

**Guide to the Elwin Eldredge Collection on John H. Morrison,
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DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

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Creators: Morrison, John H. (John Harrison), 1841-1917; Eldredge, Elwin Martin, 1893-1965

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Harrison Morrison (January 7, 1841-August 26, 1917) was born in New York City to parents John and Margaret Morrison. His father had been a successful merchant in New York City, working at a well-known firm that was later named A. T. Stewart & Company. The younger Morrison proved his intelligence by graduating high school at the early age of fourteen and then enrolling at the College of the City of New York a year later. Before completing his studies, Morrison became associated with a large shipbuilding firm and was quickly given the position of paymaster of the shipyard. Later he became the private secretary to Mr. Charles Copeland, who was at that time inspector of lighthouses and marine engines for the United States government. After twenty years at this occupation, Morrison began his own enterprise of manufacturing varnishes for carriage tops, rubber and rubber cloth in Norwood, New Jersey in the year 1869.

Morrison married Susan Hutchinson in Greenpoint, New York on September 26, 1865. The couple had four children: Thomas F., Edith, Florence Ethel, and Clifford Jerome. Morrison sold his factory and his business and retired in 1908 at the age of 67. He published three important works before his death in 1917 entitled, *The History of American Steam Navigation*, *The History of New York Ship Yards*, and *Are There Equinoctial Storms?* He was also a member of a few notable organizations such as the Navy League and the National Geographic Society.

Elwin M. Eldredge, the collector of this material, was born in 1893 in Brooklyn, NY. As a young man he worked for the Metropolitan Steamship Company, later joining the Army during World War I. After the war, he joined his father and brother in the printing business. He became acquainted with some of the older steamship historians of the 1920s, among them John Morrison, and eventually absorbed their collections into his. The Mariners' Museum bought his entire collection in 1939 and accessioned the ocean steamship material immediately. Mr. Eldredge retained and added to his American steamboat materials until his death in 1965, at which point the steamboat collections, of which the Morrison papers were a part, came to the Museum.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The bulk of this collection represents the research of John H. Morrison, an avid maritime historian and collector in New York and New Jersey. The research materials contributed

to six of his publications. Six of these publications have been identified: *History of New York Ship Yards* (1909), *Are There Equinoctial Storms? Development of the Marine Barometer* (1911), “Fire Protection for Steam Vessels and Government Regulation” (1904), “The Development of Armored War Vessels: Armor Plating in the United States” (1907), “Early Electric Lighting on American Steamers” (1916), and *The History of American Steam Navigation* (1903). A seventh publication, perhaps a series of Letters to the Editor of *The Engineer* magazine on working-beam engines, remains unidentified. There are handwritten drafts for *New York Ship Yards* and *Are There Equinoctial Storms?* Of note is information on American Civil War ironclads, in particular the CSS *Virginia* (ex-U.S.S. *Merrimack*), on whose ram Morrison wrote extensively. His research draws on eyewitness testimony from *Virginia*’s designers Brooke and Porter, through Porter’s surviving son John W. H. Porter. He also corresponded with personnel who worked at Tredegar Iron Works, fabricators of *Virginia*’s iron.

The collection is organized into 3 series: Research Materials; Elwin Eldredge Correspondence; and Photographs. They are arranged by bulk.

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Other Finding Aids

Full records and electronic reproductions of the original photographs in this collection can be found in the Museum’s photograph database.

Note to Users

Due to the fragile and rare nature of the collection, researchers are requested to handle the materials with caution and in accordance with prescribed archival practices. When using these materials, please preserve the original order of the collection.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series 1: Research Materials, 1881-1958.

The Research Materials are organized into 7 subseries: Armored War Vessels; Early Electric Lighting; Fire Protection for Steam Vessels; History of American Steam Navigation; Marine Barometers; New York Ship Yards; and Working Beam Engines. The subseries are arranged alphabetically by the title of the publication to which they contribute. These materials constitute the bulk of the collection and are comprised of Morrison's notes, his correspondence with government and corporate officials and private individuals, a few drawings and illustrations, and either manuscript or published copies of his work.

Series 2: Elwin Eldredge Correspondence, 1915-1921.

Organized into a single folder and arranged by date. The Eldredge correspondence begins with notes between Eldredge and Morrison, and then continues between Eldredge and Morrison's daughter, Florence E. Morrison after her father's death. From the daughter's letters, it seems evident that Eldredge is arranging to acquire her late father's research materials.

Series 3: Photographs, 1910s.

The two photographs in this series are organized into a single folder. There is an original gelatin-silver portrait of Morrison taken probably after 1911 and a copy print of the same photograph.

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SERIES 1.1 Armored War Vessels

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Folder 4 Correspondence: American Car and Foundry Co.

Per Eads gunboats of the Civil War

Folder 5 Correspondence: American Iron and Steel Association

Concerning Pittsburgh iron rolling during the Civil War

Folder 6 Correspondence: Atkins, V. B.

Mayor of Selma, AL responding to Morrison's query about iron rolling mills in the city during the Civil War

Folder 7 Correspondence: Braeburn Steel Co.

Concerning Pittsburgh iron rolling mills during the Civil War

Folder 8 Correspondence: Brock, Thomas

- Response to an inquiry about Stephen R. Mallory, Secretary of the Navy, CSA
- Folder 9** Correspondence: Brooke, John C.
Response to an inquiry about the ram on CSS *Virginia*
- Folder 10** Correspondence: Budd, G.W.
Per 3 steamers converted to rams at Cincinnati, OH during the Civil War, thereafter referred to as the Mosquito Fleet
- Folder 11** Correspondence: Bullock, C. Seymour
Writer responding to an inquiry from Morrison, directing attention to, among other writings, his True Story of the *Monitor*
- Folder 12** Correspondence: Carnegie Library of Atlanta
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- Folder 13** Correspondence: Carnegie Steel Co.
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- Folder 15** Correspondence: Dept. of State, State of New Jersey
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- Folder 16** Correspondence: Dod, S. Bayard
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- Folder 17** Correspondence: Eastern Forge Co.
Reply to an inquiry about the Nashua Iron Co.
- Folder 18** Correspondence: Edwin and Co.
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- Folder 19** Correspondence: Ferguson, John W.
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- Folder 20** Correspondence: Fusz, Paul A.
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- Folder 21** Correspondence: Grant, A. W.
Per a model of Commodore James Barron's steam ram of 1827
- Folder 22** Correspondence: Haralson, Jonathan
Response to a request about rolling mills in Selma, AL and whether they made plates for Confederate ironclads
- Folder 23** Correspondence: Harrison, John W.
Reply to a query concerning the location of rolling mills used to make the plates for the Eads western gunboats
- Folder 24** Correspondence: Hodges, W. R.
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- Folder 25** Correspondence: Howe, E. A.

- Reply to inquiry about towns whose rolling mills produced iron plate for the Eads western gunboats of the Civil War
- Folder 26** Correspondence: James Rees and Sons Company
Reply to inquiry about steamboats converted to rams for the Civil War
- Folder 27** Correspondence: Johnston, J. V.
Regarding iron plating on Eads western gunboats and the disbanding of the western ironclad fleet at Cairo, IL
- Folder 28** Correspondence: Jones & Laughlin Steel Co.
Per the iron plates rolled on government contract by the Soho Mills of Pittsburgh, PA
- Folder 29** Correspondence: King, J. W.
Reply to an inquiry about the iron plates used in Eads western gunboats.
- Folder 30** Correspondence: Lorain Steel Co.
Reply to correspondence from Morrison asking about the rolling mills at Portsmouth, OH and Pittsburgh, PA regarding iron plates for ironclads. US Steam Battery *Monitor* is mentioned.
- Folder 31** Correspondence: Louisiana Historical Association
Regarding the Confederate ram *Manassas*
- Folder 32** Correspondence: Meacom, George
Response to a request for information on the tug boat *Enoch Train*
- Folder 33** Correspondence: Moorhead, W. J.
Provides information on rolled and forged plate provided to the Army and Navy during and after the Civil War
- Folder 34** Correspondence: Murphy, Anthony
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- Folder 35** Correspondence: Murray, C.B.
Response from the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce regarding Ohio side-wheel steamers strengthened to serve as rams during the Civil War
- Folder 36** Correspondence: National Enameling and Stamping Co.
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- Folder 37** Correspondence: New York Navy Yard
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- Folder 38** Correspondence: Nixon, Charles P.
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- Folder 40** Correspondence: Porter, John W. H.
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- Folder 41** Correspondence: Portsmouth Steel Co.
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- Folder 42** Correspondence: Ramsay, H. Ashton
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- Folder 43** Correspondence: Reading Iron Co.
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- Folder 46** Correspondence: Smithsonian Institution
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- Folder 47** Correspondence: Stevens Family
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- Folder 49** Correspondence: United Fruit Co.
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- Folder 52** Correspondence: U.S. Department of the Interior
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- Folder 55** Correspondence: U.S. Patent Office
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- Folder 56** Correspondence: U.S. War Department
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- Folder 59** Correspondence: Walker, J. E.
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SERIES 1.2 Early Electric Lighting

- Folder 16** Publication
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SERIES 1.3 Fire Protection for Steam Vessels

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Morrison's publication entitled "Fire Protection for Steam Vessels and Government Regulations," *Scientific American Supplement* No. 1489, July 16, 1904.

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Folder 20 Correspondence: Daboll, Eva E.
Regarding her father's invention, Daboll's Fog Trumpet

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Folder 22 Correspondence: Humphrey, John H.
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Folder 29 Correspondence: Bradstreet, M. F.
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Folder 30 Correspondence: Camdage, R. G. F.
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Folder 32 Correspondence: Phillips, S. F.
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- Folder 44** Correspondence: Jenks, Elisha F.
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- Folder 45** Correspondence: Library of Congress
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- Folder 46** Correspondence: Maryland Historical Society
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- Folder 47** Correspondence: Meneely & Co.
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- Folder 48** Correspondence: Moynihan, A. W. (Abraham W.)
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- Folder 11** Correspondence: Webb's Academy and Home for Shipbuilders
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 Per the two engines put into the steamer *Ontario*
Folder 44 Correspondence: Philadelphia Department of Public Works
 Regarding three working beam engines made for the Water Works in 1800
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Folder 45 Correspondence: Reeder, Charles
 Concerning marine working beam engines made in Baltimore in the first
 half of the 19th century
Folder 46 Correspondence: Sewell, George
 Information on the working beam engine on the *Dewitt Clinton* and the
Philadelphia
Folder 47 Correspondence: State of New Jersey, Dept. of State
 Response to Morrison's inquiry, stating that they can find no record of the
 incorporation of the New York and New Brunswick Steamboat Company
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- Folder 49** Correspondence: Ward, L. B.
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One original gelatin silver studio portrait and one copy print of John Morrison

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