

# William M. Morton Family Papers (SC230)

## *Introduction*

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## *Descriptive Summary*

Title: William M. Morton Family Papers  
Dates: 1830-2017  
Size: 0.4 linear feet, 1 box  
Collection Number: SC230

## *Donor Information*

Gift, 2017, Ronald E. Holland.

## *Citation Note*

William M. Morton Family Papers (SC230), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

## *Administrative Information*

Additional form available: A copy of the donor's transcription of some of the letters is available on [KCHistory.org](http://KCHistory.org).

## *Historical Sketch*

This collection documents the lives of a group of family and friends through their correspondence with each other about family members, everyday life, and financial matters through the years before, during, and after the Civil War. The correspondents included in this collection wrote from many areas of the country, but primarily Missouri, Arkansas, California, Illinois, and Virginia.

## *Scope and Content Note*

This collection consists of correspondence, ephemera, and research materials related to the William Monroe Morton family that were collected, arranged, and donated by a descendant of the family, Ronald E. Holland. Original order was maintained where possible, and the letters were arranged in numerical order based on the donor's numbering system.

## **Series 1: Transcriptions and Research Materials, 1997-2017**

This series consists of the transcriptions of 55 letters contained in the collection, along with additional research materials. The transcriptions were completed by donor and William Monroe Morton descendant, Ronald E. Holland, and a copy has been digitized and made available on our [website](#).

**Series 2: Copies of Civil War Records, 1995**

This series consists of copies from the National Archives of Civil War records for Jasper Morton, Robert Morton, and Henry Morton.

**Series 3: Letters and Ephemera, 1830-1940 and n.d.**

This series consists of letters, notes, and ephemera items created by and related to the William Monroe Morton family. The correspondence contains information on family members, financial matters, and life before, during, and after the Civil War.

*Collection Inventory*

**Series 1: Transcriptions and Research Materials, 1997-2017**

- f. 1 Transcriptions of Letters, 1997
- f. 2 Transcription Information and Research, 2002-2017

**Series 2: Copies of Civil War Records, 1995**

- f. 3 Copies of Civil War Records, 1995

**Series 3: Letters and Ephemera, 1830-1940 and n.d.**

- f. 4 Envelopes, n.d.
- f. 5 Miscellaneous Ephemera, Envelopes, and Notes, n.d.
- f. 6 Letters (no index #s), 1865-1899
- f. 7 Letters #1-100, 1830-1940
- f. 8 Letters #101-179, 1830-1905
- f. 9 Letters #180-250, 1830-1927

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