

**Town and Country Public Library**  
**Historical Collection**  
**Julia Calliss Morris Collection**  
**#2010-08**

**Scope and Content Note:** Julia Elizabeth Calliss Morris (1903 – 1988) married Charles Lee Morris (1895 – 1962), August 16, 1928 in Baraboo, WI. Julia Calliss was born in Syracuse, NY, the daughter of Walter O. and Evangeline (Propson) Calliss. Her father died soon after she was born, and Julia was frequently uprooted during her childhood. She graduated high school in Baraboo, WI and went on to receive her teaching degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, completing an additional two years of graduate studies. She married C.L. Morris in 1928 and they made their home in Elburn where she taught for two years, until 1930. However, during WWII, she was asked to return to teaching, which she did gladly. She was an eager educator and a gifted thespian, directing many of the school plays, writing original works and acting as Director of the Elburn Players. She retired from teaching in 1955. After her husband's death, she returned to college, receiving her Masters of Arts in Library Science in 1966. She was a reference librarian at the Glen Ellyn Library from 1965 – 1970. Throughout the years she was also an active member of the community through her involvement in civic and fraternal organizations. She died in Geneva, IL in 1988. This collection contains personal, scholastic, business, and governmental material pertaining to Blackberry (later Elburn) and its surrounding area from 1899 to 1988 collected by Mrs. C.L. Morris. This collection is arranged chronologically. It is complete.

**Quantity:** 2 Letter Size Boxes, 5 x 12 ¼ x 10 ¼  
1 Oversized Box, 15 x 12 x 3  
25 Linear Inches 2.08 Linear Feet

**Box 1**

Miniature copy "The Maywood Herald" 1906  
The Morris Collapsible Circles and Forms, Patent 1909  
Blackberry Township Plat Map 1926  
Quit Claim/Release Deed, other documents re: Morris property 1929, 1972  
Julia Calliss Morris Elburn High School Year Book 1930, clipping re: Class 1931 reunion (with photo)  
Elburn High School Diplomas, Charles Lee Morris and Julia Morris  
Newspaper clippings 1930-1941  
Valentine to Julia Calliss Morris 1932  
O.E.S. material – Anemone Chapter, Elburn (includes member list) 1933 – 1938  
Farm Journal, 1933; Fox Valley Mirror, 1933; British War Relief pamphlet n.d.; Military acronyms, n.d.  
Publications of the Pan American Union with hand drawn maps of Pan American countries 1934 – 1939  
"Guiding Hands" – a play written by Julia Calliss Morris; rejection notice from The Dramatic Publishing Company 1935  
Vocal lessons and exercises 1935  
Correspondence from Kane County Centennial Association 1936  
Official Commission as Village Treasurer to C.L. Morris 1937; American Legion 11<sup>th</sup> Dist. Convention program 1936; Republican specimen Primary Ballot, Kane County April 1940  
Correspondence to Members of American Legion helping with basketball tournament 1937  
Fortnightly Club – By laws, Initiation paper 1937 – 1938; Program 1953-1954  
Elburn Players Programs 1937 – 1938  
Playbills, amateur and professional ~ 1938 – 1945

Illinois Republican State Convention Program 1940; A. Lincoln Day Dinner Program 1962; Sample Ballot 1954, 1962

Certificate of Recognition for spelling to Martha Johansen Morris 1941 – 1942

## **Box 2**

Red Bank Register, July 31, 1941 as requested by C.L. Morris for article Section One, page 5 re: Morris family genealogy

Correspondence to C.L. Morris re: appointment as Chief Air Raid Warden of Blackberry Township; Handbook for Air Raid wardens 1942

American Red Cross correspondence 1942; Annual Report 1962

Correspondence re: oil ration 1942

Ration Books from WWII

Correspondence re: War ration of Fuel oil (requesting additional supply) 1944

American Red Cross Certificate of Appreciation for service in WWII

DeKalb Regional Basketball Tournament Program/Scorecard 1962

Official Commission as Village Treasurer 1962-1963

Article on Julia Calliss Morris joining the Glen Ellyn Library staff 1965

College Coursework bef. 1966

Northern Illinois University Master of Arts Diploma, Julia Calliss Morris 1966

Photograph with inscription, 'Nov. 28, 1973 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Donald and Eunice'

Anemone #678 O.E.S. Directory 1975-1976

Memorial service speeches by Don Westlake and Helen Gum Westlake; photocopy of Memorial program for Julia Calliss Morris, 1988

Misc. correspondence; Holiday card n.d.

Johnny Smoker's German Band n.d.

Flag Poems n.d.

The Robert Morris National Memorial Tower at Valley Forge n.d.

Flyer, Economy Grocery, Elburn n.d.

Information and patterns for marionettes; craft ideas and instructions n.d.

Scarf (?) "Vive France Libre" (possible gift to Julia from C.L. from his trip to France 1937? – conjecture by LCL)

## **Box 3 – Oversize**

Calliss, Julia – Bachelor of Arts Degree, University of Wisconsin at Madison, 1925

Calliss, Walter – Certificate of Subscription, American Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial Association, 1899; certificate #C34384

Calliss, Julia – framed letter from co-workers at Glen Ellyn Library, n.d.

Calliss, Julia – framed photo, ~ 2 years old

Calliss, Julia – unframed portrait photo

Calliss, Julia – framed portrait photo, 1926