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Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** Ms Coll 53

**CREATOR:** Crunden, Marjorie Morse, 1913-2000

**TITLE:** Marjorie Morse Crunden Papers

**DATES:** 1924–1942

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.5 linear feet (3 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** Materials are in English, with a small amount of Chinese.

**SUMMARY:** Marjorie Morse Crunden, the daughter of a Baptist medical missionary in China, was educated in the United States, including at Yale School of Nursing. Correspondence includes letters from her parents; from her fiancé, Allan B. Crunden, a Yale medical student who transferred to Temple University School of Medicine; and from other friends and family. The collection also includes a five-year diary.

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**Administrative Information**

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

This collection was part of a larger collection purchased in 2015 jointly with the Divinity School Library. The medical missionary papers of Marjorie Morse Crunden’s parents are in the Divinity School Library.

**Conditions Governing Access**

The materials are open for research.
Related Materials

Morse family papers: William Reginald and Anne Crosse Kinney Morse, 1909-1941, Special Collections, Divinity School Library, Yale University.

Biographical / Historical

Marjorie Morse was born in China in 1913 to Dr. William Reginald Morse and Anne (Anna) Crosse Kinney Morse of Canada who were Baptist medical missionaries in China from 1909 to 1937. Dr. Morse grew up in a large family in Lawrencetown, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia. Marjorie, an only child, came with her parents to the United States in 1924 and remained there for her education after her parents returned to China. She lived with relatives and friends as she attended Newton High School in Newton, Massachusetts (graduated 1930), and Wellesley College (1930-1934), where she majored in sociology. In 1934, she began a three-year program for an R.N. and masters degree in nursing at the Yale School of Nursing. In New Haven in 1934, she met Allan B. Crunden, Jr. of Montclair, New Jersey, a graduate of Georgetown University, and a member of the Yale School of Medicine class of 1937. By the end of the year, she had agreed to marry him after completing her training. Crunden decided at this time that he did not like the "Yale System" with its lack of examinations, and thought that hospital training would be better in a larger city. He returned to Montclair, where he lived with his recently widowed father, and took laboratory and social science courses at Columbia University in the spring of 1936. In the fall of 1936, he resumed his medical education, taking his clinical years at Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia. Marjorie Morse continued her nursing education, much of it in hospital wards, in New Haven, West Haven, and on rotations to Rhode Island until her graduation in 1937. Much had to be decided on where and when they could be married and who would marry them. She was a Baptist and he a devout Catholic, she was not an American citizen, and she hoped her parents could attend. In the end, they married in July 1937 in London in a Church of England ceremony. Her parents were able to meet them in London on their way home from China to retirement in Lawrencetown. The Crundens lived in Philadelphia in the school year 1937-1938 where she served as a nurse-administrator at Temple and he completed his medical degree. The following two years, while Allan Crunden was serving hospital residency appointments in Jersey City and New York, Marjorie Crunden obtained an M.A. in education from Columbia University Teacher’s College. She served briefly as an assistant in nursing education at Columbia. In 1940 they spent a year in Chicago with Allan Crunden’s father. Allan Crunden was called into medical service in the Air Force in World War II. After the war, they lived in Montclair and other locations in New Jersey. He practiced as an obstetrician, while she was active in numerous civic and charitable organizations including the Montclair Board of Education, the Essex County Board of Health, the Montclair Public Health Nursing Service, and the Community Child Study Group of Montclair, which she organized. She was an expert tennis player and a local champion. The Crundens had two children, Robert Morse Crunden, later a prominent professor of American Studies at University of Texas, Austin, and Joan Crunden Lewis.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains sparse correspondence from Marjorie Morse’s parents to her; letters from Marjorie Crunden to her mother in 1940-1941; hundreds of letters written every few days from her fiancé and then husband, Allan B. Crunden, Jr., at periods when they were living apart between 1935 and 1940; letters by Marjorie Morse sent as part of a round robin to friends who graduated from Wellesley; and many letters from friends and family. Also in the collection are Marjorie Morse’s five-year diary (1932-1936), memorabilia from Newton High School, Wellesley College, and Yale School of Nursing, and miscellanea. There is some material on Morse’s training as a nurse, and considerable material, including texts of examinations, on Crunden’s clinical training at Temple University School of Medicine. Above all, the letters are a record of an upper middle class courtship in the 1930s. The collection includes a few photos of Marjorie Morse and Allan Crunden and of their son, Robert Morse Crunden, as a baby.
Arrangement

Organized into two series: 1. Correspondence. 2. Diary, memorabilia, and miscellany.
Collection Contents
Series I. Correspondence

Letters to and from parents (William Reginald Morse and Anne Crosse Morse) 1925–1942
Call Number: 1
This subseries contains letters and greeting cards sent by Marjorie Morse’s parents in China to her in the United States. Only a small number of letters have survived. One early letter offers a lengthy description of her parents’ activities in China. The last folder of this series contains letters by Marjorie Morse Crunden in 1941-1942 writing from Chicago to her widowed mother in Lawrencetown, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia.

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<td>From parents</td>
<td>1932–1935</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 3</td>
<td>From parents</td>
<td>1937</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 4</td>
<td>From parents</td>
<td>1938</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 5</td>
<td>Marjorie Morse Crunden to her mother</td>
<td>1941–1942</td>
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Marjorie Crunden writes to her mother in Canada from Chicago where Allan Crunden is undertaking further training in obstetrics and she is taking care of their son, Robert Morse Crunden, born in 1940. Included is a photograph of Robert.

Letters from Allan Bernard Crunden, Jr. to Marjorie Morse 1935–1940
Call Number: 2
This subseries contains hundreds of letters written by Allan B. Crunden, Jr. to Marjorie Morse from before their formal engagement in 1935 to periods when they were married but living apart in 1938 and 1940. Marjorie Morse met Allan Crunden, of Montclair, New Jersey, in New Haven where he was a Yale medical student (Class of 1937) and she was a student at the Yale School of Nursing. At the end of 1935, Crunden decided not to continue his medical education at Yale and instead enrolled in the fall of 1936 at Temple University School of Medicine for his clinical years. He graduated in 1938. Marjorie Morse graduated from Yale School of Nursing in 1937. They married in July 1937. The next batch of correspondence takes place in the summer of 1938 when Allan Crunden was taking courses at Columbia and Marjorie Crunden was visiting her parents in Canada and then serving for six weeks as a nurse for the summer program of the Institute of Euthenics at Vassar College. For the last batch of letters in 1940, Allan Crunden was doing a residency in Jersey City, New Jersey and Marjorie Crunden was living in Montclair and studying for a master’s degree in education at Teacher’s College, Columbia University.
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<td>Marjorie Morse met Allan Crunden in the fall of 1934 and by the early spring of 1935, she had visited his parents in Montclair. He was trying to persuade her to become engaged to him. See Box 2, folder 13. In these letters, Allan notes that he is corresponding with Marjorie’s father in China, sending him medical books and journal issues. (He continues to do this throughout the courtship.) In the summer Allan writes from his parents’ home in Montclair to Marjorie in Lawrencetown, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia (henceforth Lawrencetown), where her father’s family lived. Later letters are to Marjorie in New Haven. One letter, 1935 October 21, suggests various disagreements. An important letter of 1935 December 10 discusses why he wants to complete his medical studies elsewhere than at Yale where he is currently enrolled. See also undated letters, Box 2, Folder 12.</td>
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<th>1936 January–February</th>
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<td>These letters are from Allan in Montclair to Marjorie in New Haven and then to her at Butler Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island, where she is doing a psychiatric nursing rotation. He is taking courses at Columbia University on clinical diagnosis and sex education for children. Sometime before February 1936, Allan’s mother had died. He and his father are settling the estate.</td>
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<td>Letters are to Marjorie at Butler Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island. He mentions taking his father to hear talks at New York Academy of Medicine by Yale professors including Ashley Oughterson and Clements C. Fry. He has gotten permission from the registrar to take some courses in May at the Post-Graduate Medical School attached to Columbia University.</td>
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<th>b. 1, f. 9</th>
<th>From Allan Crunden</th>
<th>1936 March 16–20</th>
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<td>Letters are written to Marjorie Morse at Charles V. Chapin Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island, where she is doing a clinical rotation. Marjorie has had scarlet fever and there is further discussion of a scarlet fever epidemic.</td>
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<td>Letters written to Marjorie Morse at Charles V. Chapin Hospital.</td>
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<th>From Allan Crunden</th>
<th>1936 May</th>
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<td>Marjorie Morse has returned to her usual address, the Yale School of Nursing dormitory at 350 Congress Avenue. By May 18 she is living in the nurses dormitory at William Wirt Winchester Hospital, West Haven, the tuberculosis sanitarium of New Haven Hospital, where she is on rotation. The letters discuss politics of the 1936 election. Allan and his father are staunch Republicans opposed to Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal. Allan sends Marjorie a telegram on May 27 with his medical board examination scores.</td>
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<td>Letters are to Marjorie Morse at William Wirt Winchester Hospital, and then at 350 Congress Ave., New Haven. Allan’s letter of June 2 describes his visit to Temple University, Philadelphia, and the improbable story of how he got admitted as a third year student to the Medical School. He sends a clipping on tennis tournaments in the Montclair area. Marjorie is an expert tennis player. The letter of June 13 mentions politics.</td>
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<td>1936 July</td>
<td>b. 1, f. 13</td>
<td>For part of the month, Marjorie is visiting relatives in Nova Scotia. Allan begins a trip out West with his father.</td>
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<td>1936 August</td>
<td>b. 1, f. 14</td>
<td>For most of the month, Allan writes from National Parks in western United States and in Canada where he is traveling with his father.</td>
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<td>1936 September</td>
<td>b. 1, f. 15</td>
<td>The September 9 letter includes four photographs of Allan Crunden and Marjorie Morse. Later in September, Allan Crunden moves to Philadelphia where he is living in the Psi Chi Medical Fraternity dormitory. He starts his clinical training at Temple University School of Medicine.</td>
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<td>1936 October 1–15</td>
<td>b. 1, f. 16</td>
<td>In this and later months, Allan writes about working on the wards and the frequent examinations he has to take. He is much interested in their eventual marriage and sends news and clippings related to weddings.</td>
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<td>1936 October 16–31</td>
<td>b. 1, f. 17</td>
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<td>1936 November</td>
<td>b. 1, f. 18</td>
<td>He writes about the election and about Mrs. Roosevelt’s post-election visit to Temple University. He comments on a clipping, “She appears to be unmuzzled again.”</td>
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<td>1936 December</td>
<td>b. 1, f. 19</td>
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<td>1937 January 1–15</td>
<td>b. 1, f. 20</td>
<td>In his January 2 letter, he mentions his negative view of women doctors, and the issue of their differing religions. See also Box 2, Folder 12 on this issue. He continues to write about various clinics and examinations.</td>
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<td>1937 January 16–31</td>
<td>b. 1, f. 21</td>
<td>He writes in some detail about clinical training in obstetrics, his eventual specialty.</td>
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<td>1937 February</td>
<td>b. 1, f. 22</td>
<td>On February 23, he sends a clipping of Dr. Tyson’s pediatrics examination.</td>
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<td>1937 March</td>
<td>b. 1, f. 23</td>
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<td>1937 April 1–15</td>
<td>b. 2, f. 1</td>
<td>In his letter of April 7, he asks if she has the nerve to get Harvey Cushing to autograph his copy of Consecratio Medici. He will be going on the wards on April 15.</td>
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<td>1937 April 16–30</td>
<td>b. 2, f. 2</td>
<td>He is on the ward and in private homes doing obstetrics. He writes about having wedding invitations made, although the date and place of the wedding is still undecided, and depends on whether and when Marjorie’s parents can get to the wedding. He wants to be married as soon as possible. His father is remarrying in August.</td>
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<td>May 9, 1937</td>
<td>On May 9, he notes that he’s been asked to edit his medical class’s yearbook.</td>
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<td>May 24, 1937</td>
<td>On May 24, he writes on the other side of professor Babcock’s “Final Examination in Surgery.”</td>
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<td>June 1937</td>
<td>They will be sailing to London for their wedding but the actual date is undecided,</td>
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<td>because it is not clear when her parents will arrive from China. They may need</td>
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<td>to have a legal waiting period before they can get married. If the wedding is</td>
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<td>delayed too long, they will travel in England on their own, since they have to</td>
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<td>get back to the U.S. by August.</td>
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<td>June 1938</td>
<td>Having graduated from Yale School of Nursing in May 1937, Marjorie Morse married</td>
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<td>Allan Crunden in London on July 10, 1937 and spent the school year 1937-1938 in</td>
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<td>Philadelphia. He completed his medical degree while she worked as a nurse-administrator at the Temple University School of Nursing. The letters from Allan Crunden to Marjorie Morse Crunden resume in June 1938 when she is visiting her parents in Lawrencetown. He sends her his grades and the “Final Examination in Senior Surgery” with Prof. Babcock. She has been invited to serve as nurse at the six-week summer program for children of the Vassar College, Summer Institute of Euthenics. Euthenics, the name of a Vassar department, meant right living and was a positive form of eugenics. On June 2, he mentioned that he was officer of the day at a base hospital.</td>
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<td>June 1938</td>
<td>He has been assigned to a base hospital at Fort George Meade in Maryland. She has</td>
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<td>returned from Lawrencetown and is in Montclair.</td>
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<td>July 1938</td>
<td>He has gotten a room in New York and is taking courses in social psychology at</td>
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<td>Columbia University. She is at the Vassar College Summer Institute of Euthenics</td>
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<td>serving as a nurse. He notes on July 14 that Columbia seems to be a “perpetual</td>
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<td>hotbed of dissention.”</td>
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<td>August 1938</td>
<td>He writes more about his courses at Columbia. They plan to travel out West after</td>
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<td>she returns from Vassar.</td>
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<td>July 1940</td>
<td>Letters from Allan Crunden in Jersey City, N.J., where he is doing residency work</td>
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<td>at the Margaret Hague Maternity Hospital, to Marjorie Crunden in Lawrencetown. He</td>
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<td></td>
<td>describes his work at the hospital. His letter postmarked July 2 mentions seeing</td>
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<td>a review of Marjorie Crunden’s book in American Journal of Nursing. She had</td>
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<td>written a pamphlet, Selected Readings and References for the Teacher of Sociology</td>
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<td>for Nurses, published by the National League of Nursing Education in 1940.</td>
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<td>August 1940</td>
<td>He writes more about his residency and encloses anti-Roosevelt clippings.</td>
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<td>August 1940</td>
<td>He has accepted an invitation to take part of his residency at Doctors Hospital,</td>
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<td>New York, and writes to her from there.</td>
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2 Letters from Allan Bernard Crunden, Jr. to Marjorie Morse (continued)

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<td>cards enclosed with gifts of flowers.</td>
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<td>One letter is about their religious</td>
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<td>differences and is from an early date.</td>
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| b. 2, f. 13          | Letters from Marjorie Morse to        | 1934–1937     |
|----------------------| members of the “Which Club” (friends  |               |
|                      | from Wellesley)                       |               |
|                      | Call Number: 3                        |               |
|                      | The “Which Club” or the “Whichers”   |               |
|                      | were friends from Wellesley College   |               |
|                      | who sent out a round robin set of     |               |
|                      | letters. When the robin returned to  |               |
|                      | a member, she substituted a new      |               |
|                      | letter, and sent the set on to the   |               |
|                      | next person. Thus Marjorie Morse’s   |               |
|                      | letters were returned to her. Her    |               |
|                      | letters discuss her nursing school    |               |
|                      | education, her relationship with      |               |
|                      | Allan Crunden, and the work and      |               |
|                      | relationships of her friends. Among  |               |
|                      | the friends mentioned are Peg        |               |
|                      | Burchard, Mary Lou Henry, Grace      |               |
|                      | (Gigi) Hoyer, “Psyche,” and Sylvia   |               |
|                      | (“Silly”).                            |               |

| b. 2, f. 14          | Marjorie Morse to the Which Club      | 1936–1937     |

| b. 2, f. 15          | Letters from friends and family to    | 1927–1938     |
|----------------------| Marjorie Morse (Crunden)              |               |
|                      | Call Number: 4                        |               |
|                      | Letters from friends in school, Chip,|               |
|                      | Lewis, and Alice, and from older      |               |
|                      | friends and relatives, Eleanor A.    |               |
|                      | Griffith (Montreal), Aunt Pearl       |               |
|                      | (Lawrencetown), and “Mother West”     |               |
|                      | (Springfield, Mass.)                  |               |

| b. 2, f. 16          | Invitation to a dance from Bill      | 1930          |
|----------------------| Dickenson, and telegraph from Delta   |               |
|                      | Delta Delta.                          |               |

| b. 2, f. 17          | Letters from Marvin Bendiner, The     | 1933          |
|----------------------| Aardvark, and Ralph at Dartmouth     |               |
|                      | College. See also Box 3, Folder 8    |               |
|                      | for possible related material.       |               |

| b. 2, f. 18          | Letters from Jane B. Dye, Chengtu,    | 1934          |
|----------------------| China, Pete (Medford, Mass.), a card  |               |
|                      | from England from Churchill(?), and   |               |
|                      | a Christmas card from Sidney P.       |               |
|                      | Wheelock (Oxford University). Yale    |               |
|                      | student Bill Gordon(? sends a letter  |               |
|                      | about the National Student League at  |               |
|                      | Yale and his picketing at the New    |               |
|                      | Haven foundry strike. He writes of   |               |
|                      | allegations made against “May Morse.” |               |
|                      | See also Box 3, Folder 8 for other    |               |
|                      | letters that may be from this period. |               |

<p>| b. 2, f. 19          | Letters from Aunt Gertrude (Mrs.       | 1935          |
|----------------------| Fred T. Field of Newton, Mass.), Aunt  |               |
|                      | Floyd (Mrs. A. H. C. Floyd of Melrose, |               |
|                      | Mass.), Andy, Peg, Sarah B. Downer,    |               |
|                      | and Ivy Carr. An interesting long      |               |
|                      | letter from Dr. Max Taffel at Yale     |               |
|                      | describes the circumstances in which   |               |
|                      | he played in a tennis double against   |               |
|                      | Marjorie Morse.                        |               |</p>
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<td>1935 November – 1936 February</td>
<td>From Su-Yuin Wang and related materials Su-Yuin Wang was a Chinese student studying in the Kyoto Girl's College in Japan who sent a letter and a greeting card to Yale, seeking a penpal to write to her. The folder also contains a letter to Marjorie Morse from Yale President, James A. Angell, sending the letter and the card; and a note to Miss Effie Taylor, Dean of the Yale School of Nursing, saying that Marjorie Morse left the correspondence for her to see. Su-Yuin Wang replies that her brother, Ying-Hua Wang, at Kalee University, will be coming to the United States and she hopes Marjorie will meet him. She encloses his photograph. See also Box 2, Folders 24 and 25.</td>
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<td>1936 March</td>
<td>From friends and family</td>
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<td>Letter from Alfred H. Morse, Morse Sand &amp; Gravel Co., Pawtucket, R.I.</td>
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<td>Letter from Frank and Mary (Lawrencetown), and telegram from Bill Tilden.</td>
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<td>Letters from Theodore H. Gregg who is interested in writing to a Chinese student studying in Japan, Uncle Charlie, Aunt Nell (Yarmouth, N.S., who is concerned about Morse’s family’s possible reaction that her fiancé is Catholic), Ruth Worten (friend from Newton High School now working at Harvard Medical School), and John W. Hickey (on tennis). See Box 2, Folders 20 and 25 on the Chinese student, Su-Yuin Wang.</td>
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<td>Letters from Aunt Gertrude, Jennette Foster(?), Edward H. Hume, M.D., John W. Hickey, Gigi (Grace Hoyer), cousin Frank W. Morse, and a lengthy letter from Su-Yuin Wang (Peiping, China). See Box 2, Folder 20.</td>
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<td>Letters from John W. Hickey, Ann (a child?), Aunt Pearl (Lawrencetown), Angel(?), Uncle George, and Aunt Floyd.</td>
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<td>Letters from Frank Morse (Lawrencetown), Allan B. Crunden, Sr. (on her father’s illness), Uncle Charlie, John W. Hickey (tennis), Mrs. Peakes(?), Aunt Floyd, Aunt Gertrude (on the importance of timing the wedding so that Marjorie Morse’s parents can attend), Alice Carlin (fiancée of Alan B. Crunden, Sr.), and Aunt Peral and Aunt Ella. Many of these letters are about her parents leaving China and arrangements for the wedding.</td>
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<td>Letters from “Pish,” Aunt Ella, Aunt Charlotte Swan (Providence, R. I.), “Silly” (Sylvia), Gigi (Grace Hoyer), May Cascallen (Whitby, Ontario), and E. W. Fisher (Pleasantville, N.Y.), and Uncle Charlie. Much of the correspondence concerns Morse's parents and the wedding in London.</td>
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4 Letters from friends and family to Marjorie Morse (Crunden) (continued)

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<td>Letters from Aunt Pearl, Psyche, Uncle George, Aunt Nell, Sylvia, Grace Hoyer (her fiancé called the wedding off), Murray and Sally, and Mrs. Leonard J. Saccio. On June 18, Psyche writes to Marjorie Morse who is aboard the Steamer Lafayette.</td>
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<td>The wedding took place on July 10. Letters include (Aunt) Ella to Dr. &amp; Mrs. Morse, and letters from Alice Carlin, A.S.(?) Clements and Rev. H. T. Silcox concerning registering for marriage in the Church of England, Gertrude and Harold Hove, William Ebon to Rev. H. T. Silcox, and Effie J. Taylor, Dean of Yale School of Nursing who attended the wedding but not have the opportunity to speak to Marjorie Morse Crunden. The folder includes postcards from Edgware, England, and Paris. See Box 3, Folders 19 and 20 for more postcards.</td>
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<td>Letter from Betty (Belmont, Mass.) to Gigi (Grace Hoyer).</td>
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<td>These letters were written to Marjorie Morse Crunden while she was visiting her family in Lawrencetown and while she was serving as nurse at the Vassar College Summer Institute of Euthenics. Letters are from Vassar College, Aunt G.(Gertrude?), Annie (cousin[?] in Canada), BER (Chapel Hill) with a photograph of a flower, anniversary card from Allan Crunden, Sr. and Alice Crunden, Psyche on her planned wedding, Gigi (Grace Hoyer), Pat (Ruth P.Ogden), E. &amp; J. (postcard from Ogden, Utah), Mary Lou Henry (New Haven), and an invitation to the wedding of Lillian Elena Williamson (Psyche?) at Vassar College.</td>
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<td>Letters from Grandmother, Vicie, Aunt Rose, Rolie to Marjorie and Pete (see Box 2 Folders 18 and 19), card from Grace Ellison with pressed flower, part of a letter from L.R.M.(?) describing his/her first days at a coeducational college, a postcard from Yugoslavia from Andy, and information about an affidavit for a sibling of William R. Morse.</td>
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<td>b. 3, f. 9</td>
<td>From friends and family, greeting cards</td>
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<td>Christmas cards from Dorcas Jencks, Ruth Coughlan, Harold A. Traver, Uncle George and Aunt Nell, Andy, S. C. Laio, Doris Jones, a birthday card from Harriet, and an unsigned get-well card.</td>
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<td>b. 3, f. 10</td>
<td>Envelopes addressed to Marjorie Morse</td>
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### Series II. Diary, memorabilia, and miscellany

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<td>Marjorie’s Morse’s five-year diary</td>
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<td>This a commercial diary, Ward’s A Line A Day (Boston: Samuel Ward Manufacturing Co., copyright 1892, but a 20th century printing). Each page is divided into five areas. Marjorie wrote in the diary all five years. The final two years include notes on her nursing education and working on the wards, as well as her social life.</td>
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<td>b. 3, f. 12</td>
<td>“Declaration of Passenger to Canada,” forms for Marjorie Morse and her parents</td>
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<td>Passenger immigration forms from the Canadian government for William Reginald Morse, Anna Crosse Morse, and Marjorie Morse, age 11. She had previously been in Canada in 1915 or 1916. The family was sailing on the S.S. Saxonia.</td>
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<td>Marjorie Morse graduated from Newton High School, Newton, Mass., in 1930. This folder contains, among other items, her graduation program, and programs of sports events, plays, and musical offerings in which she participated. There are some orders of service of the First Baptist Church of Newton. See also Box 3, Folder 15. The reflections on character in Box 3, Folder 16 probably date from this period.</td>
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<td>Marjorie Morse attended Wellesley College from 1930 to 1934, graduating in 1934. Memorabilia include an artistic Tree Day program from 1931, her course subjects and grades for four semesters, materials related to her sorority, Alpha Phi, and materials on the third reunion of the class of 1934. See also Box 3, Folder 15.</td>
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<td>b. 3, f. 15</td>
<td>Early undated memorabilia and miscellany</td>
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<td>Contains a card for first prize in wild flower arranging, children’s class, from the Lawrencetown Floral Club, 1925; undated notes to Marjorie (probably in high school) telling her she has been selected for some activity and where to meet; a handmade invitation to a Halloween party using mirror writing; notes on learning Latin and French; and a piece of silk from a kimono.</td>
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<td>b. 3, f. 16</td>
<td>Early reflections on character</td>
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<td>Three handwritten pages of general statements on moral character such as “Truthfulness and honesty are great essentials to success.”</td>
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<td>b. 3, f. 17</td>
<td>Yale School of Nursing</td>
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<td>Marjorie Morse was a student at Yale School of Nursing from 1934 to 1937. The folder contains General Examination, 1937 February 27; Examination from the Connecticut State Board of Examination and Registration of Nurses, 1937 June 18-19; and a printed catalog of publications of the National League of Nursing Education, April 1938.</td>
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<td>Postcard series from London</td>
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<td>Marjorie and Allan Crunden visited London, surrounding areas, and Paris, as part of their wedding trip abroad. The folder contains the “Lesco Series” of postcards of London, obtained in 1937.</td>
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| b. 3, f. 21 | Miscellaneous newspaper clippings, including one on Marjorie Morse Crunden  
The clipping on Marjorie Morse Crunden is from an undated paper in Nova Scotia:  
“Mrs. Crimden (sic) Gives Talk on China.” |
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| b. 3, f. 22 | Negatives of photographs  
Marjorie Morse Crunden had copies of these negatives made in Lawrencetown,  
possibly to distribute to family members. Some appear to show Marjorie with her  
parents. Others are of Marjorie with her friends. Rough printouts are included in  
the folder. |
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Names
Crunden, Allan B., 1878-
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Crunden, Robert Morse, 1940-
Morse, Anne Crosse, 1875-1951
Morse, William R. (William Reginald), 1874-1939

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