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### Morlan and Gray Family Papers, (1915-2010)

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G. C. Morlan

Barbara Morlan Gray

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Manuscripts #502

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## **About this collection**

**Title:** Morlan and Gray Family Papers

**Creator:** G. C. Morlan, C. G. Gray, and Barbara Morlan Gray

**Identifier/Call Number:** Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #502

**Physical Description:** 2.5 linear feet (2 boxes)

**Dates (Inclusive):** 1915-2010

**Dates (Bulk):** 1960-1990

**Location:** Center for Restoration Studies

**Language of Materials:** English

**Scope and Content Note:** These papers document the award of the Grover C. Morlan Medal from the early 1970s through the early 1990s. There are also photographs, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and subject files related to the Morlan and Gray families.

**Biographical Note:** G. C. and Alma (Adams) Morlan worked at Abilene Christian College as faculty members. G. C. Morlan began teaching in 1918 in the education department and in 1922 chaired the Education and Psychology department. Alma Morlan was the founding Home Economics Department Chair and served as the sponsor to the social club, Cadettes.

G. C. and Alma had four children: G. C. Morlan, Jr. (ACC '39), Alice Alene Floyd (ACC '42), Barbara Morlan Gray (ACC '45), and John Morlan (ACC '52). The materials in this collection were donated by John Gray, son of Barbara Morlan Gray and C. G. Gray.

C. G. Gray and Barbara Morlan Gray were married in 1951. Barbara's career in education included teaching in public schools, serving as an assistant registrar, and then in 1981 joining the ACU faculty. She continued in the General Studies program until she retired in 1993. C. G. Gray served the university as Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs and was heavily involved in strategic planning for the university.

[Information for this biographical note drawn from the [Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Morlan Endowed Scholarship Fund](#) page and [ACU Remembers: Barbara Gray](#) from *ACU Today*.]

**Administrative Information**

**Immediate Source of Acquisition:** C. G. Gray via John Gray

**Date of Acquisition:** October 2017; June 2018

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## **Using this collection**

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**Arrangement of Materials:** The original order of the materials was maintained as much as possible. There are binders documenting the Grover C. Morlan Medal Awards that are arranged in chronological order. There are also folders documenting biographical information about the Morlan and Gray families including correspondence, clippings, pamphlets, photographs, and other memorabilia.

### **Separated Materials:**

For materials removed to cataloging please check the library catalog.

### **Subjects**

Churches of Christ -- History -- 20<sup>th</sup> century

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## **Inventory**

### **Box 1**

[First Folder] Finding Aid

Grover C. Morlan Medal Award Dinner notebook, 1972  
Grover C. Morlan Medal Award Dinner notebook, 1973  
Grover C. Morlan Medal Award Dinner notebook, 1974  
Grover C. Morlan Medal Award Dinner notebook, 1975  
Grover C. Morlan Medal Award Dinner notebook, 1976  
Grover C. Morlan Medal Award Dinner notebook, 1977  
Grover C. Morlan Medal Award Dinner notebook, 1978  
Grover C. Morlan Medal Award Dinner notebook, 1979  
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Grover C. Morlan Medal Award Dinner notebook, 1982  
Grover C. Morlan Medal Award Dinner notebook, 1983  
Grover C. Morlan Medal Award Dinner notebook, 1985  
Grover C. Morlan Medal Award Dinner notebook, 1986  
Grover C. Morlan Medal Award Dinner notebook, 1986-1087  
Grover C. Morlan Medal Award Dinner notebook, 1988  
Grover C. Morlan Medal Award Dinner notebook, 1989  
Grover C. Morlan Medal Award Dinner notebook, 1990  
Grover C. Morlan Medal Award Dinner notebook, 1991

Morlan Awards

Report on Grover C. Morlan Loan Fund

Abilene Christian University Golden Anniversary Reunion, class of 1945

A-Club

School publications

After school Bible reading program, 2010

Family photographs

Barbara Jeanne Gray (1 of 3)

Barbara Jeanne Gray (2 of 3)

Barbara Jeanne Gray (3 of 3)

Home economics binder

Clippings about Abilene Christian

Correspondence, flyers, bulletins

Faculty Wives Directory

Five cassette tapes

### **Box 2 [oversize]**

Grover C. Morlan Medal plaque

Various Grover C. Morlan Medal medals

Matted photograph of the Grace Museum, N. 1st Street entrance, early 1940s

Pepperdine College five year service award plaque

Paul Harris Fellow award

1972 Century Club artwork

Photograph of Edmund Abslom and Alice Adams, parents of Alma Adams Morlan

World War II newspaper clippings

Full issue of the *Abilene Reporter News*, 1951

Various pins and rings from different societies and occasions

Limited edition commemorative plate for the 75th anniversary of Abilene Christian University

Commemorative plate from the Abilene Christian College Home Economics Department, first edition 1966