

# Harrison S. Morris secretary records

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## Summary Information

<b>Repository</b>	The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Dorothy and Kenneth Woodcock Archives
<b>Creator</b>	Harrison S. Morris (1856–1948)
<b>Title</b>	Harrison S. Morris secretary records
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1893-1905
<b>Extent</b>	28 document boxes
<b>Location note</b>	
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Language of Materials note</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Extensive collection of office files and letter books for Harrison S. Morris, 1893-1905. Documents Morris' activities during a period of dramatic growth.

### **Preferred Citation note**

[identification of item], Title of Collection, Collection ID#, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Archives, Philadelphia, PA.

## **Historical note**

During the tenure of Harrison S. Morris (1892–1905), the position title was changed to secretary and managing director. Morris was one of this country's first professional arts administrators, and his impact on the Academy was profound. He cultivated friendships with many of the prominent artists of the day and was instrumental in acquiring many of the collection's masterworks. After his angry break with the Academy in 1905 he occupied other influential arts management positions. His autobiography, *Confessions in Art* (New York: Sears Publishing, 1930), is strongly critical of the Academy board, but is nevertheless a fascinating account of the daily workings of a major museum and of art world dynamics at the turn of the century.

## **Scope and Contents note**

An extensive collection of office files for Harrison S. Morris as well as letter books.

## **Arrangement note**

Arranged in two series.

1. Office files
2. Letter books.

Folders arranged chronologically.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Conditions Governing Access note**

Collection is open for research.

The archives reserves the right to restrict access to materials of sensitive nature. Please contact the department for further information.

### **Conditions Governing Use note**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

**Provenance note**

**Processing Information note**

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**Controlled Access Headings**

**Person(s)**

**Corporate Name(s)**

**Genre(s)**

**Geographic Name(s)**

**Subject(s)**

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note**

**Collection Inventory**

Series	Date	Folder Title	Box #	Folder #
General Office files	1893	Secretary's General Office files: A-K	1	1
	1893	Secretary's General Office files: L-S	1	2
	1893	Secretary's General Office files: T-Z	1	3
	1893	Correspondence: E.H. Coates to Harrison S. Morris	1	4
	1893	English Pictures exhibition	1	5
	1894	Secretary's General Office files: A-E	1	6
	1894	Secretary's General Office files: F-K	1	7
	1894	Secretary's General Office files: L-P	1	8
	1894	Secretary's General Office files: R-Z	1	9
	1894-1895	64th Annual Exhibition	1	10
	1894-1895	Architectural Exhibition	1	11
	1894	Correspondence: E.H. Coates to Harrison S. Morris	1	12
	1895	Secretary's General Office files: A-E	2	1
	1895	Secretary's General Office files: F-K	2	2
	1895	Secretary's General Office files: L-Q	2	3
	1895	Secretary's General Office files: R-Z	2	4
	1895	Illustrations from Century Magazine exhibition	2	5
	1895	Swedish Exhibition	2	6

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1895	Correspondence: E.H. Coates to Harrison S. Morris	2	7
1895	Glasgow School exhibition	2	8
1896	Secretary's General Office files: A-E	2	9
1896	Secretary's General Office files: F-K	2	10
1896	Secretary's General Office files: L-M	2	11
1896	Secretary's General Office files: R-Z	2	12
1896	Poster exhibition	2	13
1896	Rare books and manuscript exhibition	2	14
1896	T-Square Club - proposal for cooperation with 62 Annual Exhibition	2	15
1896	Correspondence: E.H. Coates to Harrison S. Morris	2	16
1897	Secretary's General Office files: A-E	3	1
1897	Secretary's General Office files: F-G	3	2
1897	Secretary's General Office files: H-K	3	3
1897	Secretary's General Office files: L-Z	3	4
1897	Correspondence: E.H. Coates to Harrison S. Morris	3	5
1898	Secretary's General Office files: A-E	3	6
1898	Secretary's General Office files: F-K	3	7
1898	Secretary's General Office files: L-Q	3	8
1898	Secretary's General Office files: R-Z	3	9
1898	Revolutionary Pictures exhibition	3	10
1898	Photographic Salon	3	11
1898	Correspondence: E.H. Coates to Harrison S. Morris	3	12
1899	Secretary's General Office files: A-B	4	1
1899	Secretary's General Office files: C-D	4	2
1899	Secretary's General Office files: E-G	4	3
1899	Secretary's General Office files: H-J	4	4
1899	Secretary's General Office files: K-L	4	5
1899	Secretary's General Office files: M-N	4	6
1899-1900	Secretary's General Office files: O-R	4	7
1899	Secretary's General Office files: S-T	4	8
1899	Secretary's General Office files: U-Z	4	9
1899	Correspondence: Photographic Society	4	10
1899	Correspondence: E.H. Coates to Harrison S. Morris	4	11
1899	68th Annual Exhibition	4	12
1900-1901	Secretary's General Office files: A-B	5	1
1900-1901	Secretary's General Office files: C-D	5	2
1900-1901	Secretary's General Office files: E-G	5	3
1900-1901	Secretary's General Office files: H-J	5	4

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1900-1901	Secretary's General Office files: K-L	5	5
1900-1901	Secretary's General Office files: M-N	5	6
1900-1901	Secretary's General Office files: O-S	5	7
1900-1901	Secretary's General Office files: T-Z	5	8
1900	Correspondence: E.H. Coates to Harrison S. Morris	5	9
1901	Correspondence: E.H. Coates to Harrison S. Morris	5	10
1901	American Pictures from the Paris Exposition exhibition	5	11
1900-1901	Correspondence: Photographic Society	5	12
1900-1901	Water Color Club	5	13
1901	Pan-American Exposition Agreement	5	14
1901-1902	Secretary's General Office files: A-B	6	1
1901-1902	Secretary's General Office files: C	6	2
1901-1902	Secretary's General Office files: D-G	6	3
1901-1902	Secretary's General Office files: H-L	6	4
1901-1902	Secretary's General Office files: M-N	6	5
1901-1902	Secretary's General Office files: O-S	6	6
1901-1902	Secretary's General Office files: T-Z	6	7
1902	Correspondence: E.H. Coates to Harrison S. Morris	6	8
1901-1902	Correspondence: Photographic Society	6	9
1901-1902	Correspondence: Pan-American Exposition	6	10
1902-1903	Secretary's General Office files: A-B	7	1
1902-1903	Secretary's General Office files: C-D	7	2
1902-1903	Secretary's General Office files: E-G	7	3
1902-1903	Secretary's General Office files: H-J	7	4
1902-1903	Secretary's General Office files: K-N	7	5
1902-1903	Secretary's General Office files: O-S	7	6
1902-1903	Secretary's General Office files: T-Z	7	7
1903	Correspondence: E.H. Coates to Harrison S. Morris	7	8
1903	Correspondence: Hendrik Willem Mesdag	7	9
1903-1904	Secretary's General Office files: A-B	8	1
1903-1904	Secretary's General Office files: C-G	8	2
1903-1904	Secretary's General Office files: H-L	8	3
1903-1904	Secretary's General Office files: M-N	8	4
1903-1904	Secretary's General Office files: O-R	8	5
1903-1904	Secretary's General Office files: S-Z	8	6
1904	Correspondence: E.H. Coates to Harrison S. Morris	8	7
1903-1904	International Society of Sculptors,	8	8

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		Painters, and Gravers		
	1903-1904	Correspondence: St. Louis World's Fair	8	9
	1904-1905	Secretary's General Office files: A-B	9	1
	1904-1905	Secretary's General Office files: C-D	9	2
	1904-1905	Secretary's General Office files: E-J	9	3
	1904-1905	Secretary's General Office files: K-N	9	4
	1904-1905	Secretary's General Office files: O-S	9	5
	1904-1905	Secretary's General Office files: T-Z	9	6
	1905	100th Birthday of PAFA	9	7
	1905	Correspondence: E.H. Coates to Harrison S. Morris	9	8
Letter books	Oct. 11, 1893 - Feb. 24, 1894	Secretary Letter book	OS1	
	Jan. 10, 1893 - Oct. 10, 1893	Secretary Letter book	OS1	
	Jan. 1891 - Jan. 1893	Secretary Letter book	OS1	
	Feb.-Jun. 1894	Secretary Letter book	10	
	Jun.-Nov. 1894	Secretary Letter book	10	
	Nov. 1894-Feb. 1895	Secretary Letter book	10	
	Feb.-Jun. 1895	Secretary Letter book	11	
	Jun.-Oct. 1895	Secretary Letter book	11	
	Oct. 1895 - Jan. 1896	Secretary Letter book	11	
	Jan. 3 - Mar. 3, 1896	Secretary Letter book	12	
	Mar.-May 1896	Secretary Letter book	12	
	May - Oct. 1896	Secretary Letter book	12	
	Oct. - Dec. 1896	Secretary Letter book	13	
	Dec. 1896 - Feb. 1897	Secretary Letter book	13	
	Mar. - May 1897	Secretary Letter book	13	
	May-Oct. 1897	Secretary Letter book	14	
	Oct.-Dec. 1897	Secretary Letter book	14	
	Dec. 1897-Feb. 1898	Secretary Letter book	14	
	Feb.-Apr. 1898	Secretary Letter book	15	
	Apr.-Sept. 1898	Secretary Letter book	15	
	Sept.-Nov. 1898	Secretary Letter book	15	
	Nov. 1898-Jan. 1899	Secretary Letter book	16	
	Jan. 6-Mar. 1, 1899	Secretary Letter book	16	
	Mar. 1-Apr. 27,	Secretary Letter book	16	

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1899			
Apr. 28-Sept. 28, 1899	Secretary Letter book	17	
Sept. 29 - Dec. 1, 1899	Secretary Letter book	17	
Dec. 1, 1899- Jan 16, 1900	Secretary Letter book	17	
Jan.-Mar. 1900	Secretary Letter book	18	
Mar.-May 1900	Secretary Letter book	18	
May-Sept. 1900	Secretary Letter book	18	
Sept.-Nov. 1900	Secretary Letter book	19	
Nov. 1900-Jan. 1901	Secretary Letter book	19	
Dec. 1900-Feb. 1901	Secretary Letter book	19	
Feb. 19, 1901-Apr. 3, 1901	Secretary Letter book	20	
Apr. 3, 1901-Jun. 28, 1901	Secretary Letter book	20	
Jun.-Oct. 1901	Secretary Letter book	20	
Oct. 9-Nov. 1901	Secretary Letter book	21	
Nov. 27, 1901 - Jan. 1, 1902	Secretary Letter book	21	
Jan.-Feb. 1902	Secretary Letter book	21	
Feb.-Apr. 1902	Secretary Letter book	22	
Apr.-Jul. 1902	Secretary Letter book	22	
Jul. 18 - Nov. 4, 1902	Secretary Letter book	22	
Nov. 5, 1902-Dec. 13, 1902	Secretary Letter book	23	
Dec. 1902-Jan. 1903	Secretary Letter book	23	
Jan.-Mar. 1903	Secretary Letter book	23	
Mar.-May-1903	Secretary Letter book	24	
May-Oct. 1903	Secretary Letter book	24	
Aug.-Nov. 1903	Secretary Letter book	24	
Nov.-Dec. 1903	Secretary Letter book	25	
Dec. 1903-Jan. 1904	Secretary Letter book	25	
Jan.-Mar. 1904	Secretary Letter book	25	
Mar.-May 1904	Secretary Letter book	26	
May-Sept. 1904	Secretary Letter book	26	
Sept. 14-Oct. 31, 1904	Secretary Letter book	26	
Oct.-Nov. 1904	Secretary Letter book	27	



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	Nov. 29-Dec. 24, 1904	Secretary Letter book	27	
	Dec. 24, 1904-Feb. 1905	Secretary Letter book	27	
	Feb.-Mar. 1905	Secretary Letter book	28	
	Mar.-May 1905	Secretary Letter book	28	