

## **DeKalb History Center**

### **Morrison Family Collection**

**Introduction:** The Morrison Family Papers collection contains letters, military records and photocopies of photographs of Morrison family members. They were a well-known DeKalb family. Most of the papers deal with J.J. Morrison and his son, William.

**Provenance:** Donated in 1986 (Accession # 1986.52)

Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the Archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citations should be made as follows:

Description of specific item, Morrison Family Collection, DeKalb History Center Archives

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**Size:** 1 manuscript box

### **Biographical Information for Morrison Family**

J.J. Morrison donated \$20,000 to President Davis to help equip a regiment for the Civil War. He was appointed to the 21<sup>st</sup> Georgia Volunteer Cavalry on July 19, 1861. He was then authorized to organize a Cavalry regiment in Tennessee's army. J.J. was then appointed to Brigadier General and commanded a brigade for almost to years before the end of the war. Colonel Morrison resided in Decatur until his death in 1910. William Morrison was a DeKalb County attorney who was active in the fight to keep the county Senate seat in Decatur (rather than in Stone Mountain) in the 1890's.

### **Description**

This collection is useful for research on Colonel J.J. Morrison's career and achievements in the military, and his son's work in DeKalb politics. Much of William's information has been compiled and kept in a small notebook,

while J.J.'s information is collected loosely. The photocopies of photographs identify all shown individuals and outline their relationships with each other. There is also a printed inventory for this part of the Morrison Collection.

### Subject Headings

Colonel J.J. Morrison  
William Morrison  
1896 Senate Election

### Folder List

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	J.J. Morrison Papers	Military records: Civil War years	1861
1	2	J.J. Morrison Letters	Letters written by J.J. to family members in wartime	1862- 1864
1	3	J.J. Morrison Funeral Announcements	Press and obituaries for the Colonel, small photo of Military Commemorative Grave Marker with his name	1910
1	4	William M. Morrison Bio/Papers	Bound collection of William's personal papers	Covers: 1866- 1945
1	5	Newspaper Articles	Clipped articles dealing with the 1896 Senate election which William was a part of	1896
1	6	Pictures	Photos of Morrison family members, copy of a DeKalb County Atlas, 1915	