
Morgan Adams, Sr. Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Morgan Adams, Sr. Papers

Dates: 1911, 1918, 1930-1935

Collection Number: 2019_06

Creator/Collector:

Extent: 1 archives box (4 volumes and 2 cabinet cards)

Repository: Sherman Library and Gardens

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Abstract: This collection consists of a logbook for the sloop Mah-Pé and two logbooks for the schooner Enchantress, which won the 1930 Los Angeles to Honolulu (Transpac) Race. The collection also includes a photograph album and two photographs of Morgan Adams, Sr. with other Naval officers in Panama.

Language of Material: English

Access

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Acquisition Information

David V. Adams, the son of Morgan Adams, Jr., donated this collection to Sherman Library on September 27, 2019.

Biography/Administrative History

Morgan Adams, Sr. (1886-1951) Morgan Adams, Sr. was born in Dayton, Ohio on April 14, 1886. Adams moved to California in 1893 and graduated from Stanford University in 1907. After college, he worked as a bonds salesman for his family's business, James H. Adams & Company. During World War I, Adams served as a lieutenant commander, with command of the torpedo boat USS Farragut. Later, he commanded the Pacific terminus of the Panama Canal. In World War II Adams served as an advisor to Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal on the ship construction program. Forrestal awarded him the Distinguished Civil Service Certificate for his work. Adams also served on the Los Angeles Harbor Commission, 1941-1947. He was an avid sailor who owned several vessels in his lifetime, including Mah-Pé and Enchantress. In 1930, Adams captained Enchantress to win the Los Angeles to Honolulu (Transpac) Race. Adams was Commodore of the Los Angeles Yacht Club, 1932-1933. At the time of his death in 1951, he was chairman of the board of the Western Mortgage Company, which he founded.

Scope and Content of Collection

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