

COLLECTION FROM THE FAMILY OF HENRY B. MORES, LT COL. CIVIL WAR

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Henry B. Morse was a Lieutenant Colonel in the 114th Volunteers of New York during the Civil War. We are auctioning a large collection of items which descended in his family. Civil War research was compiled by Dr. Michael Collela, Endicott, NY.

EPHEMERA INCLUDES: Letter about battle of Winchester, VA; Group of 68 Letters from Alfred A. Morse, Henry Morse's brother. He was wounded in Virginia, had his leg amputated and eventually died from his wound; Group includes Memoriam Booklet, Carte-de-Visite of Alfred. Group of 34+ Letters from Henry Morse to his mother and other family members including group of correspondence about being a judge in Arkansas.

Henry B. Morse Lieutenant Colonel 114th New York Volunteers letters and documents.

Approximately 34 plus letters to various members of family, mostly to his mother. One for consolation for Alfred's death, most while in the regiment. No battle content. A few letters while judge in Arkansas just after the Civil War.

Seven plus newspaper clippings during war and post war about Morse and the regiment.

Letter from Elisha Baxter, post war Governor of Arkansas, asking his whereabouts and if he will return to Arkansas. Letter from concerned citizens of Arkansas asking him to return because of his fairness in judicial matters.

Letter of authority from the State of New York to enroll volunteers for the Civil War.

Letter from County Clerk in Arkansas asking him to return.

Commission as Major in the 114th New York.

Commission as Lt. Colonel in the 114th New York.

Commission as Brevet Brigadier General signed by President Andrew Johnson and Secretary of War Edwin Stanton.

Pay receipt for 1864.

Letter on the back of a map.

Misc appointments as Judge in Arkansas.

Military discharge from the army.

Bust cut down carte-de-visit of Morse.

Several other interesting letters and documents of lesser importance.

Model 1851 Officer's Sword belt plate

Plate belonging to Major Henry B. Morse. Brass adorned with eagle, wreath, stars and motto worn by all officers in the Civil War.

Letters and documents of Alfred A. Morse

Alfred A. Morse was the brother of Henry B. Morse. The Civil War began during his senior year at Hamilton College. He left school before graduation and was drafted into the service and spent a year in the Depot at Elmira with help from influential people to be assigned to the 114th New York Volunteers. On assignment to the regiment, he spent almost a year in Louisiana before being assigned to the Shenandoah Valley. He was wounded at Cedar Creek in the lower leg just below the knee on October 9, 1864. He died of his wounds, while all expected him to recover, on November 24, 1864 at a hospital in Winchester, Virginia.

Approximately 68 letters from Alfred A. Morse to various members of the family. In roughly three segments:

1. One year at the recruit depot in Elmira as clerk while awaiting assignment. Letters home and to his brother in Washington to get him assigned to the 114th Regiment. (About 32 letters)
2. From May 1864 to July 1864 on duty in New Orleans, Louisiana. (About 12 letters)
3. From July 16, 1864 in Virginia. Some battle content and about his wound, leg amputation, and stay in a hospital in Winchester. (Approximately 26 letters)

Booklet "In memoriam Alfred A. Morse" Fourteen page paperback booklet on the life and death of Alfred.

Various documents of Alfred A. Morse including: draft notice, letter from Hamilton College conferring BA degree in absentia, letter recommending A. A. Morse for appointment, letter granting leave after draft and before induction, plus other misc paper material.

A carte-de-visite of Alfred A. Morse.

Letter about battle of Winchester.

Miscellaneous newspaper clippings about his death.

Two telegrams about his precarious condition in the hospital. Eight letters about Alfred.

Harpers Ferry model 1805 flintlock pistol

Original flint in excellent original finish. .54 caliber smoothbore. Lock marked "Harpers/Ferry" and dated 1807. Only 2,580 manufactured in 1807. An early martial flintlock in this condition is almost impossible to find today.

Colt model 1860 Army revolver

Very good original condition with visible cylinder scene. Serial number 76209. A nice original Army from the Civil War era. Hammer tip broken.

Regulation Civil War Major's frock coat

This excellent original frock coat was worn by Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Henry B. Morse from Eaton, New York. Morse organized Company D of the 114th New York Volunteers at Norwich, New York and became its Captain August 13, 1862. Promoted to Major on September 8, 1862, he was wounded in action at Port Hudson (arm) and mustered in as Lieutenant Colonel August 26, 1863. He was wounded again in action at Pleasant Hill, Louisiana on April 9, 1864. He was mustered out with his regiment June 8, 1865.

The 114th New York Volunteers fought at Port Hudson, Franklin, Red River Campaign, Sabine Cross Roads, Pleasant Hill. It joined the 19th Corps in 1864 to fight in the Shenandoah Valley at Opequon, Fisher's Hill, Woodstock, Cedar Creek and Ninevah.

Maior's Shoulder Straps

Belonging to Major Henry B. Morse.

Militia Bayonet Scabbard and Cartridge Box

Excellent condition. Pre Civil War belonging to Henry B. Morse.

Civil War Presentation Sword

Original in every respect as presented to the Major. Fair to good condition. Went through the Civil War and obviously carried by Major Morse in all weather while in the field. Original Lentner scabbard.

Inscribed: Presented to Major H.B. Morse
August 16, 1862 from his friends in Eaton, NY

Classic Deringer Pistol

Desirable small size, considered a small pocket size. Manufactured approximately 1860's. Barrel rifled. Marked "DERINGER/PHILADELPHIA"

Miscellaneous letters and documents

About the Morse family and a plot map of the Morse property in Eaton, New York.

Model 1842 Percussion Pistol

.54 Caliber smoothbore
Made between 1845 and 1852 stamped U.S. H. Aston, 1850 WN, 8 ½" barrel.

Model 1860 Calvary sword

D. Millard, Clayville NY, Dated 1862 inspector