

John Todd Morrison

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

16 items

15.5.1890

Wingate, J. L. (Muthill)/

H.s.

(1)

2 leaves

Invitations to visit and help "to draw up another paper", why he deems it necessary to write an alternative paper on the academy's position to one a lawyer is preparing.

24.6.1890

(St. John's)/

H.s.

2 leaves

(2)

Meeting with advocate about Academy's affairs; course of procedure laid down; course he supported has been accepted; gives details of arguments discussed; invites Morrison to visit him.

+ Envelope.

Note: Sir James Wingate was president of the royal Scottish Academy.

12.10.1898

Henderson, W.C. (Largs.)/

H.s.

2p.

(3)

Tries to arrange a meeting between Morrison and Lord kelvin,: "His Lordship has to go out in the afternoon".

+ Envelope.

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Neethling, J.H. [Stb.]/

H.s.

2 leaves

(4)

Subcommittee appointed to confer with Morrison and Major Dale about the buying of a specific piece of property; arranges a meeting for the same morning.

12.8.1905

Merriman, John X. (Stb.)/

H.s.

2 leaves

(5)

Cannot be at the meeting on Monday, bit will join lunch; thinks mayor is proper person to preside, but will speak if required; suggests confining the toast to three.

+ Envelope

17.3.1909

(Cape Town)/ (5A) (Stellenbosch)

H.s.

2 leaves.

Thanks Morrison for good wishes.

7.10.1914

H.s.

2 leaves

(6)

Sends money "for my 50 copies", ignorance in the country; "the evil example of Beyers... does an infinity of harm".

3.1.1915

H.s.

(7)

3p.

Studer has asked him for advice about a boarding house for his who needs to pass his matriculation; asks Morrison's opinion; encouraging that a Namaqualand farmer wants to have his son educated; Morrison's son who worked his way home.

18.5.1917

H.s.

(8)

4p.

Can hold out no prospect for Mrs. Stephan in matter of pension; does not think that commutation will be allowed; even a petition "will not do her any good"; conditions at Stellenbosch; commends the address Moorrees gave.

16.11.1917

H.s.

(9)

1p.

Sends £10; his "extreme annoyance at being associated with Cluver who was a prime mover in the Stellenbosch subscription to the helpmekaar"; calls it the "campaign funds of the anti-British party".

[-.-.19-]

H.s.

(10)

2 Leaves

Asks for information on a school's issue; "poisonous nonsense that is being distilled onto the young"; wants to know what youth thinks of Orania.

17.1.1940

Smuts, J. C. (Cape Town)/

H.s.

2 leaves

(11)

Thanks him for letter; Obholzer; supposes the case will come before the Appeal Commissioner in due course; best wishes for the new year.

+ Envelope.

Note: Donated by Mrs. Morrison, April 1961, taken back and donated again in October 1982 by Mrs. Spottiswood.

4.1.1944

Broom, R. (G/Reinet)/

H.s.

2 leaves

(12)

The private museum built by Rubidge on the farm Wellwood has "the most important collection of SA fossils in the world"; quotes one paragraph of *Time* article and gives background of article; it shows what Americans think about the anti-English movement in South-Africa.

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Personalia

45 Items

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Certificates

1. George Watson's College Schools for boys: School bursary awarded to JTM, 1875-76.
2. George Watson's College Schools for boys: School bursary awarded to JTM, 1876-77.
3. Edinburgh University, Bachelor of Science degree, 18.4.1880.
4. Edinburgh University, Master of Arts degree, 20.4.1883.

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Testimonials

35 items

1. Testimonials from a variety of people in Edinburgh and Glasgow, 20.12.1890 - 12.10.1895. H. 15 items.
+ Part of envelope.
2. Testimonial from Thos. Muir, 4.8.1900. T.s. 1 leaf.
+ Copy. T.s. 1 leaf.
3. Testimonial from professor Thomas Walker, Stellenbosch, August 1900.
H.s.(draft) 1 leaf.
4. Testimonials in favour of JTM. Printed. 13 items.
5. List of academical and professional qualifications. Printed. 10 leaves.
Note: Key 21; incomplete.
6. Letter. JTM/Gov., Heriot-Watt College(Edinburgh). 4.8.1900. H.(draft). 2 leaves.
+ Subjoined note. H. 1 leaf.
Applies for the post as Principal of the Heriot-Watt College.

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Marks of honour

9 items

1. JTM elected an ordinary Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, 7.3.1892.
+ Envelope.
+ Letter. Secr., Royal Soc. of Edinburgh/JTM. 11.11.1942. T.s. 1 leaf.
Congratulates JTM on having been a fellow for 50 years.
+ Envelope.
2. Honorary doctorate in science from UCT, October 1929.
+ Letter. Reg., UCT/JTM. 29.8.1929. T.s. 1 leaf.
Offers him the honorary doctorate.
+ Envelope.
+ Program for UCT ceremonies on 1.10.1929.
+ Motivation for degree.

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Miscellaneous

1. Notes taken from lectures by JTM on second year Applied Mathematics, 1906, by Hildegard van der Poel, later mrs. Morrison.

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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS REGARDING PROF. MORRISON

Five tributes (9 items)

+ 6 Items containing biographical information

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2. Religio- philosophical attitude as expressed in a letter to his son Charlie in 1944.

Note: Extract from letter written when JTM was 81 years old.

3. In memoriam quotations after JTM's death in 1945. T. 3 Items.

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MAGNETIC SURVEY UNDERTAKEN BY PROF. MORRISON AND BEATTIE, 1908-1909

1. Lantern slides taken during the magnetic survey, also possibly some taken in South-West Africa during the survey there in 1897-1898. 3 boxes

Note: None of the slides are labeled.

2. Extracts from letters written by JTM to his fiancé while on magnetic survey. H. in handwriting Mrs. Spottiswood. 6 leaves.
3. Photo of Morrison and Beattie when they met in Egypt at the end at the survey.
4. *On magnetic work in Southern and Central Africa, 1908 to 1909*, by professors J.C Beattie and JTM. Reprinted from the publications no.175 of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.
5. Menu signed by those present at dinner 2.3 1910, on the occasion of JTM's return from magnetic survey work in Central and East Africa. Photocopy.
Note: Additional information provided by Mrs. Spottiswood
6. Letter. Ogg, A. (Hermanus)/ Editor, *Terrestrial magnetism and atmospheric electricity*. 4.12.1946. T. 2 leaves.
Death of both Morrison and Beattie; information about their accomplishments.

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UNIVERSITY EDUCATION AND REFORM

14 items

1. University education in Cape Colony, by JTM. Cape Town: Townsend, Taylor & Snashall, 1892.
2. Letter. JTM (Stb.)/ Berry, W.B. 18.7.1895. H. (draft) 5 leaves.
Refers to Report of Committee as printed in Cape Times; College authorities afraid that vagueness of some of the proposals may confuse issues and prevent proposals from being carried out; explains what difficulties they anticipate; hopes to see Berry and other members to discuss matters.
Note: Dr. William Bisset Berry was member for Queenstown in the Cape House of Assembly.
3. *University reform*, resolution of meeting 2.12.1905. Printed with H. corrections. 2 Leaves.
4. Memorandum of interview... granted by Dr. Jamieson... to a deputation representing with Victoria College, 13.7.1906. T.s. 5 leaves.
+ Copy. T. with H.- note s. 5 leaves.
+ Covering letter. Oats, F. (C.T.) / [] 3.8.1906. H.s. 3p.
5. Notes on University education. 25.3.1910. H. 3 leaves.
+ Envelope.

6. Letter. Merriman. John X./JTM. 14.12.1915. H.s. 4p.
Returns draft copy of proposed act; no hint given of financial provisions for or relations of the government to the university; relation to the existing university not defined.
+ Envelope.
7. Letter. Merriman/JTM. 15.3.1916. H.s. 4p.
Encloses amendments as requested; hopes he saw prof. Young; invites JTM, friends and "commanding officers" to tea on Saturday.
+ Envelope.
8. Letter. Town clerk, Stb. Municipality/JTM. 7.3.1917. T.s. H.I. Louw. 1 leaf.
Council unanimously favour granting of Municipal land to the College Council for proposed Agricultural Faculty.
9. Report of Sub-committee on the question of technical education. T. 6 leaves.
+ Covering letter. Secr., School Board Stb./JTM. 10.9.1917. T.s. A.F. Markotter. 1 leaf.
10. Letter. JTM?/Smith, prof. 26.3.1918. H.s. 5 leaves.
Asks to be relieved of duty of giving academical address at inauguration of new University; gives his reasons.
+ Explanatory note. H.s. M.J. de Vries. 1 leaf.

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PUBLICATIONS BY JTM AND SCIENTIFIC MAGAZINES.

Items are arranged chronologically.

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Publications by JTM

1. *On the tidal variation ...*, by H.R. Mill and JTM. Reprinted from Proceedings of Royal Society of Edinburgh, 1885-86.
2. Two papers to be read before Section A of the British Association in the year 1886. H.
Note: On the distribution of temperature in Loch Lomond and Loch Katrine ...
[and] On the distribution of temperature in the Firth of Clyde ...
3. *Proposals for an anemometer and a portable barometer*, by JTM. Reprint from the Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Session 1909-1910.
4. *Problems in terrestrial physics ...*, by JTM. Reprinted from the South African Journal of Science, May 1918.
+ Circular no.2 of 15th annual meeting of SA Assoc. for the Advancement of Science.
+ Report of the 15th annual meeting ... Stellenbosch, 1917.
5. Presidential address, by JTM. Cape Town: SA Assoc. for the Advancement of Science, 1918.
6. *Notes on the correlation of time-series*, by JTM. From the Philosophical magazine, October 1934.

7. *The relationship between winter rainfall and barometric pressure... at Cape Town*, by Hildegard E. Morrison and JTM. Cape Town: Royal Society of South Africa, 1936.
8. *Note on the maximum correlation coefficient between two series...*, by JTM.
From the Philosophical magazine, August 1937.
+ Extra copy.
Note: Inscriptions in handwriting JTM on both covers.
9. Notes concerning publications by JTM. H. in handwriting Mrs. Spottiswood.
4 leaves + Copy

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Scientific magazines

1. *Nature*, 25.7.1901.
2. *South African Journal of Science*, September 1917.
3. *South African Journal of Science*, July 1918
4. *South African Journal of Science*, September 1918
5. *South African Journal of Science*, October, 1918
6. *Programme of local arrangements... British Association for the Advancement of Science*, July 1929.
7. *Proceedings of the Edinburgh Mathematical Society*, 1889.
Note: Incomplete

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DIVERSE ITEMS

1. Signature of William Morris.
Note: With Additional information provided by Mrs. Spottiswood.
2. Items 2 concerning the funeral of H.H. Neethling, 26.2.1904.
Note: Donated by Mrs. Morrison, April 1961.
3. Menu on the occasion of the visit of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Shaw, 18.1.1932.
Note: With additional information provided by Mrs. Spottiswood.
+ Envelope with additional information.

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PHOTOS

1. Prof. Walker. Watson studio, Stellenbosch.
2. Prof. J.T. Morrison. Lockley (Watson Studio), Stellenbosch.

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CLIPPINGS

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