

Guide to the Morse Family Collection

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Starting with the works of Everett Fleet Morse and Frank Lincoln Morse, a series of inventions facilitated the foundation and growth of the Morse Chain Company in 1893. The company initially was located in Trumansburg, but in 1906 it moved to Ithaca and was eventually purchased in 1928 by Borg Warner. This collection contains information related to the descendants of Everett Fleet Morse and the Morse family, including brochures and articles relevant to the Morse Chain Company, awards and photos of medals given to members of the Morse family, blueprints for and mortgage information about the home of Everett Fleet Morse, and tapes produced by people in the family.

The Morse family has been a significant group of prominent and civic-minded people, including such local benefactors as Effie Dallas Morse, who was a staunch advocate of children's education and local community centers. The 20th and 21st century members of the family have been just as generous with their time, expertise and support to the community.

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