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**Daniel Morgan Collection**  
**Collection Number: 170 WFCBS/THL**

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**PROCESSING INFORMATION:** Initial processing undertaken in 1953. Last updated by Buffy Knappenberger in September 2024.

**EXTENT:** .88 linear feet

**DATE:** 1736-2014, Bulk 1779-1795

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** The Daniel Morgan Collection contains biographical articles, copies of legal documents, articles, a medal in a case, and correspondence about the controversy caused when the city of Cowpens, South Carolina attempted to move the remains of Revolutionary War General Daniel Morgan from Mt. Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, Virginia to Cowpens. The collection also includes items related to the cemetery monument, recordings and sheet music celebrating Morgan's life and career, and copies of materials related to Morgan and held by the National Archives.

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL:** General Daniel Morgan was born in 1736 in Junction, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, of Welsh ancestry. He moved to Virginia around 1754 and worked for Robert Burwell as a teamster and as foreman at a sawmill. He joined Braddock's Army on the march to Fort Duquesne. Following Braddock's defeat, he served in Captain Ashby's Company in defense of the Virginia frontier against French and Indian raids. During the Revolutionary War, in 1775, Morgan led a company of Winchester riflemen to join forces with General George Washington. Morgan was distinguished for bravery at several Revolutionary War battles at Quebec, Saratoga, and Cowpens. He later participated in the Whiskey Insurrection in 1794. In 1797, he served one term in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1797 to 1799. Daniel Morgan died in Winchester on July 6, 1802 and is buried in Mt. Hebron Cemetery.

**RELATED MATERIAL:** Artwork, Prints, and Posters Collection, 1200 WFCBS/THL

**IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:** Gift of multiple donors.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**BOX 1**

"Ballad of Daniel Morgan" – cassettes, records, correspondence, 9 items, 2 audiocassettes, 3 45-RPM records; 5 leaves, typescript; 1 leaf, printed/manuscript [Audio File/HD AV001/002]

Biography – Biography, by Eleanor Toan, February 15, 1974, 7 leaves, typescript includes article by unknown author, circa 1951, 17 leaves, typescript and research notes by Daisy Amick, 1 leaf, typescript

Biography – “Daniel Morgan – Able Tribute to the Most Unique Figure in the Annals of American Commonwealths” – address by Joseph T. Lawless, no date, 1 item, 22 pages, printed

Biography – “Daniel Morgan and the Southern Campaign, 1780-1781,” by B. Floyd Flickinger, May 15, 1929, 61 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Biography – “Daniel Morgan, King of Battletown,” by Peter Mowitt, *The Torch*, Spring 2001, vol. 74 no. 3, 5 pages, printed

Biography – “General Daniel Morgan, 1737-1802,” by Bessie Harley Eagle, April 6, 1922, 1 item, 19 leaves, typescript

Biography – “General Daniel Morgan, Thunderbolt of War,” by B. Floyd Flickinger, book text (partial) and notes, no date, 85 leaves, typescript (photocopy); 2 leaves, manuscript

Biography – Morgan funeral address by Reverend Hill, from the *Winchester Gazette*, July 21, 1802, 2 items, 3 leaves, typescript; 3 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Book Review – *Revolutionary Rangers: Daniel Morgan’s Riflemen and Their Role on the Northern Frontier, 1778-1783*, 2 leaves, printed

Brochure – DAR Library

Correspondence – January 14, 1781 – January 11, 1798, includes the following:

Letter from Daniel Morgan to Gen. Greene, January 14, 1781, 2 leaves, typescript

Letter from Daniel Morgan to Gen. Zane, June 27, 1794, 1 leaf, manuscript (scanned), 1 leaf, typescript

Letter from Daniel Morgan to Ailes Fisher, January 11, 1798, 2 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Correspondence – Daniel Morgan to Nathanael Greene, June 24, 1794, 1 leaf, manuscript

Correspondence – Daniel Morgan to Governor James Woods, August 25, 1797, 1 leaf, manuscript, 1 leaf, typescript

Correspondence – 1779-1781 (photostats)

Letter from Daniel Morgan to John Jay, July 18, 1779

Letter from Daniel Morgan to Thomas Jefferson, October 30, 1780

Letter from Daniel Morgan to Nathanael Greene, January 19, 1781

Letter from Daniel Morgan to Nathanael Greene, January 25, 1781

Letter from Nathanael Greene to Daniel Morgan, March 1781

Letter from Daniel Morgan to Unknown, March 22, 1781

Letter from Captain Samuel Graham to Daniel Morgan, November 22, 1781

Letter from Daniel Morgan to George Washington, November 25, 1781

**Physical Location: Oversize, Box 20**

Correspondence – 1795-1797 (photostats)

Letter from Daniel Morgan to George Washington, January 19, 1795

Letter from George Washington to Daniel Morgan, March 27, 1795

Letter from Daniel Morgan to William Loughton Smith, April 21, 1796

Letter from Daniel Morgan to James Woods, August 25, 1797

Letter from Charles Lee to Secretary of State, December 21, 1797

**Physical Location: Oversize, Box 3**

Correspondence – War Reports/Items (photostats)

Report of the Board of War, June 14, 1780

Report of the Board of War, June 16, 1780

Report of the Board of War, July 13, 1780

Photocopy of the medal given to Daniel Morgan by the Continental Congress (both sides), 1781

Sketch of Battle of Cowpens, April 1928

**Physical Location: Oversize, Box 3**

“Cowpens Battleground,” sheet music for band arrangement, 2 items, 2 leaves, printed

Cowpens Battleground – words by Henry Wilkins, music by Geoffrey O’Hara, 2 copies, printed

Cowpens South Carolina – 1981, National Battlefield, 1 page printed

DAR Application – Burrum, Annie Tayln

DAR Application – Callahan, Josephine Neville Strong

DAR Application – Clodfelter, Josephine Hood

DAR Application – McGuire, Emily Neville

DAR Application – Pearce, Mary French

DAR Application – Trust, Estelle

Homes of Daniel Morgan Tour, July 6, 2002, 2 items, printed

List of documents concerning Morgan in National Archives, 2 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Magazine articles, 3 items, 5 leaves, printed; 3 leaves, printed (photocopy)

Medal in case – Brig. Gen. Daniel Morgan, 1776 – 1976, 1 item

Miscellaneous correspondence, July 24, 1933 – August 19, 1933, 3 items, 1 postcard, 3 leaves, typescript

Monument – An Appeal to the People of Virginia (for funds for the preservation of Daniel Morgan’s grave and the construction of a monument), 1 item, pamphlet, printed

Monument – Correspondence and Contracts, April 1952, 6 items, 2 leaves typescript of printed form; 3 leaves typescript; 1 leaf typescript (photocopy)

Monument – Grave dispute – Correspondence, June 1951 – September 1951, 39 items, 10 leaves, manuscript; 10 leaves, typescript; 19 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Monument – Grave dispute – Court transcript, 19 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Monument – Grave dispute – News articles

## **BOX 2**

Monument – Grave – Marked by cannon, 1921, 1 leaf, typescript, 3 leaves printed (photocopy)

Monument at Mt. Hebron – Design and Dedication, 8 items, 1 leaf typescript (photocopy); 1 sketch; 6 leaves printed

Monument – News articles

Monument – Scrapbook – Articles regarding grave dispute and new monument, 1951 – 1968, original is at Mt. Hebron Cemetery, 1 item, 54 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Monument – U.S. House of Representatives Bill – “to preserve the grave of General Daniel Morgan and erect a monument over the same,” 1892, 3 leaves, printed (photocopy); 1 page, printed, 1 page, typescript

Morgan birthplace, 1 leaf, manuscript

Morgan, Gen. Daniel – *An Address Before the Seventh Annual Congress of the Scotch-Irish Society of America* by Armistead C. Gordon, June 23, 1895

Morgan, Daniel – Genealogical Data

Morgan, Daniel – Will – Excerpts and bequest to Smith children, 1801; and Clerk of the Court, re Presly Nevile, acting executor of Daniel Morgan, Dec. 8, 1804; 1 leaf, typescript; 1 leaf, typescript (photocopy); 1 page manuscript on printed form

Morgan’s flag – News article

“Morgan House” – Notes on home in Winchester, no author, no date, 1 leaf, typescript (photocopy)

Morgan Land sale – Morgan to Charles Houston, March 12, 1800, 3 leaves, manuscript (photocopy)

Morgan’s Mill – Newspaper article, May 13, 1971

“Morgan Portrait,” Virginia Historical Society Bulletin, December 1960, pages 12-14, 1 item, 19 pages, printed

Morgan, Willoughby – Grave, U.S. Fort Crawford Military Cemetery, 3 photographs

Morgan, Willoughby – Will, opinion of will, October 1832

Newspaper articles, 51 leaves, printed (photocopy)

Revolutionary War – (The) Dutch Mess, Revolutionary War Company commanded by Daniel Morgan, 8 leaves, typescript; 7 leaves, typescript (photocopy); 8 leaves, typescript (photocopy)

Revolutionary War – Morgan Oath of Allegiance to U.S. of America, June 10, 1778, 1 leaf, manuscript on printed form (photocopy)

Revolutionary War – Morgan’s Rifleman, March from Winchester, VA – Cambridge, MA, 1775, timetable, 1 item, 1 leaf, typescript (photocopy)

Speech – “The Daniel Morgan Memorial Road” by Gabriel Edmondston, March 14, 1916, 5 leaves, printed (photocopy)

USS Cowpens – Reunions, CVL Ships, October 15, 1983 – December 7, 1986, 7 items, printed

*The Virginia Militia* – 3 leaves, typescript

### **BOX 3**

Scrapbook – “Who was Daniel Morgan?” compiled by Jimmy Dix, 1 item