

THE BRIDE ELECT

GIFTS FROM THE 1905 WEDDING OF ELIZABETH OWENS MORSE

O B J E C T G U I D E



IN THIS EXHIBITION, the Morse presents some of the gifts given to the daughter of Charles Hosmer Morse (1833–1921) when she married Richard Millard Genius (1865–1941) in 1905.

Elizabeth Owens Morse (1872–1928) was the successful industrialist's first child and only daughter. For her wedding in Chicago on October 12, 1905, she maintained a gift record book entitled "The Bride Elect." The more than 250 items she documented provide insight into gift giving at the time, especially the kinds of gifts that wealthy consumers deemed worthy of a prominent and artistic Chicago bride. The entries in "The Bride Elect" include glass, pottery, silverware, textiles, books, family heirlooms, and bouquets of flowers. More than fifty gifts were bought from Marshall Field & Co., reflecting the cachet of the exclusive department store in its heyday. Almost twenty of the gifts were from Tiffany Studios—more than from any other maker. For this elite group of buyers, a Tiffany object was

clearly synonymous with taste and style. Elizabeth, an amateur painter who received a degree in art from Wellesley College, displayed these objects throughout her new home, the Morse family's twenty-room mansion that was itself a present from her father. Morse, president of the engine and scale manufacturing firm Fairbanks, Morse & Co., had hired architect Mifflin Emlen Bell (1847–1904) to design the home in the Richardsonian Romanesque style of the day. The house, completed in 1893, was located at 4804 Greenwood Avenue in the affluent district of Kenwood on Chicago's South Side. It was filled with finely crafted custom-made furnishings that were also part of Morse's wedding gift to Elizabeth.

Above: ELIZABETH OWENS MORSE, 1905 (14009).

Objects and object groups are numbered by case or at their location and identified here.

1) *Top to bottom:*

Wedding announcement, *October 1905*

Printed paper
A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago,
1887–1962
Marked: *A. C. McClurg & Co. / Chicago*
(14035)

Letter, *October 14, 1905*

From Charles Hosmer Morse to Elizabeth and Richard Genius on their honeymoon
Ink and paper
(14037)

2) *Back to front:*

The Book of the Bride Elect, *c. 1905*

Wedding gift record of Elizabeth Morse and Richard Genius
Bound and printed paper
Brentano's, New York City,
1853–1994
Marks: *Brentano's / New York*
(2000-007)

Elizabeth Morse Genius, *1905*

Photograph
(14009)

3) **Pair of cabinet doors**, *c. 1892*

Dining room, Morse-Genius house, Chicago, 1893–1931 (Mifflin Emlen Bell, American, 1847–1904, architect)
Boar
Mahogany, iron
Maker: attributed to Henry Dibblee Company, Chicago, c. 1880–96
(2008-012:3, 6)

On top of cabinet, left to right:

Vase, *c. 1905*

Bronze
Maker unknown, American
Gift No. 158, Mr. & Mrs.
Arthur D. Daus
(14029)

Armistice, *c. 1905*

Cast metal
Designer: Auguste Moreau, French,
1855–1919
Retailer: Burley & Company,
Chicago, 1884–1923
Marks: *ARMISTICE / Par Aug. Moreau*
Gift No. 9, Miss Lydia Harmon,
The Plaza, Chicago
(14024)

Inside cabinet, top shelf, left to right:

Grandma Morse's spoons, *c. 1832*

Coin silver
E. Newbury & Co., Brooklyn,
Connecticut, 1828–c. 1860
Marks: *E. NEWBURY & CO. PURE COIN*
Inscribed on case: *Elizabeth Hosmer / Dec. 25, 1832 / Elizabeth Morse / Oct. 12, 1905*
Monogram: *EH*
Gift No. 50, Mrs. Keyes (Charles Hosmer Morse's sister)
(Met-033-93)

Compote, *c. 1905*

Cut glass
Maker unknown, American
Retailer: Marshall Field & Co.,
Chicago, 1852–2006
Gift No. 73, Mr. Silas M. Wiley
and Mr. Edward N. Wiley
(2008-009:03)

Ring box, *c. 1890*

Silver, filigree, enamel
Maker: Mikhail Fyodorovich
Sokolov, Moscow, active 1860–90
Marks: *MC / [St. George slaying dragon]*
Gift No. 13, Mrs. Kama Fairbanks,
8 Wallot St., Grunewald, Berlin
(2014-004)

Bon bon dish, *c. 1905*

Silver
Maker: Gorham Manufacturing
Company, Providence, Rhode Island,
1831–present
Retailer: C. D. Peacock,
Chicago, 1837–present
Marks: [lion, anchor and G
cartouches] / *STERLING / A2737 / C.D. PEACOCK*
Monogram: *EM*
Gift No. 51, Mr. E. R. Phillips
(14032)

Compote, *c. 1905*

Cut glass
Maker unknown, American
Retailer: Marshall Field & Co.,
Chicago, 1852–2006
Gift No. 74, Mr. Charles L. Caswell Jr.
(2008-009:04)

Vase, *c. 1905*

Satsuma
Glazed white clay
Maker unknown, Japanese
Marks: [Japanese characters
for Shuzan]
Gift No. 193, Miss Higgie, 4925
Washington Ave., Chicago
(14016)

Inside cabinet, bottom shelf, left to right:

Mantel clock, *c. 1905*

Gilt brass, enamel, various metals
Spaulding & Co., Chicago,
1889–1973
Marks: *SPAULDING & CO. / CHICAGO & PARIS*
Gift No. 233, Mr. R. M. Patterson,
Manhattan Building, Chicago
(14031)

Plate, *c. 1905*

Daphne
Porcelain
Maker unknown, German
Decorator: Wagner
Retailer: Marshall Field & Co.,
Chicago, 1852–2006
Marks: *7867. / Daphne. / [beehive] / Germany / Wagner*
Gift No. 70, Mr. & Mrs. P.T. Munger,
5212 Lexington Ave., Chicago
(14011)

Vase, *c. 1905*

Cloisonné
Maker unknown, Japanese
Gift No. 89, Mr. & Mrs. H. C.
McClarey, 1422 Judson Ave., Chicago
(14013)

Plate, *c. 1905*

Grossvenor
Porcelain
Maker unknown, German
Decorator: Wagner
Marks: *Germany / Grossvenor. / [beehive] / 7870 / Wagner*
Gift No. 176, Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Dau,
4807 Greenwood Ave., Chicago
(14010)

Vase, c. 1905

Blown glass
Tiffany Studios, New York City,
1902–32
Marks: *L.C.T. / 5678B*
Gift No. 232, Miss Neely,
4929 Greenwood Ave., Chicago
(93-009)

Compote (epergne), c. 1905

Prince pattern
Blown glass
Maker: Tiffany Studios,
New York City, 1902–32
Retailer: Marshall Field & Co.,
Chicago, 1852–2006
Marks: *L.C.T.*
Label: *TIFFANY FAVRILE /*
[conjoined LCT] / GLASS
REGISTERED TRADEMARK
Gift No. 125, Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Van
Kirk, 4754 Greenwood Ave, Chicago
(93-003)

Vase, c. 1902

Blown glass
Tiffany Studios, New York City,
1902–32
Marks: *L. C. T. / U9997*
Gift No. 186, Mrs. Carlos Blackman,
516 North Church Street, Chicago
(93-010)

Vase, c. 1905

Maple leaf
Cameo glass
Maker: Emile Gallé, Nancy,
France, 1884–1935
Retailer: Burley & Co., Chicago,
1884–1917
Marks: *Gallé*
Gift No. 257, Mr. & Mrs.
Percival B. Palmer, Chicago
(1998-011)

Vase, c. 1905

Blue Heliotrope Décor
Glass, silver
Glasfabrik Johann Loetz–Witwe,
Klostermühle, Bohemia, Austria,
1836–1947
Gift No. 247, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Ely
Burke, 419 West 115th Street,
New York City
(GL-074-93)

7) Desk, c. 1893

Library, Morse–Genius house,
Chicago, 1893–1929 (Mifflin Emlen
Bell, American, 1847–1904, architect)
Mahogany
Maker: attributed to Henry Dibblee
Company, Chicago, c. 1880–96
Marks: *684 10 – 92*
(FURN-023-92)

On top of desk:

Table lamp c. 1905

Tulip border
Leaded glass, metal
Maker unknown, American
Retailer: Marshall Field & Co.,
Chicago, 1852–2006
Gift No. 17, Mother Genius
(groom’s mother)
(2002-046)

8) Left to right, back to front:

Vase, c. 1904

Poppies
Glazed white clay
Maker: Pauline Pottery, Chicago,
then Edgerton, Wisconsin, 1883–1911
Retailer: Marshall Field & Co.,
Chicago, 1852–2006
Gift No. 88, Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Leslie,
3344 Rhodes Ave., Chicago
(2000-009)

Candlestick, c. 1905

Brass
The Kalo Shop, Chicago, 1900–70
Partial paper label: *THE KAL[O*
SHOP] / 916 FINE AR[TS
BUILDING] / 203 MICHIGA[N] /
CHIC[AGO]
Gift No. 108, Miss Margaret Shepard,
3008 South Park Ave, Chicago
(2000-008)

Vase, c. 1904

Glazed white clay
Maker: Rookwood Pottery,
Cincinnati, 1880–1967
Decorator: Lenore Asbury, American,
1866–1933
Retailer: Marshall Field & Co.,
Chicago, 1852–2006
Marks: [conjoined *RP* surmounted
by flames] / *IV / 30F / V / L.A.*
Gift No. 28, Mr. Robert Vierling
and Miss Vierling, Greenwood Ave,
Chicago
(1998-046)

Vase, c. 1905

Hollyhock
Glazed white clay
Maker: Rookwood Pottery,
Cincinnati, 1880–1967
Decorator: Edith Noonan,
American, active 1904–10
Retailer: Marshall Field & Co.,
Chicago, 1852–2006
Marks: [conjoined *RP* surmounted
by flames] / *9 / [illegible] / En / W*
Gift No. 19, Mr. & Mrs. W. Kirkland,
3020 Calumet Ave, Chicago
(2000-011)

Vase, c. 1905

Crocus
Glazed white clay
Maker: Rookwood Pottery,
Cincinnati, 1880–1967
Decorator: Irene Bishop [Hurley],
American, 1881–1925
Marks: [conjoined *RP* surmounted
by flames] / *V / 932F / IB*
Gift No. 106, Mr. & Mrs.
Thomas C. Pearce
(1998-041)

Vase, c. 1905

Glazed white clay
Maker: Rookwood Pottery,
Cincinnati, 1880–1967
Decorator: Elizabeth Neave Lincoln
[Lingenfelter], American, active
1892–1931
Retailer: Marshall Field & Co.,
Chicago, 1852–2006
Marks: [conjoined *RP* surmounted
by flames] / *V / 942D / V / LNL V*
Gift No. 61, Miss Rhoda E. Piercy,
4547 Greenwood Ave., Chicago
(1998-035)



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4) *Left to right:*

Candlestick, *c. 1905*

No. 396, Shade No. 4804

Bronze, glass

Tiffany Studios, New York City,
1902–32

Marks: *TIFFANY STUDIOS /
NEWYORK*

Gift No. 56, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Hicks,
4830 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago
(1998-037)

Handkerchief box, *c. 1905*

No. 821, Etched Metal and Glass
design, Pine-Bough pattern

Bronze, glass

Maker: Tiffany Studios,
New York City, 1902–32

Retailer: Marshall Field & Co.,
Chicago, 1852–2006

Marks: *TIFFANY STUDIOS /
NEWYORK / 821*

Gift No. 100, Mr. & Mrs. H. Brintnall,
4621 Ellis Ave., Chicago
(1998-004:1)

Candlelamp, *c. 1905*

Glass, various metals

Maker: Tiffany Studios,
New York City, 1902–32

Retailer: Marshall Field & Co.,
Chicago, 1852–2006

Label: *TIFFANY STUDIOS
[conjoined LCT] REGISTERED
TRADEMARK*

Marks on fitting: *THE TWILIGHT*

Gift No. 109, Mr. & Mrs. Osborne
and Miss Marguerite Osbourne, 4434
Lake Ave, Chicago
(93-007)

5) **Curio cabinet**, *c. 1905*

Wood, glass

Tobey Furniture Company, Chicago,
1846–1954

Marks: 974

Gift No. 57, Dr. Arthur E. Genius
(best man), 77 East 34th St., Chicago
(14027)

Inside cabinet, back to front:

Vase, *c. 1900*

Porcelain

Royal Doulton, Burslem, England,
1882–present

Marks: [crown] / *DOULTON /
[conjoined DDDD] / BURSLEM /
ENGLAND / G.W. / R / HCT*

Gift No. 237, Miss Green, 403
LaSalle Ave, Chicago
(14038)

Paperweight, *c. 1905*

Dutch girl and goose

Bronze

Retailer: Marshall Field & Co.,
Chicago, 1852–2006

Gift No. 72, Miss Belle Hall,
5212 Lexington Ave, Chicago
(2005-037:16)

6) *Left to right, back to front:*

Compote, *c. 1905*

Blown glass

Maker: Tiffany Studios,
New York City, 1902–32

Marks: *L. C. Tiffany – Favrite / 2462E*

Gift No. 30, Mr. & Mrs. F. H. Baker,
206 46th St., Chicago
(90-001)

Vase, *c. 1903*

Blown glass

Maker: Tiffany Studios,
New York City, 1902–32

Retailer: Marshall Field & Co.,
Chicago, 1852–2006

Marks: *Y2219 / L.C.T.*

Gift No. 65, Mr. & Mrs. James W.
Stevens, 4601 Michigan Ave, Chicago
(93-001)