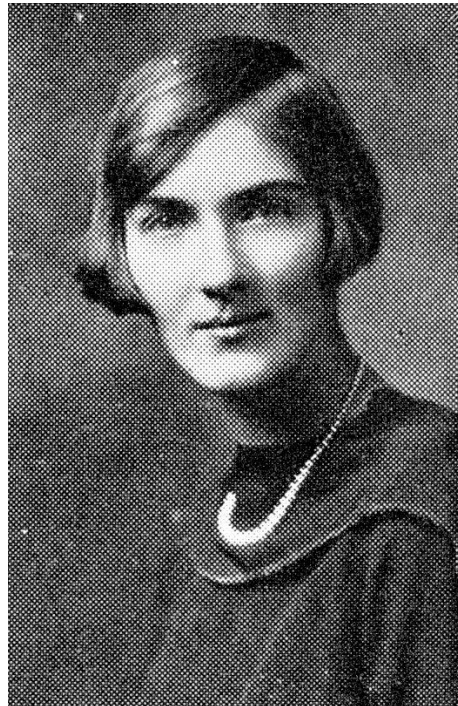


**RITA SOMMERVILLE MORGAN PAPERS
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GENERAL INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Rita Sommerville Morgan was born in New York City on October 14, 1905 to Matthew Morgan and Ludmila Slavikova. Matthew was an English painter and Ludmila was a Czech violinist, who came to the United States on a scholarship to the Boston Conservatory of Music.

Rita attended and graduated from Hunter College High School in June 1928, and four years later graduated and received her baccalaureate degree, with a concentration in Latin, from Hunter College in June 1928. In 1940, Rita Morgan received her Ph D. degree in Educational Research from Columbia University. The title of her dissertation was “Arbitration in the men's clothing industry in New York City; a case study of industrial arbitration and conference method with particular reference to its educational implications.” Dr. Morgan subsequently trained for overseas work in Washington, D.C. and fulfilled the requirements for Guidance Counselor, as stipulated by the New York City Board of Education, by attending the School of Social Work at Columbia University.

Dr. Morgan held a variety of teaching and counseling positions throughout her career. She taught at the Town School on East 76th Street and worked as a Guidance Counselor at the Friends Seminary on East 16th Street in Manhattan. For the New York City Board of Education Dr. Morgan taught English at Bay Ridge High School in Brooklyn and at Benjamin Franklin High School in East Harlem. Dr. Morgan served as a Guidance Counselor at Metropolitan Vocational High School, Performing Arts School, and at the Maritime School in New York City.

From 1944 to 1950, Dr. Morgan worked with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration as an Education Officer with the Greek refugee Gaza camp in Palestine and with the Gaza Arab refugee camp. In 1945, Dr. Morgan was in London, England where she worked on a committee which prepared the preamble to the constitution of UNESCO. From 1959 to 1960 Dr. Morgan worked with the United Nations High Command for Refugees as Director, Refugee Relief in Tunisia – Algerian refugees.

Dr. Morgan was an individual who was deeply concerned about peace, the hungry, and the homeless worldwide. As a result she became actively involved with the American Friends Service Committee from 1961 to 1976. Dr. Morgan’s international concerns did not distract her from addressing similar problems in New York City. Between 1960 and 1985, she became actively involved with East Harlem Interfaith (1971 - 1985), the Yorkville Common Pantry (1982 - 1984), and the James Weldon Johnson Community Center (1976 - 1985). Dr. Morgan played a pivotal role in establishing the JWJ Community Center which attempted to address the social, educational, and economic needs of the African-American and Puerto Rican residents of East Harlem.

Dr. Rita Morgan was elected to the Hunter Hall of Fame in 1985 and passed away on October 14, 1999.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Gottesman Libraries at Teachers College/Columbia University have an electronic repository named PocketKnowledge which is designed for the records of Teachers College and for publications or works in all formats by institutional members, including faculty, students, and staff. One of the collections in this social archive is the Rita Morgan Collection which consists of several digitized photographs, letters, reports, worksheets, minutes, and case studies of students who attended Benjamin Franklin High School from the late 1950's through the early 1970's.

The Rita Sommerville Morgan Papers housed in the Archives & Special Collections of the Hunter College Libraries documents the life of an extraordinary individual who shared a deep concern about students, education, the poor, the unemployed, the hungry, the homeless, both in the U.S. and abroad, and world peace.

Dr. Morgan's dedication to improving human lives was clearly demonstrated by her active participation with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration from 1944 to 1950, the United Nations High Command for Refugees from 1959 to 1960, and with the American Friends Service Committee. The documents of the AFSC in this collection which consists of correspondence, memoranda, minutes, publications, and reports clearly indicate that Dr. Morgan, as an avowed Quaker, actively supported their relief efforts in Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Austria, Cuba, Hong Kong, Mexico, Tibet, and Vietnam from 1961 to 1970.

Between 1960 and 1985, Dr. Morgan focused her attention on addressing the socio-economic issues of the disadvantaged by becoming actively involved with East Harlem Interfaith, the Yorkville Common Pantry and the James Weldon Johnson Community Center. The documents of the aforementioned organizations in this collection consists of correspondence, reports, minutes, forms, etc. Dr. Morgan played an important role in establishing the JWJ Community Center and eventually became one of their board members. The records of the James Weldon Johnson Community Center are housed in The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of The New York Public Library.

The last important component of this collection are the publications that Dr. Morgan accrued throughout her personal life and professional career. Key journals and newsletters in this collection include *The Center Magazine* (1975 - 1986), *Fellowship* (1967 - 1986), *Friends Journal* (1967 - 1986), *I.F. Stone's Weekly* (1958 - 1960, 1964 - 1969), and *The Washington Spectator* (1977 - 1986) to name a few.

The Rita Sommerville Morgan Papers should be of interest to researchers who wish to learn about an extraordinary Hunter College alumna who earnestly sought to ameliorate some of the glaring socio-economic ills that beset humanity through collective activism and by exhibiting a sincere commitment to creating a better world for everyone.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series I – Biographical Information

Series I consists of Dr. Morgan's vitae dated July 1984, and her entry in the Hunter Hall of Fame booklet for 1985. Both of these sources provide brief information on Dr. Morgan's personal life and professional career.

Series II – Correspondence

Series II consists of political campaign letters from 1963 to 1986, and personal letters from 1964 to 1986. The letters are arranged chronologically.

Series III – Religious Affiliations

Series III consists of materials on Dr. Morgan's affiliation and involvement with the American Friends Service Committee from 1961 to 1970, and with Quakerism.

Series IV – Community Organizations

Series IV consists of materials from Dr. Morgan's active involvement with East Harlem Interfaith, the Yorkville Common Pantry, and with the James Weldon Johnson Community Center in East Harlem, New York. Dr. Morgan played a pivotal role in establishing the JWJ Community Center which primarily served African-American and Puerto Rican residents in East Harlem from 1970 to 1985.

Series V – Publications

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Subseries 5.5 Newsletters

Subseries 5.1 through 5.5 are publications which Dr. Morgan acquired throughout her personal life and professional career.

Series VI – Miscellaneous Materials

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	2	Barr, Stringfellow. <i>Let's Join the Human Race</i> . Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1950.
	3	<i>Into the 10th Decade Tribute to Bertrand Russell</i> . London: The Malvern Press Limited, n.d.
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4		Hadley, Norval. Ed. <i>New Call to Peacemaking: A Challenge To All Friends</i> . Philadelphia: The Faith and Life Movement, 1976
		Haring, Margery. <i>Out of Community: A Report on the Homeless People Project with Some Proposals</i> . New York: Quaker Project on Community Conflict, July 1967
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5		Alpenfels, Ethel J. <i>Sense & Nonsense About Race</i> . New York: Friendship Press, 1946.
		Taba, Hilda and Til W. Van. Eds. <i>Democratic Human Relations: Promising Practices in Intergroup and Intercultural Education in the Social Studies</i> . Washington, D.C., National Council For the Social Studies, 1945.
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6		Antonov, Pavel and Dimitri Kazutin. <i>The Kirov Plant in Leningrad</i> . [In the Past and Today]. Moscow: Novosti Press Agency Publishing House, 1979.
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		Kostygova, Tatayana. <i>Health is Public Wealth</i> . Moscow: Novosti Press Agency Publishing House, 1979.
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	7	Board of Education of the City of New York. <i>Curriculum Resource Materials for Meeting School Retention and Pre-Employment Needs: Youth Achievement Program</i> . New York, 1962.
		Deakin, Nicholas. <i>A Voice For All Children: Report of an Independent Committee of Inquiry</i> . London: Bedford Square Press, 1982
		Jordon, Julian, and Johanna Fawkes. <i>Workfacts for Young Workers</i> . Basic Skills Unit, 1981.
		Russell Sage Foundation. <i>Guidelines for the Collection Maintenance & Dissemination of Pupil Records: report of a Conference on the Ethical and Legal Aspect5s of School Record Keeping</i> .New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 1970.

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