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### **Scope and Content**

This collection includes before and after photos of the work done at 60 William St. It contains blueprints and sketches of the house. It has invoices, billing, and estimates on work and materials used for the 1927 remodeling. The collection also contains correspondences between Morse, his architectural firm, J.D. Leland and Co., the contractor, Lowell-Whipple Co., and various other companies doing work on the house.

### **Series Descriptions**

Series 1: Pricing and Billing

Series 2: Estimates

Series 3: Correspondences

Series 4: Sketches

Series 5: Blueprints

Series 6: Contract

Series 7: Photographs

The Charles L. Morse Collection  
Series 1, Pricing and Billing  
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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1 - 3	1994.93.1.1 – 94	Miscellaneous documents from J.D. Leland and Company, Lowell-Whipple Company and E.J. Cross

regarding the building of the Charles L. Morse residence on William Street. Items include order increases, monthly requisitions, bills. ( May 1927 – October 1927)

The Charles L. Morse Collection  
Series 2, Pricing and Billing  
1994.93

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	1994.93.2.1-.21	Estimates given to C.L. Morse from various contractors regarding the building of his home on William Street. (May 1927 – October 1927)

The Charles L. Morse Collection  
Series 3, Correspondences  
1994.93

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	1994.93.3.1	To Charles Morse from J.D. Leland and Company (January 17, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.2	To Charles Morse from J.D. Leland and Company (January 19, 1927)

1	5	1994.93.3.3	To J.D. Leland and Company from Charles Morse (January 22, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.4	To J.D. Leland and Company from Charles Morse (April 4, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.5	To J.D. Leland and Company and Co. from Charles Morse (April 18, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.6	To Charles Morse from J. D. Leland Co. (April 26, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.7	To Lowell-Whipple Co. from Charles Morse (April 26, 1927)
1 2,	5	1994.93.3.8-9	To J.D. Leland and Co. from Charles Morse (May 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.10	To office from J.D. Leland and Co. (May 24, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.11	To J.D. Leland and Co. from Richard D. Kimball Company (May 24, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.12	To C.L. Morse from R.D. Kimball (May 28, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.13	To J.D. Leland and Co. from E.J. Cross (May 28, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.14	To C.L. Morse from J.D. Leland (May 26, 1927)

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	1994.93.3.15	To Lowell-Whipple from J.D. Leland and Co. (June 6, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.16	To J.D. Leland and Co. from Richard D. Kimball (June 6, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.17	To M.D. Holmes and Son from J.D. Leland and Co. (June 7, 1927)



1	5	1994.93.3.18	To Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (June 7, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.19	To Tucker and Rice, Inc from J.D. Leland and Co. (June 7, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.20	To Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (June 7, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.21	To J.D. Leland and Co. from Richard D. Kimball (June 7, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.22	To Charles Morse from Charles Dillaby (June 8, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.23	To Charles Morse from J.D. Leland (June 8, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.24	To Lowell-Whipple Co. from J.D. Leland and Co. (June 9, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.25	J.D. Leland and Co. from Charles Morse (June 10, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.26	J.D. Leland and Co. from Charles Morse (June 16, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.27	J.D. Leland and Co. from Lowell-Whipple Co.  16, 1927)

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	1994.93.3.28	To Charles Morse from Charles Dillaby (June 13, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.29	To Lowell-Whipple Co. from J.D. Leland Co (June 15, 1927)
1	5	1994.93.3.30	To J.D. Leland and Co. from Lowell-Whipple Co (June 16, 1927)

1	6	1994.93.3.31	To J.D. Leland and Co. from Lowell-Whipple Co. (June 16, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.32	To Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (June 20, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.33	To Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (June 22, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.34	To Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (June 22, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.35	To J.D. Leland and Co. from Charles L. Morse. (June 24, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.36	To Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (June 27, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.37	To Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (June 28, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.38	To Lowell-Whipple Co. from J.D. Leland and Co. (June 28, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.39	To Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (July 1, 1927)

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	6	1994.93.3.40	To Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (July 5, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.41	To J.B. (sic) Leland from Charles L. Morse. (July 6, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.42	To Lowell-Whipple Co. from J.D. Leland and Co. (July 7, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.43	To Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (July 7, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.44	To J.D. Leland and Co. from Lowell-Whipple Co. (July 8, 1927)

1	6	1994.93.3.45	To J.D. Leland and Co. from Lowell-Whipple Co. (July 8, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.46	To J.D. Leland and Co. from Charles L. Morse. (July 8, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.47	To J.D. Leland and Co. from Charles L. Morse. (July 12, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.48	To Lowell-Whipple Co. from J.D. Leland and Co. (July 14, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.49	To Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (July 14, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.50	To J.D. Leland and Co. from Charles L. Morse. (July 15, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.51	To Lowell-Whipple Co. from J.D. Leland and Co. (July 15, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.52	To Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (July 19, 1927)

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	6	1994.93.3.53	To Lowell-Whipple Co. from J.D. Leland and Co. (July 19, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.54	To J.D. Leland and Co. from Charles L. Morse. (July 21, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.55	To Lowell-Whipple Co. from J.D. Leland and Co. (July 23, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.56	To Lowell-Whipple Co. from J.D. Leland and Co. (July 27, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.57	To Lowell-Whipple Co. from J.D. Leland and Co. (July 26, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.58	To Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co.

(July 29, 1927)

1	6	1994.93.3.59	To Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (August 1, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.59	To Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (August 1, 1927)
1	6	1994.93.3.60	To Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (August 1, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.61	To Lowell-Whipple Co. from J.D. Leland and Co. (August 1, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.62	To Lowell-Whipple Co. from Charles L. Morse (August 2, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.63	To J.D. Leland and Co. from Charles L. Morse (August 2, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.64	To J.D. Leland and Co. from Charles L. Morse (August 2, 1927)

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	7	1994.93.3.65	To Lowell-Whipple Co. from J.D. Leland and Co. (August 3, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.66	J.D. Leland and Co. from Charles L. Morse (August 4, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.67	Lowell-Whipple Co. from J.D. Leland and Co. (August 4, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.68	J.D. Leland and Co. from Charles L. Morse (August 8, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.69	Lowell-Whipple Co. from J.D. Leland and Co. (August 6, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.70	J.D. Leland and Co. from Charles L. Morse (August 11, 1927)

1	7	1994.93.3.71	Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (August 12, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.72	Lowell-Whipple Co. from J.D. Leland and Co. (August 12, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.73	J.D. Leland and Co. from Lowell-Whipple Co. (August 19, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.74	Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (August 22, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.75	J.D. Leland and Co. from Charles L. Morse (August 23, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.76	Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (August 24, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.77	Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (August 24, 1927)

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	7	1994.93.3.78	Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (September 1, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.79	J.D. Leland and Co. from Lowell-Whipple Co. (September 1, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.80	J.D. Leland and Co. from Lowell-Whipple Co. (September 1, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.81	J.D. Leland and Co. from Lowell-Whipple Co. (September 1, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.82	J.D. Leland and Co. from Lowell-Whipple Co. (September 1, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.83	J.D. Leland and Co. from Lowell-Whipple Co. (September 3, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.84	J.D. Leland and Co. from Lowell-Whipple Co. (September 3, 1927)

1	7	1994.93.3.85	Mrs. Gertrude S. Morse from unknown (September 6, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.86	Lowell-Whipple Co. from J.D. Leland and Co. (September 16, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.87	J.D. Leland and Co. from Lowell-Whipple Co. (September 17, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.88	Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (September 17, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.89	Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (September 19, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.90	Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (September 19, 1927)

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	7	1994.93.3.91	Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (September 21, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.92	Charles L. Morse from J.D. Leland and Co. (October 13, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.93	Lowell-Whipple Co. from Charles L. Morse (October 25, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.94	Lowell-Whipple Co. from Charles L. Morse (October 27, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.95	J.D. Leland and Co. from Charles L. Morse (October 27, 1927)
1	7	1994.93.3.96	Charles L. Morse from Lowell-Whipple Co. (November 16, 1927)

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Series 4, Sketches  
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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	8	1994.93.4.1-14	Various sketches of furniture and room layouts for the Charles L. Morse House on William Street.

The Charles L. Morse Collection  
Series 5, Blueprints  
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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	9-10	1994.93.5.1-11	Various blueprints of the Charles L. Morse House on William Street. (Includes ventilator for attic, planting plan, kitchen pantry, front elevation, wardrobes and linen closets, details of library,



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Series 6, Contract  
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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	11	1994.93.6.1	Contract between Charles L. Morse and Lowell-Whipple Co., Contractor for Alterations at 60 William Street. May 13, 1927.

The Charles L. Morse Collection  
Series 7, Photographs  
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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	12	1994.93.7.1-6	Several photographs of Charles L. Morse House at 60 William Street before and after alterations done in 1927.