2.9.9 Letter to Beatrice and Richard from Bea's mother. She asks how her unpacking is going, talks about all the people who have called sending their best wishes to her and Richard on their marriage. (12/12/1932)
- 2.9.10 Letter to Beatrice and Richard from Bea's mother. She tells her that her father brought Bea's letter to Aunt Nell. And talks about Church related topics. (12/15/1932)
- 2.9.11 Letter to Beatrice from her friend Gweneth. She talks about school, a town carnival, and electing a new president for their Junior Red Cross group. (12/13/1932)
- 2.9.12 Letter to Beatrice from a student letting her know that the classroom misses her and looks forward to her return. (12/15/1932)
- 2.9.13 Letter to Beatrice from her friend Edna Kelly congratulating her on her marriage. (12/15/1932)
- 2.9.14 Letter to Beatrice from her friend Mrs. Matthew. She tells her that she has a wedding, and Christmas present for her next time she visits, and talks about her week. (12/17/1932)
- 2.9.15 Letter to Beatrice and Richard from Bea's mother. She sends her a pancake, and waffle recipe. She mentions that their Church club has made her Aunt Nell a regular member. (12/17/1932)

- 2.9.16 Letter to Beatrice and Richard from Richard's sister. She lets them know that they received their package to Jean and informs them that a Mrs. Parsons passed away. (12/18/1932)
- 2.9.17 Letter to Beatrice from the Yates. They write about their time at the bridge club meeting at her mother's home, and invite them to have dinner in Bloomington for Christmas. (12/18/1932)
- 2.9.18 Letter to Beatrice from a former student initialed C.D. He mentions that a mule was shot in front of the school today, and that they have all been very busy with school work. (12/19/1932)
- 2.9.19 Letter to Richard from his sister Mildred. She is glad to hear of his marriage but wishes he would have told her directly instead of hearing it through friends. (12/19/1932)
- 2.9.20 Letter to Beatrice from a former student, Jane Moore. She writes about the activity of the Junior Red Cross. (12/19/1932)
- 2.9.21 Collection of Eighteen letters sent from former students. All of them wishing Bea well. Many mention what they are doing for Christmas in the class room, and address Junior Red Cross activity. (12/19/1932)
- 2.9.22 Letter from The John Bressmer Company confirming Bea's new charge account registered under her new name. (12/20/1932)
- 2.9.23 Letter to Beatrice and Richard from Bea's parents. They mention news from other family members and assure them that everyone is doing well. Her father asks if she wants to have a bookcase that they do not have room for. (12/20/1932)
- 2.9.24 Letter to Beatrice and Richard from their friend Dorothy. She talks about seeing Richard's parents, and expresses sympathy for Mildred's situation. (12/22/1932)
- 2.9.25 Letter to Beatrice and Richard from their friend Mrs. Thrall. She suggests to them to get involved in their local Church, as it could help their settling down in Kankakee. (12/22/1932)
- 2.9.26 Letter to Beatrice from her friend Mrs. Matthews. She says that she missed them at Christmas, and talks about her holiday. (12/26/1932)
- 2.9.27 Letter to Beatrice and Richard from Bea's Aunt Nell. They write about how they spent their Christmas day. (12/26/1932)
- 2.9.28 Letter to Beatrice from her mother. She sends thanks for the Christmas gifts she sent. And talks about their holiday. (12/27/1932)
- 2.9.29 Letter to Beatrice from her friend Jo. She is responding to Bea's letter, and writes to report what she has been up to. As she has not seen Bea in a long time. (12/28/1932)
- 2.9.30 Letter to Beatrice and Richard from Bea's mother. She makes suggestions to help make their moving process easier. (12/29/1932)
- 2.9.31 Letter to Beatrice from her friend Leona. She talks about her students, and is happy to hear of her recent marriage. (12/30/1932)
- 2.9.32 Letter to Beatrice and Richard from Bea's mother. In a brief letter she writes about her day. (12/30/1932)
- 2.9.33 Letter to Beatrice from her friend Dorothy. She asks how Bea is enjoying her new home. (12/30/1932)

2.9.34 Letter to Beatrice and Richard from Chuck and Norma Jean. (2/5/1956)

Folder 10 Letters to Beatrice and Richard Riggs 1933

- 2.10.1 Letter to Beatrice from Richard's sister, Mildred. She thanks Bea for the Christmas gift and asks if they made sure to take everything the needed from their home in Atwood. (1/3/1933)
- 2.10.2 Letter to Beatrice and Richard from Richard's sister, Lena. She thanks them for letting Jean stay overnight, and informs them that a family friend has passed away. (1/3/1933)
- 2.10.3 A brief letter from Beatrice's father, informs her that he has returned home. (1/4/1933)
- 2.10.4 Letter to Beatrice from her friend Nan. She writes her thoughts about Bea's wedding and wishes her the best. (1/7/1933)
- 2.10.5 Letter to Beatrice from her parents. They write about other family members. (1/7/1933)
- 2.10.6 A brief letter to Beatrice from her mother. (1/9/1933)
- 2.10.7 Letter to Beatrice and Richard from Bea's parents. She talks about a Sunday school class she held. (1/12/1933)
- 2.10.8 Letter to Beatrice from her friend Gweneth. She talks about their old students in Springfield. (1/17/1933)
- 2.10.9 Letter to Beatrice from a former student asking about ideas for the Junior Red Cross scrap book. (2/14/1933)
- 2.10.10 Letter to Beatrice from a former student. The student writes about school activities such as a play. The student also writes how Beatrice inspired other students to be active in the Junior Red Cross. (3/6/1933)
- 2.10.11 Letter to Beatrice from her friend Mrs. Hewitt. She mostly writes about Beatrice's wedding. (3/11/1933)
- 2.10.12 Letter to Beatrice from the Sangamon County Chapter of the Red Cross. The letter updates Bea on the activity of the Junior Red Cross at Lincoln School. (4/4/1933)
- 2.10.13 Letter to Beatrice from her friend Addie. She talks about friends and family. (4/4/1933)
- 2.10.14 Letter to Beatrice from her friend Frances. She writes about her family, and updates Bea on how they have been. She mentions that her nephew received stitches under his eye after an accident. (4/16/1933)
- 2.10.15 Letter to Beatrice from one of her students from Lincoln school. The student talks about the Junior Red Cross, the school's baseball team, and other former students of Beatrice. (4/28/1933)

Folder 11 Letters to Beatrice and Richard 1934

- 2.11.1 Letter to Beatrice from a former student. She writes to tell her all about the upcoming graduation. (1/21/1934)
- 2.11.2 Letter to Beatrice from a former student. She writes to Beatrice to tell her about her grades, and her progress in school. (4/21/1934)

Folder 12 Letters to Beatrice and Richard 1949-1962

- 2.12.1 Letter to Beatrice from Christie Clinic regarding a medical check-up she had. (7/5/1949)

- 2.12.3 Letter to Beatrice from Christie Clinic encouraging Beatrice to see a doctor regarding tumors she had removed the previous year. (10/15/1953)
- 2.12.4 Letter to Beatrice from Christie Clinic regarding x-rays she had taken of her chest. (1/6/1954)
- 2.12.5 A chain letter sent to Beatrice from a friend. (9/19/1955)
- 2.12.6 A comparison of teacher salaries with other professions. (2/13/1957)
- 2.12.7 Letter from Christie Clinic updating Beatrice on her test results. (1/10/1957)
- 2.12.8 Letter to Beatrice from a former student, who is apologizing for not being able to pay her back yet. (6/30/1958)
- 2.12.9 Letter to Beatrice from her friend Betty telling her all about her vacation in California. (11/2/1959)
- 2.12.10 Letter to Beatrice from her friend Evana she writes about a variety of topics. Including her mother's move into a nursing home. (11/19/1959)
- 2.12.11 An information bulletin for teachers, providing a summary of their last district meeting. (1/18/1960)
- 2.12.12 Letter from the Kankakee School District No. 111. Addressed to all returning teachers, the letter contains information about pay rates. (8/3/1962)

Folder 13 Beatrice's will

- 2.13.1 A drafted copy of Beatrice's last will and testament
- 2.13.2 Official copy of Beatrice's last will and testament.
- 2.13.3 Instructions for Beatrice's funeral procession.

Folder 14 School notes and schedules from Beatrice's time at Olivet Nazarene

- 2.14.1 Beatrice's school schedule from Olivet Nazarene
- 2.14.2 Beatrice's answer sheet for a test at Olivet Nazarene
- 2.14.3 Beatrice's answer sheet for a test at Olivet Nazarene
- 2.14.4 Beatrice's lecture notes from Olivet Nazarene
- 2.14.5 Beatrice's lecture notes from Olivet Nazarene

Folder 15 Insurance information

- 2.15.1 A letter from Lloyd's London regarding Beatrice's insurance
- 2.15.2 A bill for Beatrice from Mercy Hospital
- 2.15.3 A bill for Beatrice from Gene's Window Cleaning
- 2.15.4 A notice for Beatrice from Illinois mutual causality company
- 2.15.5 A payment copy to Illinois mutual causality company
- 2.15.6 A receipt from Illinois mutual causality company
- 2.15.7 A letter from Illinois mutual causality company

Folder 16 St. Paul Episcopal Church Records 1966

- 2.16.1 Twenty one pages of parish records. Beatrice and Richard Riggs are registered at the address of 680 S. Chicago. (1966)

Folder 17 Newspaper clippings from the *Daily Journal* and *Sunday Journal* in Kankakee, 1988-93. The clippings are either about Beatrice, her friends, or the community groups she was involved in.

2.17.1 A full article written about Beatrice in the *Sunday Journal*. Includes pictures, personal statements, and a description of her life. (1988)

2.17.2 From *The Daily Journal*. Contains an article about the Order of the Eastern Star. (1991)

2.17.3 From *The Daily Journal*. Contains an article about Legion Auxiliary 85, and the Order of the Eastern Star (1991)

2.17.4 From the *Daily Journal*, an obituary of Beatrice's friend Rita Hill Oechsel, who died on January 1st 1993. (1993)

2.17.5 From the *Daily Journal*, an article about the Order of the Eastern Star. (1993)

2.17.6 From the *Daily Journal*, an article about Beatrice. Based on a personal interview with her.

2.17.7 From the *Daily Journal*. Contains articles about the Kankakee Women's Club, the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Cullom Women's Club.

2.17.8 From *The Sunday Journal*. Contains articles about the Salvation Army Auxiliary, and The Order of the Eastern Star.

2.17.9 From the *Daily Journal*. Contains articles about the Salvation Army Auxiliary, and the Kankakee Women's Club.

2.17.10 From the *Daily Journal*. Contains articles about The Order of the Eastern Star.

Folder 18 Collection of songs and poems owned by Beatrice. Cut out from newspapers and glued onto loose sheets.

2.18.1 Collection of over 20 songs and poems

2.18.2 Collection of over 20 songs and poems

2.18.3 Collection of over 20 songs and poems

2.18.4 Collection of 11 songs and poems.

Folder 19 Beatrice's composition books.

2.19.1 A 240 page composition book. Contains notes, personal entries, and original poems.

Folder 20 Beatrice's composition books

2.20.2 A 240 page composition book, Contains notes, personal entries, and original poems.

Folder 21 Beatrice's composition books.

2.21.1 Composition book with an elephant on its cover. Contains notes, personal entries, and original poems.

Folder 22 Beatrice's composition book.

2.22.1 Composition book with an elephant on its cover. Contains notes, personal entries, and original poems.

Folder 23 Beatrice's Composition books.

2.23.1 A 240 page composition book. Contains notes, personal entries, and original poems.

Folder 24 Beatrice's Diplomas

- 2.24.1 Diploma certifying completion of the third grade (1913)
- 2.24.2 Diploma certifying completion of the fourth grade (1914)
- 2.24.3 Diploma certifying completion of the fifth grade (1915)
- 2.24.4 Diploma certifying completion of the seventh grade (1916)
- 2.24.5 Diploma certifying completion of the Pupils of the reading circle (1917)
- 2.24.6 Diploma certifying completion of the eighth grade (1917)

Folder 25 Beatrice's Diplomas

- 2.25.1 Diploma certifying completion of Public School courses (1918)
- 2.25.2 A 2nd Diploma that certifies completion of the eighth grade two years later. (1919)
- 2.25.3 A Diploma that certifies completion of high school (1922)
- 2.25.4 A Diploma certifying completion of junior college. (1924)

Folder 26 Beatrice's passports

- 2.26.1 Passport belonging to Beatrice
- 2.26.2 Passport belonging to Beatrice

Folder 27 OES Ritual Book

- 2.27.1 Order of the Eastern Star Ritual Book.

Folder 28 George's Transaction Book

- 2.27.1 Small memo book listing transactions, owned by George Morrell

Folder 29 Miscellaneous

- 2.28.1 A letter from Harriet to George, she is simply responding to a letter he wrote to her.
- 2.28.2 A newspaper article that is advertising an open house George and Harriet are having.

Box 3

Folder 1 Harriett's Small Books

- 3.1.1 A C.C. Aldrich & Son (of McLean) bank account passbook owned by Harriet Morrell. 1899-1901.
- 3.1.2 Harriett's small yearbook for the Pleasant Hour Club, 1938.
- 3.1.3 Appointment book, 1944.

Folder 2 Civil War Roll Call Book

- 3.2.1 Roll call book for Company D of 152nd Reg Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Includes daily details, etc.

Folder 3 Prayer Book

3.3.1 A prayer book owned by Mary Moreland. Also contains a cut out of a poem she wrote.

Folder 4 Freemasonry Ritual

3.4.1 A copy of Duncan's Ritual of Freemasonry

Folder 5 Beatrice's Small Booklets

3.5.1 A centennial anniversary booklet in honor of the Kankakee Masonic Lodge

3.5.2 A phonograph record owned by Beatrice titled "Every Lady's Buisness"

3.5.3 A McLean State Bank passbook containing transaction records of Beatrice

3.5.4 A booklet of Eastern Star Odes

3.5.5 A small spiral booklet with the notes of Beatrice

Folder 6 Misc. Booklets

3.6.1 A memoriam book containing the registrar for Harriet Morrell's wake

3.6.2 A small brown booklet containing George Morrell's transaction information

Loose Items (within Box 3)

A University School Series Composition book: This book is filled with receipts, and other financial documents kept by Beatrice, and Richard Riggs.

A University of Illinois Notebook owned by Beatrice: Not used for classroom notes. She used this notebook as a scrapbook. It is full of newspaper clippings, personal mementos, schedules, and some other personal entries.

A brown spiral notebook: filled with bible readings

A scrapbook with the cover of the Kankakee Community College Catalog: Contains newspaper clippings, articles, notes, and other items.

A pink mead 40 sheet notebook used as a scrapbook: contains newspaper clippings, postcards, pictures, and other items.

A wide leather wallet: Contains many receipts and other financial items of George and Harriet Morrell

A document case containing insurance information and papers for Beatrice and Richard Riggs.
Beatrice's Personal Calendar from 1965

A four column notebook with records of George Morrell's cattle.

The Personal Bible of Nellie Bowles. Contains some personal notes.

A photo album owned by Nellie Bowles

A prayer book owned by Beatrice

A Sunday School hymn book owned by Caroline Morrell

A collection of the notes of Nellie Bowles. Contained in a Wheeler and Slater Cover

An ink stamp with George Morrell's name imprinted on it.

An anniversary remembrance book given to George and Harriet from Beatrice and Richard.

An autograph book owned by Irving Moreland contains notes written from different family members.

Box 4 Loose Items

A green scrapbook containing newspaper articles, family photos, and some centennial celebration memos.

A scrap book in honor of George and Harriet's Golden Anniversary. Contains cards from friends, and related newspaper articles.

An extensive collection of notes from Beatrice's classes. Includes notes on Biology, Zoology, Religious studies, and more.