

McLean County Museum of History

Raymond “Doc” Morgan Collection

Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	1951-1984
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	Donated by Ruth Cobb who found them while cleaning out Morgan’s home at 1206 E. Bell Street

Brief History

“He was a humble person, a fine golfer and a great gentleman.” So opined Bloomington Country Club’s John Brokaw in 1952 after losing the Municipal Championship to Raymond “Doc” Morgan (1916-2001) in the finals at Highland Park.

As a teenager Morgan learned to love the game of golf and earned the nickname “Doc” while caddying for several doctors at Lakeside Country Club (formerly McLean County Country Club). He was largely self-educated, never having gone beyond grade school, and playing golf in off hours with mismatched clubs bought at Montgomery Ward’s. “Doc” Morgan was a top municipal golfer in the 1940s, 50s and 60s. His regular jobs extended from working at the Eureka Williams Oil-O-Matic during the Depressions years to commanding the course as the ranger at Highland Park. For many years he was a paint striper for the City of Bloomington. He also served in the Coast Guard during World War II.

Scope

The collection primarily includes Morgan's diary-journals, 1952-1983. The journals are a case-study in "gut" level social history. They represent interest in a wide variety of topics including daily supper menus, his wife's activities, Dear Abby letters, newspaper clippings on politicians and golf professionals, poems and prayers, and most notably, Morgan's own perceptions of the city's weather.

Box and Folder Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1: Biographical Information

1. "Lesson in mementos: Golf can be a blast," *Pantagraph*, July 29, 1979.
2. "At 83, Morgan still spicy and feisty," *Pantagraph*, August 2, 1999.
3. Obituary, *Pantagraph*, December 5, 2001.

Loose Journals: 23 journals, Dec 1951-July 1977

<i>Beginning Date</i>	<i>Ending Date</i>	<i>Description of physical book</i>
December 10, 1951	February 14, 1952	<i>Thin</i> brown composition book 7" x 8.25"
February 14, 1952	March 19 1954	Brown spiral notebook 8" x 10.5"
March 20, 1954	June 5, 1955	Brown spiral notebook 8" x 9.5"
June 7, 1955	December 1, 1957	Tan w/green tape spine Loose leaf filler 8" x 10"
May 3, 1960	April 27, 1961	Notebook Filler Pad Bound with string 7.5" x 10"

February 12, 1962	July 17, 1962	Yellow spiral 5-hole notebook 8" x 10"
July 18, 1962	July 22, 1963	Notebook Filler Pad Bound with string 7.5" x 10"
July 23, 1963	July 12, 1964	Brown softcover record book 7.5" x 11"
July 14, 1964	June 10, 1965	Notebook Filler Pad Bound with string 7.5" x 10"
January 22, 1966	September 15, 1966	Black standard Composition Book 7" x 9"
September 16, 1966	April 29, 1967	Blue Spiral Theme Book Bound with string 7.5" x 10"
May 2, 1967	March 7, 1968	Notebook Filler Pad Bound with string 7.5" x 10"
March 8, 1968	July 31, 1968	Yellow Spiral Theme Book Bound with string 7.5" x 10"
August 1, 1968	July 9, 1969	Notebook Filler Pad Bound with string 7.5" x 10"
December 1, 1969	May 5, 1970	Notebook Filler Pad

		Bound with string 7.5" x 10"
May 3, 1973	February 28, 1974	Green hardback ledger 7.5" x 12.5" spine reads "Record 67 7/8 R 300"
March 1, 1974	September 30, 1974	Olive green softcover ledger 8.5" x 11.5
October 1, 1974	February 28, 1975	Blue "Record" book 7.5" x 11.5"
March 1, 1975	July 31, 1975	Red & black patterned "Record Book" 7" x 11.5"
August 1, 1975	December 31 1975	Red & black patterned "Record Book" 7" x 11.5"
January 1, 1976	June 30, 1976	Olive green softcover ledger 8.5" x 11.5
July 1, 1976	April 30, 1977	Green hardback ledger 7.5" x 12.5" spine reads "Record 67 7/8 R 300"
May 1, 1977	July 31, 1977	Brown ledger 6.5" x 11.5"

Box 2: Loose Journals

<i>Beginning Date</i>	<i>Ending Date</i>	<i>Description of physical book</i>
August 1, 1977	January 31, 1978	Olive green softcover ledger 8.5" x 11.5
February 1, 1978	June 30, 1978	Yellow softcover record book 7" x 12"
July 1, 1978	October 31, 1978	Olive green hardback Alphabetically tabbed Ledger book 7.5" x 12"
November 1, 1978	March 31, 1979	Yellow softcover record book 7" x 12"
April 1, 1979	July 31, 1979	Red & black patterned "Record Book" 7" x 11.5"
August 1, 1979	December 31, 1979	Yellow softcover record book 7" x 12"
January 1, 1980	May 22, 1980	Red hardcover record book 7" x 11.
May 23, 1980	October 31, 1980	Yellow softcover record book 7" x 12"
November 1, 1980	March 31, 1981	Olive green softcover ledger 8.5" x 11.5
April 1, 1981	August 27, 1981	Red hardcover record book 7" x 11.5"
August 18, 1981	February 12, 1982	Bright Blue hardcover record book 7" x 11.5"

February 13, 1982	June 30, 1982	Light green fabric hardcover Ledger book 7.5" x 12"
December 9, 1982	May 31, 1983	Green hardcover record book 7" x 11.5"
June 1, 1983	December 25, 1983	Red hardcover record book 7" x 11.5"
December 26, 1983	June 30 1984	Red hardcover record book 7" x 11.5"