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Biographical Sketch

John Mathew Morgan was born in Toledo on January 12, 1928. After graduating from Scott High School, he attended St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland from 1943-1947, studying the liberal arts. He returned to Toledo and received a B.A. in Secondary Education in 1948 as well as an M.A. in History in 1950 from UT. Following two years of military service with the Army in Korea, Morgan attended the University of Michigan, studying history and eventually earning a Master's Degree in Library Science in 1957. He worked briefly as an assistant librarian for the FLINT (MI) JOURNAL and then returned again to Toledo, becoming the assistant circulation librarian at UT in 1956, a position he held until the following year in which he became assistant reference librarian. He was made Reference Librarian in 1962, at which time he took up teaching Library Science as an assistant professor. In 1971, he became the Chairman of Collection Development. Throughout his career, Morgan published various historical articles in the NORTHWEST OHIO QUARTERLY and information systems articles in RQ. In addition, Morgan was heavily involved in University service. He was a member of the Faculty Senate, serving as secretary from 1969-1971 and then on the Executive Committee from 1971 to 1972. He also served on various library faculty committees (1968-1974), the Publications Committee (1966-1972), and the University Advisory Committee on Salaries, Promotions and Tenure (1972-1974). During the early 70s, Morgan held leadership positions in the University Club. He was also extensively involved with professional organizations, holding leadership positions in the Ohio Conference and UT Chapter of AAUP, for which he was president from 1971 to 1972, and serving on committees for the American and Ohio Library Associations. Other activities included memberships with the Ohio and Maumee Valley Historical Associations and the Ten Mile Creek Democratic Club, which was a small part of his extensive involvement with the Democratic Convention at both the county and the state level.

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Scope and Content Note

This collection, arranged in three series, documents Morgan's library, university, and professional activities. Within each series, the files are arranged alphabetically.

Series I: Library Activities includes reports, correspondence with the director of libraries, library science program records, approval plan documents, and records of the Faculty Library Advisory Committee.

Series II, University Activities documents the donor's involvement with the University Club, General Education Committee, the Salary, Promotions, and Tenure Committee, the Chinese/Russian Studies Center, and the Ohio Faculty Senate. Also included are files on campus unrest and collective bargaining.

Series III, Professional Activities pertains to Morgan's participation in professional library associations, particularly the Ohio Library Association, the American Library Association, and the American Association of University Professors.

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