

Morgan, Gerald 1947

1947

Miss T....

Gerald Morgan says that the school is east of Troy and it is two hours by car from Hyde Park.

his letter is att'd

Handwritten notes and signatures:

W. Morgan (signature)

Human Rights

remains

to go to the front

for the separate pending

done.

Testing for a letter

by

Portland, Ore
March 6, 1941

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draft

Mr Gerald Morgan
Hyale Park

Dear Gerald -

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from the Rev Wood about
speaking at Hoquiam
School. I can't go on
June 14 for their Commencement
but if you will tell me
how long it takes & how
I get there, I will
try to ^{get} ~~make~~ a deal -

ORIGINAL RETIRED FOR PRESERVATION

Morgan

Portland, Oregon
March 6, 1947

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Very cordially yours,

*Thank on
cards
At June Church
Mar 10 1947*

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Thank you
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Alfred
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14 EAST 93RD STREET
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

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boys about your work at Lake Success.

Mr. Wood was a master at
Traton, and he says he taught
all your boys except James, so
perhaps you remember him.

Apparently all he wants me
to tell him is whether it
would be any use for him to
write to you.

His school is east of Troy,
and it is two hours by car
from Hyde Park.

Yours sincerely

Samuel Morgan

REV. MEREDITH B. WOOD
RECTOR - HEADMASTER
TEL. HOOSICK FALLS 340

NEW YORK OFFICE
100 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.
TEL. MURRAY HILL 7767

HOOSAC SCHOOL
HOOSICK, N. Y.

March 27, 1947

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
Hyde Park, Dutchess County
New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Recently I mentioned to Mr. Gerald Morgan, whose son, Tom, is a senior in this school, our very great hope and wish that it might be possible to have you come to talk to the school and a few friends about the United Nations. Mr. Morgan said that although your schedule was extremely full, he thought it might indeed be something you would wish to do. Therefore, I am extending you an invitation to come to Hoosac School this spring at any time which is convenient for you. This might be either on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon or evening, or on a weekday in the evening. Or if you would like to do so, it might be that you could make the graduation address on Saturday, June 14, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon or if you prefer, on Sunday, June 15, at 3 o'clock. We could arrange so that the graduation exercises could be on either of these days. 20

The only dates which would be impossible for us are May 18, June 1 and Thursday, May 15, which is Ascension Day.

Perhaps Mr. Morgan has told you something about Hoosac School. This is an old Church School, founded by the Rev. Edward Dudley Tibbits, in 1889. He was an old St. Paul's school boy and spent his life in a devoted fashion in this little community. He was rector of the local parish church and founded a small parochial school which developed into a boys' boarding school. He died in 1930 and during the depression years the school had a difficult time. However, it carried on through, due to the devoted service of a great many people. I am thinking especially of Ruby and Jessie McKeon and Margaret Williams, who have served in the kitchen, pantry and linen room for well over forty years. Ruby will celebrate her fiftieth anniversary here next fall. Many of the faculty, likewise, have given of their love and devotion to the school.

We are working hard on the development of our curriculum now and believe that we can make a real contribution to the important challenges of our times through the coordination of all our studies which are grounded in the Christian Faith. I am enclosing a copy of a simple statement which underlies the development of our curriculum, which has been recently set down by the cooperative efforts of the faculty.

Under separate cover I am sending you a booklet about Hoosac School which will give you a further insight into what we are trying to do.

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*Mr. Morgan has told me
how to contact you*

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt - 2

I remember with much pleasure my own days at Groton as a boy under Dr. Peabody and later, two years of teaching in 1929 and 1930. I had several of your own boys in my classes. I knew Elliott, Franklin and John.

It will give me personally much pleasure to have you come to be with us and I know that Tom Morgan will feel very proud if you can come.

Sincerely,

Meredith B. Wood
Headmaster

mbw/vph
enc.

*It would be wonderful if
you could give the
graduation address!*

FOUNDATIONS

1. God is the supreme and final Reality,
2. The natural world is derived from God's creative thought and will,
3. Man is dependent upon God and His created universe,

EDUCATIONAL AIMS

The purpose of Hoosac School is to develop in each boy an understanding of his natural environment, his relationship to his fellowmen and his sonship to Almighty God; to train him in the practice and responsibilities of these relationships.

THE CURRICULUM RESTS ON THE FOUNDATIONS AND IS DIRECTED TOWARD THE EDUCATIONAL AIMS

All study--teaching and learning alike--is planned to assist the fundamental purpose of interpreting for boys their relationship to Nature, Man, and God. They are helped to gain an understanding of and a proper practical activity in each of these three great areas,

HISTORY: The aim of the study of History, the focal point of our curriculum, is to trace man's progress toward the goal of life through the development of civilizations, with the challenges presented to man at various times and places, and to observe and evaluate Man's response to such challenges.

ENGLISH: The aim of the study of English is to provide a vehicle for the understanding of life and for the conveyance of ideas to ~~ix~~ other people. Boys gain a command of the mechanics of English and learn to appreciate literature. Thus they are enabled to gain a deeper knowledge of the three realms of Nature, Man and God through the great thoughts and experiences of others.

SCIENCE: The purpose of Science teaching is to lead boys to ~~ax~~ practical knowledge of Man, of the natural world about him and of the greater universe beyond, and to develop a sense of the right use of the opportunities which Science has placed at Man's command.

MATHEMATICS: The study of Mathematics provides essential tools for the work of life, and leads to a conception of the majesty of our ordered universe.

ANCIENT LANGUAGES: The aim in studying Ancient Languages is to provide a knowledge of language itself and its uses, its relation to English and other languages and an insight into civilizations and literatures which have deeply influenced our own.

MODERN LANGUAGES: The acquisition of a modern foreign language provides means of contact with the mind and thought of related peoples of our own civilization through conversation and the study of their language and literature.

RELIGION: The aim of Religion is to gather into a coherent whole the ~~acquired~~ knowledge of Nature, Man and God acquired in studies of the curriculum, and to present the supreme challenge of God to Man and Man's response to that challenge.

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Mr Gerald Morgan
Hyde Park, N.Y.

Dear Gerald:

I am inc. my check
for \$125⁰⁰ which completes
my pledge of contribution to
the church - It is \$75⁰⁰
per year = \$425 contribution.

Marked
out
cards

Morgan

Dear Series -

I have sent Mrs Maay
a check for 75⁰⁰ for
few pens. This leaves
only \$ 125 on my pledge
of 500 since we agreed
that the few pens was
included in the total
pledge -

Y. Cord yrs

Send check with
notice to

Mr Alan Maay

HP

Good - full

I apologize for the
delay in answering your letter
urging me to visit
your school.

It is not possible for
me to come on June 15
as the H.P. Com will
be meeting at Lake
Success at that time. I
cannot give you any
other date because I
will be so busy for the
next several weeks -

With many thanks
for your kind invitation
(over)

ORIGINAL RETIRED FOR PRESENTATION

+ my Regals

1947

April 15, 1947

14 EAST 93RD STREET
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

Dear Libby,

Mary asks me to ask you whether you would mind leaving the answer to the invitation to Tom's school Vaque. She says she isn't planning to go up there any time soon, but might do so later,

Yours sincerely,

Arnold Morson

P.S. We will be at Hyde Park
for good next Friday the 18th

Write the school
if I disturb you
P.M.

Y. Morgan

June

Please note

May 4, 1947

Dear Gerald: (Morgan)

I am enclosing my check for
\$100. The rest will be forthcoming
in installments now and then.

Very cordially yours,

Mark on cards

St. James Church, Hyde Park

\$100.

U, Drum

Dear Gerard

I am entirely
in agreement with
all of the suggestions
in your letter of Oct 13.

P. O. BOX 38
HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

Oct. 13. 1947
JFK
M. M. M.
W. M. M.

Dear Eleanor,

Reference to your letter of Oct
9th, the ladies of the congregation
collected several ^{hundred dollars}
from visitors to ^{during the summer} the church.

Consequently, it occurred both
to them and to me that it might
be well worth while to have a
little ceremony at the unveiling
of the plaque, provided that you
yourself approved, and could
arrange for a certain amount
of publicity beforehand. Not
only might this publicity help

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HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

to maintain a considerable source
of income for the church, but
it might also keep Mr. Mrs.
Elliott.

Yours sincerely

Arnold Morgan

P.S. Also, to put the argument
on a deplorably low level,
any added source of income might
remove a lot of financial pressure
on the Roosevelt & Morgan families

Arnold

January 12, 1948

Dear Gerald:

I am enclosing my check for
\$500. This covers pew rent of \$75.
and \$425. as my gift for this year.

Very cordially yours,

*mark on
card*

Budget Figures brought forward..... \$9287.00

Credits

Church Endowment Fund.....	\$2128.00
Churchyard Endowment Fund.....	1750.00
Pew Rents.....	402.00
Loose Collections.....	550.00
Annual Subscriptions ((other than envelope),.....	700.00
TOTAL.....	5530.00

Balance to be raised through additional pledges \$3757.00

A break-down of the income being received through the medium of envelope pledges in 1947 indicates that:

15 contributors give \$1.00 or more a week
9 " " .50 to .75 " "
14 " " .25 to .45 " "
8 " " less than 25¢ " "

Adding the list of contributors, we have 46 who contribute regularly out of 137 families.

Without too much figuring it can be seen that we fall considerably short of the amount necessary to carry on.

Will you not, therefore, consider earnestly the regular contribution of your share toward the support of your Church.

Will you please forward the enclosed pledge card to your Rector, Rev. Gordon L. Kidd, Hyde Park, New York or to Mr. O. H. Minton, Hyde Park, New York, and envelopes will be provided for your use.

Sincerely yours,

THE RECTOR, WARDENS and VESTRYMEN, of
St. James Church, Hyde Park, New York.

(Handwritten Signature)
O. H. Minton, Chairman, Every Member
Canvass.

November 24, 1947

Dear Rev. Kidd:

I will pay my pew rent of \$75.00 and subscribe \$425.00 as usual to be paid in installments. I am enclosing my pledge card for \$2 every Sunday. If you will see that the envelopes are sent to me, I will see that they are filled.

Very sincerely,

P.S. Elliott tells me that he has not received any communication from you. He is not a Communicant but he is a member of the parish and did give a contribution last year, so that I would like to have you ask him, again.

Gerald Morgan

G. Morgan
1947

Dear "

Ellicott & I were talking
just a few days ago
about putting up a plaque
under "Rascal's" similar to
it - just stating the Graubler
had been senior warden
of the church. We planned to
talk to you about it to find
out how it could be done

Of course we are delighted
to hear that the Vestry has
raised enough money & we
would like to contribute a
little something if the
Vestry does not feel that
that would be surprising
on their perquisites.

I want very much to
see the plaques & where
you are putting it but
I feel if the history ~~is~~ are
putt^y it up, it should make
the final decision.

I will be up the
Sunday after next & I
will surely come to
Church -

April 18, 1947

P. O. BOX 38
HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

Dear Eleanor,

The Society has raised enough money for a tablet to Franklin in the church, but I really think - and so do they - that you ought to know where we propose to put it, and what it would look like, before we go ahead.

If you are coming to church some Sunday, I could show you in five minutes. Or I could meet you at the church some other time.

Yours sincerely

Samuel Morgan

Copy

Morgan, H

368 South Adams Road
Birmingham, Mich.

12th Oct 1947

Dear Mr Morgan

We are sending separately a print of the drawing for the memorial in Hyde Park church.

This drawing is the actual size of the plaque and we think the maximum size to ensure good relationship to the one above (centered under it) and to ensure good proportions on the wall as a whole. We tested it in position when we were at Hyde Park this summer and believe it will provide for easy reading at a distance.

The marble proposed is "Light Danby" - a very fine white Vermont marble (the same I think as used in the main Hyde Park memorial) and which will help to provide a unity in character. The H.A. Manley Company in Detroit seems both a reasonable and reliable firm to deal with in the supply and cutting of the marble. The type of finish should not be a highly polished one which may tend to reflect light but a softer "hone" finish.

Our advice on the lettering is to use a simplified Roman letter which will harmonize with the other memorials in the church and at the same time keep some relationship to the grave memorial. Sandblasting is suggested as a method of cutting (rather than handcutting) not necessarily because the other is twice as expensive, but because a much deeper letter can be cut by this method which seems essential to make the wording show up clearly in the particular location we have. The sharpness and fineness of each letter would of course be the same by either method.

It would be very desirable to leave the letters exactly as cut, but if they still do not show up clearly enough, they can easily be painted afterwards (perhaps in gold) similar to the other memorials.

We discarded the other idea of raising the letters above the surface of the plaque, not only because this would not entirely harmonize with the other plaques but because the

individual letters would have to be larger and thicker - which is somewhat impossible - and due to the danger of eventual chipping would not have the lasting permanence of the other type.

You will notice on the drawing that we have spaced the lines to form as far as possible a simple rectangular pattern, and made the last four lines of equal height; this, we think, gives just the right importance to all the lines, and the first line, being slightly more widely spaced with higher letters, will have a degree of emphasis.

The Sheldon Granite Company in Detroit have, we find, one or two very fine lettering craftsmen and good facilities for this work.

We have tried various designs for the plaque itself but have always come back to one that is a simple, well proportioned rectangle without any border or any other decorative device to distract from the lettering (as in the grave memorial) - in other words one that depends entirely upon the actual type and spacing of the lettering, the character and finish of the marble, and the general proportions to give the feeling of dignity that we are hoping to achieve.

If you have other thoughts about this I hope you will not hesitate to express them.

We will ensure that the plaque will be provided with four "lugs" leaded into the back of the marble for fastening into the wall. The price for all the work including crating for shipping express to Hyde Park has been quoted to us as under \$150. We are presuming that you will be able to arrange the installation.

Nothing will be done until we hear from you: I don't think the actual work will take long since this marble is held in stock.

With kindest regards

Eleanor and Edward Elliott

We are sending a copy of this and the drawing to Aunt Eleanor.

October 23, 1947

Dear Gerald,

It is entirely agreeable to me to proceed with the plaque and to have the ceremony in the spring after I return from England, which should be around the 20th of April.

Will you let me know how much of a subscription you would like from me?

Very sincerely,

Oct 21, 1947

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HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

Dear Eleanor,

In response to your letter of Oct 16th (and to my talk with Miss Thompson on Sunday), the Special Committee of the Society has already promptly authorized me (subject to your approval as one of the members of that committee) to write to The Elliotts to proceed with the plaque.

I am, The ladies of the Congregation suggest (also subject

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to your approval) that the unveiling ceremony take place next Spring after your return from Europe rather than this autumn.

Will you please let me know whether you approve the design of the plaque and the timing of the ceremony?

Yours sincerely,

Samuel Morgan

ORIGINAL RETIRED FOR PRE:

How much
did you give
to leave add
to list of delinquents
I give
what

Nov 25, 1947

P. O. BOX 38
HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

Dear Eleanor,

I now have \$75 toward
the Elliots' \$150 and
can get as much more as
you like, I should think,
anyway. I'll leave it
till you get back from
Geneva.

Yours sincerely

Happy Landings!
#25 - Julia Cross
25 - Helen
25 - Mary

Smallman

Y, Wright

Dear Gerald =

I think it would be wiser
to wait until after I get back
from England to set the date
for unreeching the plaque.

I thought the money was to
given by the Testry & the people
of N.P, in which case we would
like to join in, but if it comes
from an outside source that
makes a difference.

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Oct 27, 1947

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HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

Dear Eleanor.

The money to pay for the plaque is already in the bank - out of unsolicited contributions sent to me by outsiders for that purpose.

The ladies of the congregation tell me that visitors invariably regard the church itself as intimately bound up with Franklin's memory. That is why I think that publicity previous to the dedication of the plaque would

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not miss to mark, if it
emphasized the point that the
church itself was a memorial to
him, in the sense that he regarded
it as that one of his neighborhood
interests, for which he felt most
affection, and gave so much of his time.

When would you like me to
remind you to set a date for
the ceremony, and to arrange for
the publicity - some time before
you go to Europe in the Spring,
or soon after your return?

Yours sincerely

Samuel Morgan

Morgan, J
March 29, 1948

P. O. BOX 38
HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

Dear Eleanor

Sorry I missed your letter
in New York. Your plans for
the unveiling on May 30th are
splendid. The vestry passed a
resolution of approval this
evening.

Yours very sincerely

Samuel Morgan

June -
Did you
send letter
to Justice
Kingsland
about
golf?
Yes