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## INTRODUCTION

### Biographical Note:

Edwin Barber Morgan was born in Aurora, New York, the eldest son of Christopher and Nancy (Barber) Morgan. He was a first cousin of Edwin Denison Morgan, governor of New York in 1859-62. The family was descended from James Morgan, a Welshman who came to Massachusetts about 1636 and settled in New London, Connecticut about 1650. Educated in the local schools, Morgan took over his father's mercantile business in 1827.

Edwin Barber Morgan (May 2, 1806 - October 13, 1881) was an entrepreneur and politician from the Finger Lakes region of western New York. He was the first president of Wells Fargo & Company, founder of the United States Express Company, and director of American Express Company. He was elected to the United States House of Representatives from New York and served for three terms.

In the postwar period he became active with colleges. He was a trustee of Cornell University from 1865 until 1874. Working with his friend Henry Wells to found a college for women, he was a charter trustee of Wells College from 1868 until 1881, where he served as president of the board from 1878 onward. He was also a trustee of the Auburn Theological Seminary from 1870 to 1881. He supported the secondary school of Cayuga Lake Academy in Aurora as well.

### Related Material

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPERS

### Scope and Content Note

This collection contains records of business transactions, property investments, personal correspondence, travel diaries and ephemera from the life of Edwin Barber Morgan, as well as his father, Christopher Morgan, and known associates. In addition, it contains extensive material documenting Morgan's life and pursuits, including travel abroad, serving in the military and government, as well as his connection with the *New York Times*.

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Organization and Arrangement

The papers are organized into 12 series:

Series Descriptions

Series 1, Michigan

Series 2, N.L. Zabriskie

Series 3, Christopher Morgan

Series 4, E.B. Morgan Businesses

Series 5, *New York Times*

Series 6, Military Service

Series 7, Correspondence

Series 8, U.S. Government

Series 9, Railroads

Series 10, Local History

Series 11, European Trip

Series 12, Miscellaneous and Ephemera

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Series 1: Michigan

*Sub-series A: Deeds, Financial Documents and Receipts*

1	1	1839	U.S. Title Deeds
1	2	1839	U.S. Title Deeds
1	3	1839	U.S. Title Deeds
1	4	1840s	Michigan Title Deeds
1	5	1850s	Michigan Title Deeds
1	6	1830s	Michigan Title Deeds
1	7	1850s	Michigan Title Deeds
1	8	1860-1861	Michigan Quit Claim Deeds
1	9	1902	Miscellaneous Financial Documents
1	10	1850s	Michigan Financial and Mortgages
1	11	1850s	Michigan Financial and Mortgages
1	12	1850-1870	Michigan Deeds & Real Estate Correspondence
1	13	1859-1879	Michigan Tax Receipts
1	14	1859-1879	Michigan Tax Receipts
1	15	1836	Receipts of Michigan Lands

*Sub-series B: Michigan Correspondence*

1	1	1840-1857	Henry Morgan
1	2	1829-1839	Henry Morgan

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1	3	1848-1850	A.D. Rathbone
1	4	1846-1847	A.D. Rathbone
1	5	1841-1845	A.D. Rathbone
1	6	1837-1840	A.D. Rathbone
1	7	1850-1853	Michigan Correspondence
1	8	1853-1860	Michigan Correspondence
1	9	1849-1850	Miscellaneous Correspondence
1	10	1848	Miscellaneous Correspondence
1	11	1840-1847	Miscellaneous Correspondence
1	12	1839	Miscellaneous Correspondence
1	13	1838	Miscellaneous Correspondence
1	14	1837	Miscellaneous Correspondence
1	15	1836	Miscellaneous Correspondence

*Sub-series C: Michigan Maps*

1	1	n.d.	Michigan Maps
1	2	n.d.	Michigan Maps
1	3	n.d.	Michigan Maps

*Sub-series D: American Express*

1	1	n.d.	American Express
1	2	n.d.	American Express
1	3	n.d.	American Express Shinplasters

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1	4	n.d.	American Express Shinplasters

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Series 2: N.L. Zabriskie

*Sub-series A: Correspondence*

2	1	1880s	Howland-Zabriskie Correspondence
2	2	1870s	Zabriskie Correspondence
2	3	1892-1894	C.H. Vibbard Estate/Zabriskie

*Sub-series B: Zabriskie Companies*

2	1	1906	Montana Coal and Coke Company
2	2	1880s	Staten Island Mining Company
2	3	1880s	Charles Vibbard Debts to Zabriskie
2	4	1880-1902	C.T. Barney Investments and Land in NYC
2	5	1892-1893	James McNamee Staten Island Property
2	6	1891-1894	Brewer Mining Company, North Carolina
2	7	1884-1886	Staten Island Mining Company Correspondence
2	8	1883	Staten Island Mining Capital Stock
2	9	1888	Staten Island Mining Company
2	10	1893-1896	Staten Island Property
2	11	1884	Lord's Horticulture Management
2	12	1883	Zabriskie Greenhouse
2	13	1899	Oswego Starch Company
2	14	1893-1896	Taxes and Titles for N.L. Zabriskie and Henry A. Morgan
2	15	1892-1893	Accounting and Architecture for Zabriskie and Morgan

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<i>Sub-series C: Miscellaneous N.L. Zabriskie</i>			
2	1	1864	Zabriskie Egypt Travels
2	2	1903-1904	Miscellaneous Zabriskie Documents
2	3	1885-1892	Miscellaneous Zabriskie Documents



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Series 3: Christopher Morgan			
3	1	1800-1832	Real Estate
3	2	n.d.	Real Estate
3	3	1800-1810	Deeds
3	4	1832	Deeds
3	5	n.d.	Deeds
3	6	1800-1810	Deeds
3	7	1820-1821	Deeds and Correspondence
3	8	n.d.	Deeds and Documents
3	9	n.d.	Titles and Deeds
3	10	1830s	Will and Inventory
3	11	1830s	Will and Inventory
3	12	n.d.	Estate of Christopher Morgan
3	13	n.d.	Miscellaneous Bills and Receipts
3	14	1850s	Morgan and Mosher Lumber Business
3	15	1840	Miscellaneous Deeds
3	16	1850-1858	W.H. Pincknal Correspondence and Documents
3	17	n.d.	Political Posters
3	18	1820s	Political Documents
3	19	n.d.	Poems
3	20	n.d.	<i>The Jeffersonian</i> Subscription Petition

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3	21	n.d.	Miscellaneous Booklets

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Series 4: E.B. Morgan Businesses			
4	1	1870s	Mattison and Wakeman-Tayler Shares
4	2	1840-1850s	Sanborn and Carter
4	3	1840s	Sanborn and Carter Receipts
4	4	1878	Contracts with Ellsworth and Nicholas Hall
4	5	n.d.	Copyright 1
4	6	n.d.	Copyright 2
4	7	n.d.	Copyright 3
4	8	Various	Morgan and Barney 1
4	9	Various	Morgan and Barney 2
4	10	Various	Morgan and Barney 3
4	11	Various	Morgan and Barney 4
4	12	Various	Morgan and Barney 5
4	13	1890s	United States Life Insurance Co.
4	14	1890s	United States Life Insurance Co. Receipts
4	15	1889	Long Island Insurance Co.
4	16	1870s	Continental Life Insurance
4	17	1871	Express Mutual Benefit Company
4	18	1870s	Security Life Insurance and Annuity Co.
4	19	1877-1880	Universal Life Insurance Co.
4	20	1860s-1870s	Guardian Mutual Life Insurance Co.

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4	21	1850-1860s	Overland Mail
4	22	1904-1906	HH Chandler Stocks and Bonds
4	23	1868-1869	Ironworks Correspondence
4	24	1868	Court Dealings – Henry Reynolds
4	25	1880-1890s	Miscellaneous Documents
4	26	n.d.	Miscellaneous Documents
4	27	1840-1890	Miscellaneous Documents
4	28	n.d.	Map of New Jersey Property

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Series 5: <i>New York Times</i>			
5	1	1871-1875	NY Times: Morgan – Jones
5	2	1866-1886	NY Times: Correspondence to Morgan from George Jones
5	3	1873-1880	NY Times: John England to Morgan
5	4	1870s	NY Times: Morgan to John England
5	5	1870s	NY Times: Morgan to Jennings
5	6	1870s	NY Times: Morgan to H.R. Wells
5	7	1870s	NY Times: Morgan Miscellaneous Correspondence
5	8	1870s	NY Times: Morgan Property Agreements
5	9	1870-1890	NY Times: financial statistics
5	10	1870-1890	NY Times: financial statements
5	11	1872	NY Times: Board of Directors Proxy & Articles of Association
5	12	n.d.	NY Times: Articles Henry Morgan

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Series 6: Military Service			
5	1	1829	Registrations
5	2	1826-1831	Correspondence to E.B. Morgan
5	3	1830	Rosters and Inspection Returns

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Series 7: Correspondence			
5	1	1863-1872	Accounting Correspondence
5	2	1874-1879	Correspondence with Elliott
5	3	1875-1878	Correspondence with Hillman
5	4	1872-1878	Correspondence with Jas. Cox
5	5	1840-1860s	Correspondence with Hall
5	6	various	Miscellaneous Correspondence
5	7	1870-1880s	Miscellaneous correspondence to Morgan
5	8	1880-1890s	Correspondence with J. Towle
5	9	1860-1880s	Correspondence between E.B. Morgan and Hollbrook
5	10	1878	Correspondence with Ellsworth
5	11	1850s	Correspondence between E.B. Morgan and Helen Ann Wood
5	12	1877-1878	Correspondence between E.B. Morgan and Augustus Russ
5	13	varies	Miscellaneous correspondence

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Series 8: U.S. Government			
5	1	n.d.	Supreme Court Document
5	2	1856	E.B. Morgan copies of speech to Congress



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Series 9: Railroads			
5	1	1870s	Cayuga Railway Company
5	2	n.d.	Cayuga Lake Railroad
5	3	various	Miscellaneous Railroads
5	4	1890	Cayuga Southern Railroad Company
5	5	1880-1890s	Addison and Northern PA Railway Co.

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Series 10: Local History			
6	1	n.d.	Aurora before 1900
6	2	1833	Aurora House
6	3	1876	Aurora People
6	4	n.d.	Aurora and its Female Schools
6	5	n.d.	Cayuga Lake
6	6	1856	Cayuga County
6	7	n.d.	Sailboats on Cayuga Lake
6	8	n.d.	Local newspaper clippings
6	9	1902-1907	Aurora Public Library
6	10	1833	Presbyterian Church, Aurora – Missionary Society History
6	11	n.d.	Cayuga Lake Academy – miscellaneous
6	12	n.d.	Cayuga Lake Academy – Letters of Parmellee
6	13	1899-1902	Cayuga Lake Academy correspondence
6	14	n.d.	Cayuga Lake Academy – History of
6	15	1858	Salem Town – Fifth Reader
6	16	1800s	Salem Town Deeds

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Series 11: European Trip			
6	1	1855	Bills, receipts, etc. from Europe
6	2	1855	Travel Diary
6	3	1855	E.B. Morgan Government Authorization to Travel
6	4	n.d.	Signed Congressional Petition
6	5	n.d.	Passport
6	6	n.d.	E.B. Morgan's inventory of Personal Property
6	7	n.d.	E.B. Morgan's annotated newspaper clippings

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Series 12: Miscellaneous and Ephemera			
6	1	1855	<i>Auburn Daily Advertiser</i>
6	2	n.d.	Michigan Farmer's Maps
6	3	n.d.	Pamphlets
6	4	n.d.	Travel Diary
6	5	n.d.	Scale
6	6	n.d.	Index to E.B. Morgan's Scrapbook
6		n.d.	E.B. Morgan's Scrapbook