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Morgan, James

Papers, 1809-1881; 22½ inches, MS, cartographic

Papers relating to Morgan's military service and business activities. Morgan came to Texas from North Carolina in 1830, beginning a merchantile business with James Reed. During the Texas Revolution Morgan served as Commandant of Galveston Island. After the Battle of San Jacinto he was given charge of many of the Mexican prisoners of war. Before and after the war he was involved in land speculation and development activities around present day Morgan's Point. Morgan worked principally as the local manager for the New Washington Association, though he had other personal business interests, including a land surveying and locating operation, from 1839-45. Before 1840 Morgan was also involved with both the Galveston Bay and Texas Land company and the Galveston City Company.

Much of the correspondence with principal members of the New Washington Association has been published:

Samuel Swartwout correpondence: Fragile Empires, ed. by

Feris A. Bass and B. R. Brunson, Austin, Shoal Creek Pub., 1978.

Augustus W. Radcliff correspondence: Masters thesis by

Barbara A. Hollon, Southwest Texas State Univ., 1971.

In addition, Morgan's public letter defending Edwin W. Moore has been reprinted in the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, v. 66, no. 1 90-102. The letter was originally published in the Houston Telegraph and Texas Register, July 26, 1853.

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1	1	General Correspondence	
		Allen, Ebenezer	1858
		Austin, John	1838
		Bartlett, John S. (some of the letters to Swartwout after 1845 are also addressed to Bartlet; see under Swartwout)	1842
		Bee, Bernard E. (4)	1841-44
		Bell, P. H.	1850
		Boyer, R. M.	1844
	2	Brigham, Asa(?)	1838
		Britt, B. W.	1844
		Burnet, David G. (see also "Republic of Texas. Army. Galveston Island Gommandant" subgroup)	1838
		Burns, Aaron	1841
		Byers, R. H.	1861
		Campbell, R. C.	1842
		Clark, O.	1853
		Clopper, A. M.	1836
		Convan, Sherman	1844
	3	Creely, James R.	1847
		Crosby, Stephen(?)	1861
		Dana, F. S.	1861
		Davy, Mary	1853
		DeCordova, Jacob	1853
		Douglas, W.	1839
		Driggs, Mary	1838
		Edmonds, Pezan(?)	1841
		Edwards, Monroe	1838
	4	Evans, William G.	1842
		Great Britain. Consul. Galveston	1862
		Henderson, James Pinkney (2)	1838
		Hitchcock, Samuel	1839
		Hooker, ? (Dr.)	1838
	5	Houston, Sam (see also "Swartwourt, Samuel" and "Repblic of Texas. Army. Galveston Island Commandant" subgroup) (4)	1838-53
	6	Hunt, Lamar	1838
		Ikin, John	1838
		Jack, Patrick Churchill (3)	1833-1838
		Johnson, Robert D.	1841
		Jones, Anson (4)	1845
		Lamar, Mirabeau B.	1840
	7	Lee, William D. (5)	1842-50
		Lynn, Arthur T., see "Great Britain. Consul. Galveston"	

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1	7	General Correspondence (cont.)	
		Mills, Robert (2)	1838
		Moore, Francis	1841
		P [?]y, William	1838
		Palmer, William	1848
		Phillips, S. C. (Mrs.)	1861
		Price, William M.	1841
1	8-9	Radcliffe, Augustus W. (24)	1839-47
	10	Reed (James) & Co. (for earlier correspondence with Reed see "Morgan & Reed" subgroup) (7)	1836-43
		Republic of Texas. President, see "Jones, Anson," "Swartwout, Samuel" and "Republic of Texas. Army. Galveston Island Commandant" subgroup	
	11	Rhodes, A. E.	1841
		Rhodes, Mary W.	1841
		Scaife, ? (Mrs.; mother of Martha Scaife Patrick) (2)	1838
		Scott, George	1842
		Sherman, Sidney	1846
	12	Smith, Ashbel (2)	1842-54
		Smith, Thurston	1844
		Smith, W. H. N.	1864
		Sterrett, John H.	1842
		Stone, Isaac (2)	1837-38
		Storms, Jane M. (2)	1844
	13-28	Swartwout, Samuel	1836-1845
2	1-6	Swartwout, Samuel (ca. 175 total)	1845-1855
	7	Swartwout, Samuel (to Sam Houston; p. 5 only)	ca. 1836
	8	Sydnor, John S.	1842
		<u>Texas Centinal</u> (2)	1841
		Thompson, A. P.	1842
		Thompson, Waddy	1844
		Thorn, Frost	1850
	9-18	Treat, James (66)	1835-39
	19	Tredwell, J.	1838
		Turner, Amasa	1851
		Vitalba, William	1844
		Waring (Henry) & Son	1844
	20-22	Webb, James Watson (16)	1838-51
	23	Wright, Frank	1841
		"To the Public" (re Edwin W. Moore's naval actions)	1843
	24-26	Unidentified (19)	
	27	Contracts and Agreements	
		General	1838-1852
	28-29	Slave Purchases and Indentures	1820-54
	20-33	Land Records (see also "Galveston Bay & Texas Land Co." and "Galveston City Co." subgroups)	
		Deeds and Mortgages	
		Lands acquired or sold by Morgan	1835-49
		Lands acquired or sold by Morgan	1850-52
3	1-2	Lands acquired or sold others (includes deed of Frost Thorn to Samuel Swartwout)	1835-58
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	4	Land Grants--to Morgan	
	5	Land Offerings (listings of Morgan's land offered for sale)	1850-62

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3	6	Land Records (cont.) Maps--Land Grants in the Galveston Bay Area	ca. 1850
	7	Legal Proceedings Records Cases Baily <u>et al.</u> v. Morgan <u>et al.</u> Owen <u>et al.</u> v. Morgan Republic of Texas v. P. C. Jack	1854 1857 1838
	8	Settlements Misc. (John E. Smith affidavit re mare)	1841-49 1840
9-11		Notes (Financial), Bills & Receipts General	1820-62
	12	Republic of Texas Bonds	1835-56
	13	Tax Receipts	1838-61
	14	Toby Script (see also correspondence with Burnet, 23 Sept. 1836, in the Republic of Texas. Army. Galveston Island Commandant subgroup)	1855-59
	15	Notes (Miscellaneous) & Reminders	1857-62
	16	Miscellany Battle of San Jacinto Celebration Ball Announcement Cholera Prescription Harrisburg Ferry License--granted to Samuel W. Harris Masonic Lodge Membership Certificates (shelved in oversized mss. box, #31-0001)	1855 1830 1839 1809-13
	17	Mexican Documents (origin unknown; includes memos on the Mexican debt. finances of a custom house possibly on Galveston, and accounts of events in Mexico ca. 1833-36)	ca. 1830-37
	18	Passport to Texas (given Morgan by the Mexican Consul in Florida) Sugar Cane Plantation Economics (memo written by Morgan)	1830 ca. 1845
19-20		Miscellaneous	1834-60
		<u>Subgroups</u> (record of business ventures and other corporate activities)	
21-26		Galveston Bay & Texas Land Co. Land Grants (to George Curtis and H. A. Green)	1830
27-28		Galveston City Company (mainly receipts for shares in the Company; includes a list of the original stockholders)	1836-39
	29	Harris County Grand Jury (list of members and rules; certificate of service)	1838
	30	Morgan & Reed (mercantile business) Intracorporate Correspondence (for later correspondence with Reed see the General Correspondence series)	1836
	31	Deed--Exert (schooner)	1831
	32	Notes, Bills & Receipts	1830-36
	33	Miscellany (Reed's passport, given by the Mexican Consul in New Orleans; see the general series Miscellany above for Morgan's passport)	1831

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4	1	<u>Subgroups</u>	
		Morgan & Richardson (land survey and location business)	
		General	1839-45
	2	Land Records	
		Lands Located	1838-41
	3	Surveys	1838-42
	4	Miscellaneous	1838-48
	5	New Washington Association (Morgan was a shareholder and managed several ventures for the association, which was primarily concerned with developing the presentday Morgan's Point area; for correspondence with other shareholders see General Correspondence, particularly with Samuel Swartwout, Augustus Radcliffe, Isaac Stone and James Treat; see Miscellany below for a listing of other shareholders)	
		Deeds and Mortgages	1835-48
	6	Legal Proceedings Records	
		Moore v. Morgan	1838-39
	7-8	Notes, Bills & Receipts	
		Account Statements	1837-62
	9	Bills & Receipts	
		General (includes construction bill and floor plan of Morgan's house)	1835-38
	10	Schooners (Flash & Kosciusko)	1836-38
	11	Miscellany	
		Business License (for Morgan to operate merchantile business)	1838
		List of shareholders	n.d.
		Pay Voucher (N.W.A. to Morgan for services rendered)	1848
		Report to (?) Rose	1844
	12	<u>Subventures</u>	
		Swartwout Township	
		Partnership Agreement & Stock Certificates	1838
	13	Lots Sold	1838-41
	14	Republic of Texas. Army. Galveston Island Commandant	
		General Correspondence (includes a few orders and reports; letters with individuals who have no official capacity whose official capacity is unclear are filed under the individual's name; correspondence with a fort or ship is generally with the commander or second-in-command at the named post.)	
		Bache, Richard, see Republic of Texas. Army. Quartermaster. "Pocket"	
		Bell, Thomas B., see Republic of Texas. Army. Ft. Valasco	
		Brewster, Henry P., see Republic of Texas. War Department	
		Bromley, William, see Republic of Texas. Army. Ft. Travis	
		Brown, Jeremiah, see Republic of Texas. Navy. "Invincible"	

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4	14	<u>Subgroups</u>	
		Republic of Texas. Army. Galveston Island	
		Commandant (cont.)	
		General Correspondence (cont.)	
		Brown, William S.	1836
		Bryan, Joseph	1836
		Burnet, David G. see Republic of Texas.	
		President	
		Calwell, Pinkney, see Republic of Texas	
		Army. Quartermaster	
		Canty, John A.	
		Carson, Samuel P., see Republic of Texas.	
		Secretary of State	
		Chamberlain, H. P.	1836
		Coat, David	1836
		Cochran, Richard A. (camp doctor for Galveston	
		and Ft. Travis) (2)	1836
15		Damon, John (2)	1836
		Davis, A. J., see Republic of Texas. Army.	
		Quartermaster. "Pocket"	
		"Flash" (Schooner), see "Supplies"; see also	
		New Washington Association subgroup	
		Ft. Travis, see Republic of Texas. Army. Ft. Travis	
		Ft. Velasco, see Republic of Texas. Army. Ft. Velasco	
		Foster, Charles, see Republic of Texas. Navy.	
		Gritten, Edward	
		Harcourt, Edward, see Republic of Texas. Army. Ft.	
		Travis	
		Hardin, William (2)	1836
		Hawkins, Charles E., see Republic of Texas.	
		Navy. "Independence"	
		Hernandez, Antonio Gil	1836
		Houston, Sam, see Republic of Texas. Army.	
		Commander-in-Chief, and Republic of Texas.	
		President	
		Huesman, F. W., see Republic of Texas. Army.	
		Ft. Travis	
		Hunter, Adam (?)	1836
		Houston, Almanzon, see Republic of Texas. Army.	
		Quartermaster Dept.	
		"Independence" (Schooner), see Republic of Texas.	
		Navy...	
		"Invincible" (Schooner), see Republic of Texas.	
		Navy...	
		Lamar, Mirabeau B., see Republic of Texas. War	
		Department	
16		Larve, J. C. (stationed somewhere on the west	
		and of the island) (12)	1836
		Lawrence, William, see Republic of Texas. Army.	
		Quartermaster. "Pocket"	
17		Longly, Henry B.	1836
		Macomb, David B. (4)	1836
18		Mexico. Consul. New Orleans (3)	1836
		"Pocket" (Brig), see Republic of Texas. Army.	
		Quartermaster...(after its capture the	
		Pocket became a floating storehouse for troops	
		around Galveston Bay)	

