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## Collection Overview

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**CREATOR:** Morse, William R. (William Reginald), 1874-1939

**TITLE:** Morse Family Papers: William Reginald and Anne Crosse Morse

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**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Medical missionary William Reginald Morse and his wife Anne (Anna) Crosse Kinney Morse served under the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in China from 1909 to 1937. Substantive correspondence describes the daily life and work of the Morses, their travels, medical practice and education in China, and the turbulent political and social situation in China during this era. The Morses were based primarily Chengdu, Sichuan Province and at the West China Union University.

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f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased in cooperation with the Harvey Cushing/John Hay Medical Library of Yale University in 2014.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

Morse Family Papers: William Reginald and Anna Crosse Kinney Morse (RG 265), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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## Processing Information

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## Associated Materials

The Morse Family Papers acquired by Yale in 2014 have been divided into two sections. The Morse Family Papers: William Reginald Morse and Anna Crosse Kinney Morse are held by the Yale Divinity Library while the Morse Family Papers: Marjorie Morse and Photographs are held by the Medical Historical Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Dr. William Reginald Morse (1874-1939) was born August 30, 1874 in Lawrencetown, Nova Scotia, Canada, the son of Ellen Marry Fitch and Leander Rupert Morse. He received his medical degree from McGill University in 1902 and later did postgraduate work at Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, and the University College of London, receiving a B.A., M.D., C.M, F.A.C.S., L.L.D, and F.R.G.S.

Dr. Morse practiced medicine in Rhode Island and Nova Scotia before being appointed in 1909 as medical missionary to China serving under the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society with his wife, Anna Crosse Kinney Morse (1875-1951), whom he had married in 1903. The Morses had one daughter, Marjorie, born in 1913.

Upon arrival in China the Morses traveled to Sichuan Province, West China, where Dr. Morse worked at a small missionary hospital for a few years. In 1914 Morse was sent to the provincial capital, Chengdu, where he helped found a medical school at West China Union University, an institution supported by various Protestant mission agencies. He was elected as Dean of the WCUU Medical School in 1919, Director of the College of Medicine and Dentistry in 1935, and was Professor of Anatomy and Surgery at West China Union University until his retirement in 1937. Dr. Morse also held positions at the Baptist College, and the Methodist Hospital in Chengdu. He served at the Hankow International Hospital during the revolution of 1911-1912 and at Lingnan University in Guangzhou (Canton) from 1927 to 1928.

In addition to his medical practice, Morse published five works relating to the history and practice of medicine in China and Tibet, including "The Practices and Principles of Chinese Medicine" and "A Memorandum on the Chinese Procedure of Acupuncture" in 1926. His major work was "The Three Crosses In The Purple Mists: An Adventure In Medical Education Under The Eaves Of The Roof Of The World", published in 1928. Morse also did research and writing in the field of anthropology, publishing, for example an article titled "Schedule of Physical Anthropological Measurements and Observations on Ten Ethnic Groups of Szechwan Province, West China" in the Journal of the West China Border Research Society in 1937. Morse was the first president of the West China Border Research Society, and did much to maintain interest in its growth and development. He served as a research associate at the Peabody Museum at Harvard University in 1930-1931.

Dr. Morse passed away in the United States in November 1939.

## Scope and Contents

This collection provides valuable documentation of the life and work of medical missionary William Reginald Morse and his wife Anne (Anna) Crosse Kinney Morse, who served under the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in China from 1909 to 1937. Very detailed and substantive correspondence describes the daily life and work of the Morses, their travels, and the turbulent political and social situation in China during this era. Based primarily Chengdu, Sichuan Province and at the West China Union University, the Morses also spent time in Shanghai and other areas.

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The first series, Family Correspondence, includes many multi-paged letters from Dr. and Mrs. Morse to relatives in Nova Scotia and, after 1927, to their daughter Marjorie (born in 1913 in China) while she was attending an American high school, Wellesley College, and Yale Nursing School. These letters describe events such as the Morse family's 1909 initial long trip, traveling 1,800 miles inland from Shanghai, perilous travels by boat and by train, assistance to rural Chinese and military casualties caused by the fighting between Chinese warlords, the growth of Communism, and the Morses' religious, professional, and social interactions with the overall missionary and Chinese Christian community.

The second series, General Correspondence, includes primarily letters of condolence written to Anna Morse following the death of Dr. Morse in November 1939.

The third series, Writings and Notes, includes papers written by Dr. Morse including a medical report, two articles, and an essay regarding Chinese medicine and his medical work. This series also includes a book review of Morse's work "The Three Crosses in the Purple Mist" and several handwritten notes.

The fourth series, Personal Items and Memorabilia, includes biographical documentation regarding Dr. Morse, a friendship calendar with notes and photographs from supporters, and other memorabilia.

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## Arrangement

- I. Family Correspondence
- II. General Correspondence
- III. Writings and Notes
- IV. Personal Items and Memorabilia

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Family Correspondence, 1909-1937

b. 1, f. 1	W. R. Morse (WRM) and Anne Crosse Kinney Morse (ACM) to Mother and Rose en route to China William Reginald Morse was known as "Reg" and Anne Crosse Kinney Morse was known as "Anna". Letters describe travel to China and exploration of new scenes and cities.	1909 September- October
b. 1, f. 2	William Morse to Mother from Shanghai, boat on Yangtze River, Yichang (Ichang)	1909 November
b. 1, f. 3	William Morse to Mother from boat on Yangtze River, Chongqing (Chungking) Including description of operation of houseboat WRM is traveling on, landslides in the Yangtze River, Chinese language study, and WRM's medical work on passengers and workers aboard	1909 December
b. 1, f. 4	William Morse to Mother and Rose from boat on Yangtze River, Yibin (Suifu) Including description of treatment of patients along the way to Suifu, arrival in Suifu, and the beginning of WRM's Chinese language study.	1910 January
b. 1, f. 5	Anne Morse to Mother and Rose from Chongqing (Chungking) Arrival in China, plans for house.	1910 January- October
b. 1, f. 6	William Morse to Mother from Yibin (Suifu) Descriptions of Chinese people, homes, customs, and WRM's anxiety to learn the Chinese language and begin hospital work.	1910 February
b. 1, f. 7	William Morse to Mother from Yibin (Suifu) Including description of WRM and ACM's move into new house, Chinese customs (such as clothing, women's bound feet, and ancestral worship), and WRM's visit to his teacher's home.	1910 March- April
b. 1, f. 8	William Morse to Mother from Yibin (Suifu), Chongqing (Chungking) summer bungalow WRM's visits to patients, learning of Chinese medical remedies, and move to summer bungalow.	1910 May
b. 1, f. 9	William Morse to Mother from Chongqing (Chungking) summer bungalow Severe storm damage to bungalows, Chinese wedding and feasts, and continuation of language study.	1910 June
b. 1, f. 10	William Morse to Mother and Walter from Chongqing (Chungking), Yichang (Ichang) Weather in China (overwhelming heat and insects), WRM's attendance at a childbirth, WRM and ACM's 26-day travel from Chungking to Ichang.	1910 July
b. 1, f. 11	William Morse to Mother and Lew from Chongqing (Chungking) Death and funeral of a Chinese Christian evangelist: the transportation of his body to his home, Chinese ancestor worship in graveyard, and Chinese feast.	1910 August
b. 1, f. 12	William Morse to Mother from Chongqing (Chungking), Yibin (Suifu) WRM and ACM move back to Suifu from summer bungalow in Chungking, visit a wildlife park and salt mine.	1910 September

b. 1, f. 13	William Morse to Mother from Yibin (Suifu), boat on Yangtze River, Chongqing (Chungking) Includes description of the failing health of fellow missionary Dr. Lewis, WRM's escort of Lewis' family to Chungking, and WRM's visits to Chinese hospitals and British gunboat.	1910 October
b. 1, f. 14	William Morse to Mother from boat on Yangtze River, Yichang (Ichang), Yibin (Suifu) Two-week return trip by houseboat to Suifu, the one-year anniversary of WRM's "active service" in China, river trip with a missionary and native evangelist, and return to Suifu.	1910 November-December
b. 1, f. 15	William Morse to Mother from Yibin (Suifu), Yachow WRM and ACM on 10-day trip to Yachow for a conference; description of Chinese hotels and travel on river, and Chinese New Year customs.	1911 January
b. 1, f. 16	WRM to Mother from Yachow, Chengtu (Chengdu), boat on Chengtu River WRM meeting with other missionaries, talk of some missions combining hospital work and religious work, and hospitality in Chengtu (Chengdu)	1911 February
b. 1, f. 17	William Morse to Mother from Yibin (Suifu) WRM's return to Suifu, Chinese-language study and medical work, the death of the missionary Salquist from typhoid fever, and a shortage of workers.	1911 March-April
b. 1, f. 18	Anne Morse to Mother and Rose from Yibin (Suifu) Description of gifts that were sent to WRM and ACM from ACM's family, book recommendations for ACM's family, and life in the countryside of China.	1911 April 2
b. 1, f. 19	William Morse to Mother from Yibin (Suifu) Including regarding weather in China and problems with getting supplies.	1911 June
b. 1, f. 20	William Morse and Anne Morse to Mother from Chongqing (Chungking) summer bungalow, Leshan (Kiating) Daily life at summer bungalow in Chungking, trip to Kiating (Leshan), and the treatment of patients in Kiating.	1911 July-August
b. 1, f. 21	William Morse to Mother from Yibin (Suifu), Chongqing (Chungking) Including regarding government unrest and missionaries' removal to Chungking and Shanghai. William Morse granted permission to stay in Chungking to work in hospitals, anxious to get back to Chengdu (Chengtu).	1911 September-October
b. 1, f. 22	William Morse to Mother and Walter from Chongqing (Chungking), Yibin (Suifu) Rebellion brings death to many Chinese, many missionaries forced to move but WRM able to stay in Chungking.	1911 November
b. 1, f. 23	William Morse and Anne Morse to Mother from Yichang (Ichang), Hankou (Hankow) Describes William Morse's removal from Chongqing (Chungking) station by British Consul, arrival in Hankow, and destruction of the city. William Morse working with the Red Cross at Hankow International Hospital.	1911 December

b. 1, f. 24	William Morse to Mother from Hankou (Hankow), Shanghai Including regarding the ending of WRM's work at Hankow International Hospital, temporary travel to Shanghai, and WRM turning down an offer to care for the wounded and famished at a hospital along the line of TienTsui Pakow Railway.	1912 January-February
b. 1, f. 25	WRM and ACM to Mother from Shanghai WRM attending a language school in Shanghai. Missionaries receive appeal to volunteer for distribution food for famine relief; WRM joins this effort	1912 March-April
b. 1, f. 26	William Morse to Mother from Shanghai, Guling (Kuling) Describes WRM leaving Shanghai, river trip to Kuling (Lushan District), and resort in Kuling.	1912 May-July
b. 1, f. 27	WRM and ACM to Rose, Lew, and Mother from Shanghai Including regarding WRM and ACM's celebration of ninth anniversary of marriage and ACM's medical emergency and eventual recovery from kidney problem.	1912 June-November
b. 1, f. 28	William Morse to Mother from Guling (Kuling), boat on the Yangtze River, Chongqing (Chungking) Including description of Anna's pregnancy and improvement of pregnancy complications, arrival in Chungking to help Dr. McCartney, and WRM's medical courses.	1912 August-September
b. 1, f. 29	William Morse to Mother from Yichang (Ichang), boat on Yangtze River, Chongqing (Chungking) William Morse's travels from Yichang (Ichang) to Chongqing (Chungking) (on the way to Yibin (Suifu)) and unsatisfactory conditions on boat.	1912 October
b. 1, f. 30	William Morse to Mother from boat on Yangtze River, Yibin (Suifu) WRM arrives in Suifu, reassembles servants, does necessary repairs on house and hospital, prepares to open a dispensary	1912 November-December
b. 2, f. 31	William and Anne Morse to Mother from Yibin (Suifu) Describes the continuation of hospital repairs, WRM's busy dispensary and interactions with dispensary patients, and the birth of daughter, Marjorie Morse, on February 24, 1913.	1913 January-February
b. 2, f. 32	William Morse to Mother from Yibin (Suifu) Including regarding WRM's work with patients in hospital and dispensary and an unusual request from the Cabinet of the New China Republic for prayers that virtuous men be elected and that government be established on a firm foundation.	1913 March-April
b. 2, f. 33	William Morse to Mother from Yibin (Suifu) Continued work at hospital and dispensary; WRM pleased by visit from the officers of a British gunboat in port.	1913 May-June
b. 2, f. 34	William Morse to Mother from Yibin (Suifu) Amidst political unrest and tension in China, ACM and Marjorie visit the "hills", WRM continues his hospital work.	1913 July-August
b. 2, f. 35	William Morse to Mother from Yibin (Suifu) Rebellion in area crushed for a time; hospital full.	1913 September-October



b. 2, f. 36	William Morse to Mother from Yibin (Suifu), Chongqing (Chungking) Describes WRM's happiness with his profession, growing fondness towards Marjorie, preparations for conference and thoughts about medical school	1913 November-December
b. 2, f. 37	William to Mother from Chongqing (Chungking) WRM turns 40 years old, satisfied with large amounts of work (over 300 operations). He expresses sadness and excitement towards leaving the hospital and going to medical school for new opportunities.	1914 January-March
b. 2, f. 38	William Morse to Mother from Chongqing (Chungking), Yibin (Suifu) Political unrest in China, WRM's treatment of patients who were victims of violence, ACM's illness and recovery, and the celebration of WRM and ACM's eleventh wedding anniversary.	1914 April-June
b. 2, f. 39	William Morse and Anne Morse to Mother from Chongqing (Chungking) WRM's continues his hospital work. Description of summer weather and a growing foreign population in China, and WRM's urge to volunteer as a doctor in the European war.	1914 July-August
b. 2, f. 40	William Morse and Anne Morse to Mother from Yibin (Suifu), Leshan (Kiating), boat on the Fu River, Chengdu (Chengtū) Including description of life in Suifu and the positive experiences of ACM and WRM, WRM waiting to hear back from the medical school, French and German soldiers going off to battle, and the Morse family settling in Chengtu.	1914 September-October
b. 2, f. 41	William Morse to Mother from Yibin (Suifu), Leshan (Kiating) WRM recommended by the hospital Reference Committee for a teaching position at the West China Union University's Medical Department, the meeting of WRM and ACM's mothers in Brooklyn, and ACM starting to teach English to Chinese students.	1914 November-December
b. 2, f. 42	William Morse to Mother from Yibin (Suifu) Including regarding the start of WRM's work conference, Chinese tensions with Japan and the United States growing larger, and WRM's thoughts towards enlisting in the war in Europe.	1915 January-May
b. 2, f. 43	William Reginald Morse and Anne Crosse Morse to Mother from Chengdu (Chengtū), Shanghai Includes description of WRM's travels in China, the physical changes of WRM and ACM since their arrival in China. WRM now the only foreign teacher in the West China Union University anatomy department.	1915 July-November
b. 2, f. 44	Anne Crosse Morse to Mother from Chengdu (Chengtū) ACM makes suggestions to mother about how to make life easier and describes Chinese nature, Chinese life, and her meeting at the Natural History Club.	1920 August 25
b. 2, f. 45	Anne Crosse Morse to Mother from Chengdu (Chengtū) ACM's life at home and with friends while WRM is away on a trip, encloses letter written by a Mrs. Humphrey about WRM and his life in China.	1921 June-August
b. 2, f. 46	Anne Morse, William Morse, and Marjorie Morse to Mother from Chengdu (Chengtū) Describes events in the lives of Anne Morse, William Morse, and Marjorie Morse's travel to Beijing (Peking).	1922 January-December

b. 2, f. 47	Anne Morse and William Morse to Mother and Elsie from Chengdu (Chengtu), Shanghai ACM worried about the amount of work that WRM is taking on, WRM's thoughts about leaving China for England, life with MM and work at the medical school; ACM teaching English and Drawing classes.	1923 January-December
b. 3, f. 48	WRM and ACM to MM from Shanghai, Guangzhou (Canton), Hong Kong Describes the Morse family's move from Shanghai to Canton, daily hospital work and domestic life, MM beginning high school, WRM and ACM living in separate places, growing tensions between Chinese and foreign missionaries.	1927 May-November
b. 3, f. 49	ACM to MM from Guangzhou (Canton), Hong Kong, Shanghai, Seoul, Onseiri Describes the daily life events of WRM and ACM, WRM and ACM's travels and life events to and in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Seoul, and Onseiri.	1928 January-June
b. 3, f. 50	WRM to MM from Guangzhou (Canton), Shanghai, Seoul, Onseiri WRM writing a book about the history of the Chengdu Medical School, WRM and ACM's celebration of their twenty-fifth anniversary of marriage, continued medical work, and travels to Shanghai, Hong Kong, Seoul, and Onseiri.	1928 January-June
b. 3, f. 51	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Onseiri, Shanghai, Beijing (Peking), Chongqing (Chungking), Chengdu (Chengtu) Regarding WRM's book, political tensions and unrest in China, ACM's art exhibition opening, and the Morse family's travels and cultural experiences in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Peking, Seoul, and Onseiri.	1928 July-December
b. 3, f. 52	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu), Onseiri, train to Shenyang (Mukden), Shanghai, boat on the Yangtze River, Chongqing (Chungking) Describes WRM and ACM's journey across China, Manchuria, and Korea, political tensions between the Chinese and the Japanese, and summer weather and daily events.	1928 July-December
b. 3, f. 53	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu) Describes the passing of MM's Aunt Rose, severe fighting and assaults on steamers in China, MM's sixteenth birthday, WRM's work as a teacher in anatomy department, and his writing of a research paper about Chinese medicine.	1929 January-March
b. 3, f. 54	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu) Including regarding publication and reviews for WRM's book "The Three Crosses in the Purple Mists", MM's college entrance examinations and induction into the National Honor Society, and WRM and ACM's recovery from bad health.	1929 April-June
b. 3, f. 55	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Beh Liu Din, Lifan, Chengdu (Chengtu) Including regarding college recommendations for MM, WRM's travel to Lifan and life in Lifan, ACM teaching classes.	1929 April-June
b. 3, f. 56	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu), boat on the Min River, boat on the Yangtze River, Shanghai, Chennai (Madras) WRM reducing his time at hospitals and only taking on special medical cases, making preparations for travel back to America.	1929 October-December

b. 3, f. 57	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chennai (Madras), train to Varanasi (Benares), Mumbai (Bombay), boat on the Red Sea Including description of the people and customs of Madras and Bombay, dates and deadlines for arriving in Bombay and Egypt's Port Said, and WRM and ACM's excitement of getting home to MM.	1930 January
b. 3, f. 58	WRM and ACM to MM from boat to Cairo, Cairo, the steamer S.S. Laurentic, Paris, London Describes a smallpox outbreak on WRM and ACM's ferry, sightseeing in Cairo, Egyptian people and customs, WRM getting asked to make a class speech at a college commencement	1930 February
b. 3, f. 59	WRM and ACM to MM from London WRM visits London hospitals and the Medical Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons, travel in United Kingdom	1930 March
b. 3, f. 60	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu), in U.S on train en route to Detroit, Chicago, Evanston, the Rockies, Ontario, S.S. Empress of Russia boat en route to Yokohama, Shanghai Describes WRM and ACM's happiness towards MM's success at school, MM starting at Wellesley College, WRM and ACM's railway travels to Detroit, Chicago, Vancouver, and Ontario to visit family and see scenery, MM starting college, and WRM and ACM's experiences in Japan.	1931 June-October
b. 3, f. 61	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Shanghai, boat on the Yangtze River, Chongqing (Chungking), boat on the Min River, Chengdu (Chengtu) Including description of WRM's excitement to help people in medical need, meetings of the National Christian Council, effects of the flood of the Yangtze on Chinese homes and people, legal trouble with Chinese travel customs.	1931 October-December
b. 3, f. 62	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu) Describes WRM's home and work experiences in Chengtu and at the West China Union University; WRM acting as the president of the West China Border Research Society and giving a lecture on acupuncture; special operations conducted at the hospital, and the tensions of the Sino-Japanese situation in Shanghai.	1932 January-March
b. 3, f. 63	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu) Including regarding tensions between Chinese and Japanese; ACM teaching painting classes and WRM teaching at the university, meetings with foreign missionaries, and MM's college life and curriculum.	1932 April-June
b. 3, f. 64	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Beh Liu Tin, Chengdu (Chengtu), Guangzhou (Canton) Describes WRM's writing on anatomy and anthropological measurements, the outbreak of cholera in China, WRM and ACM's registration with the Chinese government, and WRM publishing work for the Peabody Museum at Harvard University.	1932 August-October
b. 3, f. 65	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu) WRM has large amount of hospital work, including treatment of wounded soldiers.	1932 November-1933 January

b. 4, f. 66	William Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu) Describes troubles arising in the United States, China, Europe, and Russia, WRM working on different reports and lectures, the illness and health improvement of WRM's colleague Dr. Lenox, and Chinese spring weather and seasonal customs.	1933 January-March
b. 4, f. 67	William Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu) Including regarding uprisings of Communism in the north-east and the eastern sections of the Sichuan (Szechuan) province, Marjorie Morse's college examinations, China's election of a new president (Chang), the defeat in power of the warlord Liu Wen Hwei at Chengdu (Chengtu), and the temporary end of the Chinese Civil War.	1933 April-June
b. 4, f. 68	William Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu), Seung Pan, Beh Lin Tin Describes the departure of the warlord Liu Wen Hwei from the city of Chengtu, the effects of the war-like conditions on normal citizens	1933 July-August
b. 4, f. 69	William Morse to Marjorie Morse from Beh Liu Tin, Chengdu (Chengtu) Including regarding the beginning of MM's final undergraduate year at Wellesley College and her worries about her future, WRM's large classes in Anatomy and Surgery at the university, and the growth of Communism in China.	1933 September-October
b. 4, f. 70	William Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu) Describes a German Government official visit to China, the rise of the Communist party and WRM's fears regarding Communist success in Chinese government, financial and legal issues in the Chinese government, and WRM and ACM's holiday celebrations and plans.	1933 November-December
b. 4, f. 71	Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu), Peu Hsien Describes ACM's travel to and time in Peu Hsien, her support of MM's college work and future experiences, ACM's sketch and artwork processes, and daily life in Chengtu.	1933 January-June
b. 4, f. 72	Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu), Bei Liu Tin (Bei Lu Din) Including description of nature and scenery that ACM comes across during the summer season, her meetings with the Fine Arts Committee, military affairs, art exhibition openings, the devastation of an earthquake, and life events in Bei Lu Din and Chengtu.	1933 July-December
b. 4, f. 73	William Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu) Describes WRM's advice to MM for her future profession, WRM resigning from the Deanship of medicine in order to have more freedom, MM filing legal papers for American citizenship, and WRM's report writing for the College of Medicine and Dentistry.	1934 January-June
b. 4, f. 74	William Morse to Marjorie Morse from Shih Men Kan, Beh Liu Tin, Chengdu (Chengtu) Including regarding William Morse's travels across the Sichuan (Szechuan) province, characteristics and customs of the Miao people of China, William Morse's thoughts on turning 60 years old, pressures at work, the growing reality of the Communist troubles in China, and Marjorie Morse's new experiences with working.	1934 July-December

b. 4, f. 75	Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu) Describes political tensions in China, WRM's success with his lecture presentations, MM's commencement from Wellesley College, and the daily life events of ACM and MM.	1934 January-June
b. 4, f. 76	Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Beh Liu Tin, Chengdu (Chengtu), Hong Kong Including regarding William Morse's trip across Sichuan (Szechuan) province, rainstorms in Chengdu (Chengtu), warm weather, and events that Anne Morse attends.	1934 July-December
b. 4, f. 77	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu) Including description of unrest in China and resistance towards the Communist party, mail deliveries from foreign countries being held up and eventually coming through to China, WRM's optimism towards new medical students joining his classes in the face of Chinese Communism, and WRM's views on missionary work.	1935 January-March
b. 4, f. 78	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu) Describes WRM and ACM's work with students and art exhibitions, visits with guests, housework developments and changes, worries and conflicts arise with the "Reds", WRM dropping out of office during the university's elections	1935 June-August
b. 4, f. 79	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu), Yachow, Shin Kai Si Including regarding Marjorie Morse's wedding engagement, William and Anne Morse celebrating their 32nd wedding anniversary, the Nanjing (Nanking) government requesting information from William and Anne Morse, a lecture by Professor Weigle of the Yale Divinity School in Yachow, and William Morse working on a paper called "The Ancient Aboriginal Tribes of Szechuan."	1935 June-August
b. 4, f. 80	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from boat on the Min River, Chengdu (Chengtu) Describes WRM's happiness at MM's engagement and enthusiasm for work, the initiation of new members into the Christian Church Council, WRM's teaching processes of Anatomy and Surgery, and the death of the Morse family's friend Mrs. Williams.	1935 September-October
b. 4, f. 81	William Morse and Anne Morse to Marjorie Morse from Chengdu (Chengtu) Describes the meetings of the United Church of Canada, the spread of communism to the living areas of Chinese tribes, Chinese students against Japan, earthquakes that have occurred in Sichuan (Szechuan) province, and a sketch of where communism has spread in the Sichuan (Szechuan) province.	1935 November-December
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