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# Guide to the Raymond Philip Morris Papers

RG 80



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 80

**CREATOR:** Morris, Raymond P.

**TITLE:** Raymond Philip Morris Papers

**DATES:** 1923-1994

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 7.5 linear feet (16 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers document Morris's long professional career as head librarian of the Yale Divinity School Library and prominent leader in the field of theological librarianship. Raymond Philip Morris (1904-1990) was head librarian of the Yale Divinity School Library from 1932 to 1972.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.080>

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.080>.

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

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Morris family.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

Raymond Philip Morris Papers (RG 80), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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## Related Materials

Documentation of Morris's work with the American Theological Library Association is supplemented by [YDSL Record Group No. 81](#), Records of the ATLA Library Development Project. Documentation related to the China Records Project and the Yale Divinity School Library is supplemented by YDSL Record Group No. 92, Archives of the Yale Divinity School Library (contact Divinity Special Collections staff for access: [divinity.specialcoll@yale.edu](mailto:divinity.specialcoll@yale.edu)). Files relating to the Divinity School are complemented by records in [YDSL Record Group No. 53](#), Yale Divinity School Memorabilia. Materials on the Mott Biography Project are related to documentation of biographer C. Howard Hopkins in the John R. Mott Papers, [YDSL Record Group No. 45](#).

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## Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1904 March 16	○ Born in Garnett, Kansas to Charles Elmer and Margaret Ann (Riley) Morris
1926	○ B.A. Baker University
1928	○ Married Jean Louise Kelly (Children: Thelma Jean, Marcia Louise, Raymond Philip)
1929	○ B.D. Garrett Biblical Institute
1930	○ B.S. Columbia University
1931-1932	○ Librarian, Garrett Biblical Institute
1932	○ M.S. Columbia University
1932-1934	○ Assistant Librarian, Yale Divinity School
1934-1972	○ Librarian, Yale Divinity School
1941-1949	○ Assistant Professor of Religious Literature, Yale Divinity School
1949-1951	○ Associate Professor, Yale Divinity School
1951	○ M.A. (honorary) Yale University
1951-1972	○ Professor, Yale Divinity School
1952	○ D.Litt. Baker University
1965	○ D.D. Drake University
1990 October 21	○ Died

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## Scope and Contents

These papers date primarily from 1955 to 1975 and document Morris's long professional career as head librarian of the Yale Divinity School Library and prominent leader in the field of theological librarianship. The materials in this collection were selected for inclusion by Morris.

Series I, Correspondence, includes five folders of family correspondence. The remainder is general correspondence with librarians, faculty members, funding agencies, and church leaders. Morris was a widely known advisor for theological libraries and this role is reflected in the correspondence. Additional correspondence related to specific projects and committees is contained in Series III.

Series II, Writings, contains articles, papers, sermons, and addresses by Morris. Most of Morris's writings dealt with theological education and libraries. Though not ordained, Morris was an active member of the Methodist Church and frequently gave sermons in area churches. Also of interest are the various tributes to Yale Divinity School faculty that Morris delivered at memorial services for them.

Series III includes representative documentation of Morris's involvement in various facets of theological education and librarianship.

Series IV, Biographical Material, provides a small glimpse into the personal life and warm personality of Raymond P. Morris. Of particular interest are five audio cassette tapes, which include reminiscences by Jean Morris. Circular letters from the Morrises, found in Series I, also provide biographical documentation.

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## **Arrangement**

- I. Correspondence
- II. Writings
- III. Professional Activities/Committees/Projects
- IV. Biographical Material

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b. 1, f. 3	Bailey, J. Russell	1968-1969
b. 15, f. 204	Bainton, Roland - re: beginning position as Librarian at YDS	1932
b. 1, f. 4	Baker University	1967-1982
b. 1, f. 5	Beach, Robert F.	1971-1972
b. 1, f. 6	Cohen, George	1968
b. 1, f. 7	Diehl, Katherine S.	1960-1962
b. 1, f. 8	Drake University (re: honorary degree)	1964-1965
b. 1, f. 9	Eiselen, Dr. Frederick Carl	1932-1933
b. 1, f. 10	English, Dr. John	1973-1977
b. 1, f. 11	F - L	
b. 1, f. 12	Kelly, Beulah	1959-1960
b. 15, f. 205	Keogh, Andrew	1932
b. 1, f. 13	King, Dr. Rachel	1970-1971
b. 1, f. 14	M - P (includes Paul Minear and Liston Pope)	
b. 15, f. 205	May, Mark (letter from Raymond Philip Morris re: taking position at YDS)	1932
b. 1, f. 15	McCord, James I.	1966, 1976
b. 1, f. 16	Michaelson, Robert (includes letter to Florence Mittendorff (Mrs. H. Richard Niebuhr))	1974
b. 1, f. 17	Morris, Jean and Marcia to Raymond Philip Morris	1959
b. 1, f. 18	Morris, Raymond Philip to Jean and family	1956
b. 1, f. 19	Morris, Raymond Philip to Jean and family	1959
b. 1, f. 20	Morris, Thelma	undated
b. 15, f. 203	Morris, Thelma - letters to family re: events honoring Raymond Philip Morris and reminiscences re: ATLA Board of Microtext	1982
b. 1, f. 21	Morris - various extended family	1960-1969, 1982
b. 1, f. 22	Morris - circular letters	undated
b. 1, f. 23	Myers, Rev. Charles D.	1977

b. 1, f. 24	Newhall, Dr. Jannette E.	1958-1968
b. 1, f. 25	Niebuhr, Richard R.	1978
b. 1, f. 26	Peterson, Stephen L.	1970-1982
b. 1, f. 27	R - S	
b. 2, f. 28	Sarah Marquis Travel Service	1958-1959
b. 2, f. 29	Schubert, Dorothy (re: Schubert book collection)	1971-1972
b. 2, f. 30	Songco, Socorro	1961-1962
b. 2, f. 31	T - V	
b. 2, f. 32	Union Theological Seminary (while Raymond Philip Morris was in the Philippines)	1964-1965
b. 2, f. 33	Union Theological Seminary	1950, 1971
b. 2, f. 34	University of Notre Dame (Includes: Albert L. Schlitzer and James T. Burtchaell)	1965-1969
b. 2, f. 35	Vieth, Paul and Verna	1977-1978
b. 2, f. 36	W - Y	
b. 15, f. 202	Weigle, Luther (re: position as Librarian at Yale Divinity School)	1932
b. 2, f. 37	Yale Divinity School Library staff	1959
b. 2, f. 38	First name only	

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b. 3, f. 39	"Christian Inalienable Rights"	undated
b. 3, f. 39	"Church, Its Orders and Sacraments according to the Anglicanism of John Wesley"	after 1962
b. 3, f. 40	"Current trends in Religious Thought and Literature" for ALA Round Table	1950
b. 3, f. 40	"The Good Book in Religion"	1953
b. 3, f. 40	"Implications for the Renewal of the Church for Theological Libraries: A Protestant Appraisal"	1967
b. 3, f. 40	Memories of Roland Bainton	1984
b. 3, f. 41	"Library Standards for Graduate Theological Work" (draft)	undated
b. 3, f. 41	Council for Theological Education - draft manuscript	1964
b. 3, f. 41	"Of Books and Learning"	circa 1955
b. 3, f. 42	<i>A Preliminary and Tentative listing of Books of Christian Theological Institutions in South-East Asia</i> compiled by Raymond Philip Morris	1950
b. 15, f. 200	"Renovations in a Crowded Cloister" in <i>The Pioneer</i>	1955
b. 3, f. 43	"Revised Standard Version of the New Testament"	undated
b. 3, f. 43	"Some Impressions of the Libraries in Protestant Theological Institutions in Southeast Asia and their implications for the Christian Church"	undated
b. 3, f. 44	"Study of the Library facilities of the Boston University School of Theology"	1932
b. 3, f. 44	"Theological Librarianship as a Ministry" in <i>Yale Divinity News</i>	1954
b. 3, f. 44	"Theology: in Transition, in Interlude"	1966
b. 3, f. 45	<i>A Theological Book List</i> by Raymond Philip Morris	1960
b. 15, f. 198	<i>A Theological Book List</i> - "An exact reprint of the 1960 text with a revised and enlarged index" - Published for The Theological Education Fund	1971
b. 3, f. 46	"Why Dominie Doesn't Read"	1965
b. 3, f. 46	"Yale and the English Bible"	undated
b. 3, f. 47	Review: Fellowship of Saints by T. Kepler	1948
b. 3, f. 47	Review: Name of God by P. Crawford	1972
b. 3, f. 47	Review: Dr. William's Library by Dr. Williams	1955
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b. 3, f. 48	Miscellaneous manuscripts; untitled	undated

## Sermons and Addresses



## Sermons and Addresses (continued)

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b. 3, f. 50	Sermons	1954-1960
b. 4, f. 51-53	Sermons	undated
b. 4, f. 54	Sermon fragments and miscellaneous sermon material	undated
b. 4, f. 55	Worship service bulletins	
b. 4, f. 56	Prayers	undated
b. 4, f. 57	Luther Weigle memorial address	1976 September 9
b. 4, f. 57	L. Weigle honorary degree by Standard Bible Committee	1966 February 1
b. 4, f. 58	Clarence Shedd memorial service	1973 December 1
b. 4, f. 59	Biblical Seminary in New York	undated
b. 4, f. 60	Episcopal Theological Seminary in the Southwest - commencement address	1964 May 19
b. 4, f. 61	Episcopal Theological School, Massachusetts - convocation address	1966 October
b. 4, f. 62	Silliman College, Philippines - Honors Day address and 'Librarianship as Ministry' talk	1959
b. 4, f. 63	Paul Minear: Yale Divinity School Shaffer Lectures - introduction	1974 February
b. 4, f. 64	Douglas Clyde Macintosh - reflections on the life of	1980 February 13
b. 4, f. 65	Ruth Bainton memorial service	1966 May 15
b. 4, f. 66	Robert Calhoun memorial service	1983 September 28
b. 4, f. 67	Liston Pope memorial service	1974
b. 4, f. 68	Miscellaneous addresses	undated
Unpublished writings		
b. 15, f. 196	"A Study of the Library Facilities of a Group of Representative Protestant Theological Seminaries in the United States and Canada" - submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Science in the School of Library Service, Columbia University	1932
b. 15, f. 197	"A Preliminary and Tentative Listing of Books for the Libraries of Christian Theological Education in Southeastern Asia" - compiled for The Nanking Board of Founders	1958++

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b. 5, f. 75	Accreditation for Earlham School of Religion	1974
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b. 5, f. 77	Correspondence to Catholic Seminary Librarians meeting	1966-1967
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b. 5, f. 79	Correspondence to Dr. Jesse H. Ziegler at American Association of Theological Schools (AATS)	1961, 1968
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b. 5, f. 81	Correspondence to United Theological College, Bengaluru (Bangalore), India	1970
b. 5, f. 82	Funding from Sealantic Inc. (includes correspondence with Yorke Allen)	1958-1960
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b. 6, f. 85	Records and Payments to Institutions	undated
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b. 7, f. 96	Correspondence - I - K	
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b. 8, f. 107	Ecumenical Library Project, Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico	1962-1968
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b. 9, f. 127	Newsletters, occasional papers and miscellaneous documentation	1970-1979
b. 9, f. 128	Petition to Lilly Endowment	1970
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b. 11, f. 153	1968-1969	1968-1969
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b. 12, f. 158	1979	1979
b. 12, f. 159	National Endowment for the Humanities: consulting work	1974-1977
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b. 14, f. 178	World Council of Churches library consulting work	1955-1956
b. 14, f. 179-181	Nanking Theological Seminary Board of Founders project on theological libraries in Asia - Trip by Raymond Philip Morris to Asia, including Southeast Asia Theological Seminary Librarians Workshop in the Philippines	1958-1961
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b. 14, f. 193	Commission on Arts in Connecticut - letters by Jean Morris to various CT and U.S. legislators	1977-1983
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b. OV2	Letterbook : A salute to Jean and Raymond P. Morris from members and friends of the American Theological Library Association	June 1972
b. OV2	Letterbook : A tribute to Raymond P. Morris, presented to Raymond P. Morris by the Alumni Council of the Yale Divinity School	1972 April 19

## **Selected Search Terms**

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

### **Subjects**

Librarians

Theological libraries -- United States

### **Names**

Morris, Raymond P.

Mott, John R. (John Raleigh), 1865-1955

### **Corporate Bodies**

American Theological Library Association

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