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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 639 MORGAN, Nyla Margaret (Hammers) Moore, 1918-2017**

7 boxes. 88 folders. 1,436 items. 1736-2007. Originals, photocopies, photographs.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Nyla Margaret Morgan was born on 16 March 1918 in Butler County, Kentucky, to Herman and Mary Ann (Johnson) Hammers. She attended Butler County schools and graduated from Morgantown High School in 1934. She graduated from Louis Glyn Beauty School in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and later opened a beauty salon in Morgantown, which she operated for fifty years. She was a civic leader. She worked tirelessly to establish the first Butler County High School band, was instrumental in founding the Butler County Catfish Festival, and was a charter member and the first president of the Butler County Historical & Genealogical Society. She and several members of the Friends of the Library Butler County, researched and produced a book, *Butler County Cemeteries* (1975). She was an active participant in patriotic and lineage societies, including the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign War auxiliaries. She orchestrated numerous patriotic programs and veterans recognition ceremonies at local nursing homes and at the courthouse. At one time she hosted a weekly radio show on WLBQ. Over the years, she was recognized for her contributions, one year being named "Citizen of the Year" in Butler County, another time serving as Grand Marshall for the Morgantown Christmas parade, and having "Nyla Morgan Day" proclaimed in her honor on 1 July 1990.

Nyla was a very active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, serving at one time as President of the women's Relief Society for the region of Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia. Concurrently with her church work, she helped many people locate their ancestors that came from south central Kentucky.

In 1937 Nyla married Thurman Thomas Moore, and they had two children: Brenda and Glenda. In 1950 she married Clarence "Sug" Morgan. Nyla Morgan died on 11 February 2017 and was interred at the Dan Johnson family cemetery in Butler County.

**COLLECTION NOTE**

The first two boxes in this collection include items on general topics. Box 1, Folder 2 includes letters sent to Nyla Morgan, including a thank you note from Elaine Chao, wife of Senator Mitch McConnell and presidential cabinet member under two Republican presidents. It

also includes a 1978 letter from Robert M. Rennick asking about place names in Butler County for his future book *Kentucky Place Names* (University Press of Kentucky, 1984). Most of the other correspondence is genealogical in nature, although one letter from the Morgantown – Butler County Chamber of Commerce expresses appreciation for Morgan’s help with the Catfish Festival in 1984. Folder 3 includes transcriptions of some 1856-1857 marriages and deaths for Butler County. The original pages correlating to these transcription are also included. The folder also includes a listing of undated estates (probate records) for Butler County, and a listing of 1906-1908 marriages from the same county. Folder 4 includes printed portraits of men and women used in a Nyla’s Beauty Salon in Morgantown, as well as some other beauty culture publication. In addition, Folder 4 includes an appointment book from 1985, a piece of stationery, and business cards for the establishment. Folder 5 includes an unbound poll book including the vote on a “railroad election” held on 2 November 1889. The purpose of the election was to determine “whether said precinct will subscribe for 140 shares of the capital stock of the Henderson State Line Railroad Company.” Folder 6 houses an audit of Sheriff H Hammers’ office for the years 1922 to 1925 conducted by the accounting firm of McIntyre & Short. Folder 7 includes an accounts ledger from an unnamed general store in Butler County believed to be located in either Woodbury or Morgantown. Folder 8 contains administrative papers, news clippings, and a photograph related to the Butler County Genealogical & Historical Society. Folder 9 contains the script, promotional material, and a program for a local historical drama titled “Butler County Saga” which was produced for the Kentucky Bicentennial in 1992. Folder 10 includes programs, some promotional material, and a few photographs related to the Catfish Festival held each summer in Butler County.

Box 2 includes additional general material related to Butler County. Folders 1 to 12 include general information about Butler County places, schools, events, entities, and history. Folder 9 marked “Morgan Deposit Bank” includes correspondence and receipts from bank employee, James Doolin. Folders 13-15, include information about specific individuals: Granville Allen, Amos Russ, and Fern Green Taylor respectively. Folder 16 contains information about various Butler Countians; it is arranged alphabetically by surname.

Box 3 through 6 contains genealogical material collected by Morgan on various surnames. The bulk of the material relates to the Johnsons, Hammers, and Browns. These items consist chiefly of photocopies, so the older material does not include originals.

Boxes 7 and 8 include information about Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) churches in south central Kentucky. Box 7, Folder 1 includes four steno pads with minutes about church meetings and ministry related activities of people in the Kentucky Western District of the church. Folder 2 includes financial records from the same district. Folder 3 includes information about weddings and baptisms, including a list of directions about how to properly prepare a body for burial. Folders 4 to 7 include information about individual counties where Mormon churches were located: Butler, Christian/Muhlenberg, Todd and Warren counties respectively. Folder 9 contains genealogical information about individual families. Folder 10 houses material about the Haley’s Mill Cemetery in Christian County. Folder 10 includes a variety of photographs from church events, particularly Relief Society and denominational gatherings. Box 8 includes information about the Latter-Day Saints Relief Society, a women’s missionary/ministry arm of the church. Much of this information was collected by Morgan in her role as an area leader for the Society. Folder 1 includes correspondence; Folder 2 includes annual reports from the East-Central States Mission of the Society and some expense vouchers and notes kept by Morgan; Folder 3 includes programs from various Society events; Folder 4 includes some general

information about the Society including the script for a historical drama and holographic notes for several speeches given by Morgan at Society events. Folders 5 and 6 contain information about the Society at individual wards: Elkton and Princeton respectively.

### ***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>General Topics</b>	<b>1824-2005</b>	<b>215 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory and biographical information	1979-2001	16 items
Folder 2	Correspondence	1978-2005	38 items
Folder 3	Butler County – Vital Statistics	1856-1908	8 items
Folder 4	Nyla’s Beauty Salon	1977-1985	11 items
Folder 5	Poll book related to a Butler County railroad election	1889	1 item
Folder 6	Audit of Sheriff Herman Hammers accounts	1922-1925	1 item
Folder 7	Ledger for an unnamed Butler County general store	1866-1869	1 item
Folder 8	Butler County Genealogical and Historical Society	1977	5 items
Folder 9	“Butler County Saga” – script, program, and flyer	1992	3 items
Folder 10	Catfish festival	1982-1995	14 items
Folder 11	Butler County – Rural Development Centers	n. d.	6 items
Folder 12	Butler County – Schools	1919-2000	12 items
Folder 13	People – Granville Allen	1957-2003	9 items
Folder 14	People – Amos Russ	1995-1996	20 items
Folder 15	People – Fern Green Taylor murder	1939-2002	11 items

Folder 16	People organized A-Z	1824-2005	59 items
<b>BOX 2</b>	<b>General Topics</b>	<b>1811-2007</b>	<b>333 items</b>
Folder 1	Programs and photographs from patriotic programs held at the Butler County courthouse	1981-1988	31 items
Folder 2	Friends of the Library cemetery book Project	1975-1980	10 items
Folder 3	Green River	1977-1982	11 items
Folder 4	Green River Museum at Woodbury	1980-1984	16 items
Folder 5	Butler County – Historic buildings and sites	n. d.	29 items
Folder 6	Butler County – History	1811-2007	36 items
Folder 7	Miscellaneous	1981-1992	8 items
Folder 8	Morgantown – Butler County Chamber of Commerce	1982-1996	13 items
Folder 9	Morgantown Deposit Bank	1867-1912	40 items
Folder 10	Patriotic programs commemorating Veterans	1925-2003	22 items
Folder 11	Butler County Rural Development Centers	n. d.	6 items
Folder 12	Butler County – Schools	1919-2000	12 items
Folder 13	People- Granville Allen	1957-2003	9 items
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<b>BOX 3</b>	<b>Genealogy</b>	<b>1736-2007</b>	<b>136 items</b>
Folder 1	Genealogy – Abbott family	n. d.	1 item
Folder 2	Genealogy – Arnold family	n. d.	1 item
Folder 3	Genealogy – Brown family	1836-2000	47 items
Folder 4	Genealogy – Camfield family	1999	6 items
Folder 5	Genealogy – Cuffman family	2001	1 items
Folder 6	Genealogy – Cannon family	n. d.	7 items
Folder 7	Genealogy – Dilbeck	1736-2007	10 items
Folder 8	Genealogy – Englers family	1847-1975	5 items
Folder 9	Genealogy – Fuller	1985	2 items
Folder 10	Genealogy – “Hammers of Butler County, Kentucky”	2005	1 item
Folder 11	Genealogy – Hammers family	n. d.	1 item
Folder 12	Genealogy – Hammers family	1898- 2002	41 items
Folder 13	Genealogy – Hawes family	n. d.	12 items
Folder 14	Genealogy – Johnson family “Descendants of Moses & Mary ‘Pop’ Johnson”	n. d.	1 item
<b>BOX 4</b>	<b>Genealogy</b>	<b>1958-2007</b>	<b>305 items</b>
Folder 1	Genealogy – Johnson family (William Henry Johnson)	n. d.	3 items
Folder 2	Genealogy – Johnson family (Sally Jane Johnson)	n. d.	49 items
Folder 3	Genealogy – Johnson family (Christopher Columbus Johnson)	n. d.	12 items

Folder 4	Genealogy – Johnson family (Christopher Columbus Johnson- Samantha Lykins)	n. d.	9 items
Folder 5	Genealogy – Johnson family (Christopher Columbus Johnson- Savannah Burden)	n. d.	34 items
Folder 6	Genealogy – Johnson family (Christopher Columbus Johnson- Laura Bell Childers)	n. d.	15 items
Folder 7	Genealogy – Johnson family (Christopher Columbus Johnson- William Commodore Johnson)	n. d.	2 items
Folder 8	Genealogy – Johnson family (Christopher Columbus Johnson- Rado Johnson)	1981-2007	47 items
Folder 9	Genealogy – Johnson family (Christopher Columbus Johnson- Columbus Johnson)	n. d.	12 items
Folder 10	Genealogy – Johnson family (Christopher Columbus Johnson- Noah Johnson)	1958-2006	18 items
Folder 11	Genealogy – Johnson family (Daniel Boone Johnson)	n. d.	53 items
Folder 12	Genealogy – Johnson family (Rebecca Phelps)	n. d.	23 items
Folder 13	Genealogy – Keown family	n. d.	1 item
Folder 14	Genealogy – Lee family	n. d.	3 items
Folder 15	Genealogy – Moore family	2000	22 items
Folder 16	Genealogy – Morgan family	n. d.	1 item
Folder 17	Genealogy – Morgan family	n. d.	1 item

<b>BOX 5</b>	<b>Genealogy</b>	<b>1946-1994</b>	<b>95 items</b>
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Folder 4	Genealogy – Morphey family	1946-1970	6 items
Folder 5	Genealogy – Render family	n. d.	3 items
Folder 6	Genealogy – Russ family	1971-1994	15 items
Folder 7	Genealogy – Tilford & Lykins families	n. d.	1 item
Folder 8	Genealogy – Whitaker (Presley Whitaker)	1951-1977	68 items
Folder 9	Genealogy – Whitaker family	n. d.	1 item
<b>BOX 6</b>	<b>Latter-Day Saints</b>	<b>1947-2004</b>	<b>228 items</b>
Folder 1	Latter-Day Saints – Steno books containing meeting information	1950-1954	4 items
Folder 2	Latter-Day Saints – Financial papers related to Kentucky West District	1960-1961	11 items
Folder 3	Latter-Day Saints – Items Related to Sacraments	1988-2004	11 items
Folder 4	Latter-Day Saints – Butler County	1949-2001	24 items
Folder 5	Latter-Day Saints – Christian and Muhlenberg Counties	1964-1988	6 items
Folder 6	Latter-Day Saints – Todd County	1991-1992	34 items
Folder 7	Latter-Day Saints – Warren County	1947-1979	17 items



Folder 8	Latter-Day Saints – Information about Kentucky families	1972-1973	8 items
Folder 9	Latter-Day Saints – Haley’s Mill Cemetery	1983-2004	14 items
Folder 10	Latter-Day Saints – Photos	n.d.	99 items
<b>BOX 7</b>	<b>Latter-Day Saints – Relief Society</b>	<b>1963-2003</b>	<b>124 items</b>
Folder 1	Latter-Day Saints – Relief Society – Correspondence	1966-1992	18 items
Folder 2	Latter-Day Saints – Relief Society – Annual reports, expense vouchers	1963-1969	19 items
Folder 3	Latter-Day Saints – Relief Society – Programs, etc.	1964-1992	26 items
Folder 4	Latter-Day Saints – Relief Society – Relating to	1969-2003	19 items
Folder 5	Latter-Day Saints – Relief Society – Elkton Ward	n.d.	10 items
Folder 6	Latter-Day Saints – Relief Society – Princeton	1990	32 items

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

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Information collected by Morgan about Butler County, Kentucky history and historical organizations. Genealogical records related to Morgan, Moore, and Johnson families (particularly the children of Christopher Columbus “Lum” Johnson, 1847-1921), as well as allied families. Includes two boxes of material related to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia, particularly its women’s Relief Society.

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