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.

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

1) Tip to letterbox:

Wedding announcement, October 1905
Printed paper
Marked: A. C. McClure & Co. / Chicago (14035)

Letter, October 14, 1905
From Charles Hosmer Morse to
Elizabeth and Richard Genius on
their honeymoon
(1998-004:1)

2) Back to front:

The Book of the Bride Elect, c. 1905
Wedding record of Elizabeth Morse and Richard Genius
Bound and printed paper
(14010)

Elizabeth Morse Genius, 1905
Photograph
(14009)

3) Pair of cabinet doors, c. 1892
Dining room, Morse–Genius house, Chicago, 1891–1931 (Mulfen, Emilus Bell, American, 1847–1904, architect)
Board
Malogany, 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: unattributed, American
Gift No. 237, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Genius
Dec. 25, 1832 / Elizabeth Morse / Oct. 12, 1905
(1998-004:1)

Armoire, c. 1905
Cast metal
Designer: Auguste Moreau, French, 1853–1919
Retailer: Bunley & Company, Chicago, 1884–1923
Marks: ARMISTICE / P&R Month
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
Marks: E. NEIFFURY & CO. / PURE COIN
Inscribed on case: Elizabeth Homer / Dec. 25, 1832 / Elizabeth Morse / Oct. 12, 1905
Monogram: EH
Gift No. 50, Mrs. Keysy (Charles Homer Morse’s sister) (Met-033-93)

Comptes, c. 1905
Cut glass
Maker: unattributed, American
Gift No. 74, Mr. Charles L. Canwell Jr. (2008-099:09)

Vase, c. 1905
Satsuma
Glazed white clay
Maker unknown, Japanese
Gift No. 193, Miss Higbie, 4925 Washington Ave, Chicago (14016)

Inside cabinet, bottom shelf, left to right:

Mantle clock, c. 1905
Brass, inlaid wood, various metals
Retailer: Tiffany Studios, Chicago, 1884–1973
Marks: TIFFANY STUDIOS / NEW YORK
Gift No. 56, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Hicks, 4830 Kissabah Avenue, Chicago (1998-037)

Plate, c. 1905
Daphne
Porcelain
Maker unknown, German
Designer: Wagner
Marks: THE TWILIGHT TRADEMARK
Gift No. 237, Mr. & Mrs. E. R. Phillips (14552)

Compote, c. 1905
Glass
Maker unknown, American
Gift No. 74, Mr. Charles L. Canwell Jr. (2008-099:09)

Vase, c. 1905
Classique
Monogram: unattributed, American
Gift No. 89, Mr. & Mrs. F. T. Munger, 5212 Lexington Ave, Chicago (14011)

Inside cabinet, back to front:

Plate, c. 1905
Grosvenor
Porcelain
Maker unknown, German
Designer: Wagner
Marks: THE TWILIGHT TRADEMARK
Gift No. 109, Mr. & Mrs. O. H. Baker, 206 46th St., Chicago (2005-037:16)

5) Curio cabinet, c. 1905
Wood, glass
Retailer: Tiffany Studios, New York City, 1902–32
Marks: TIFFANY STUDIOS / NEW YORK
Gift No. 237, Miss Green, 403 LaSalle Ave, Chicago (14038)

6) Left to right, back to front:

Comptes, c. 1905
Blown glass
Maker: Tiffany Studios, Chicago, 1892–1932
Marks: L. C. Tiffany – Favrile / 2462E
Gift No. 30, Mr. & Mrs. H. F. Baker, 206 46th St., Chicago (90-001)

Vase, c. 1905
Blown glass
Maker: Tiffany Studios, New York City, 1902–32
Marks: TIFFANY STUDIOS / (unattributed) REGISTERED TRADEMARK
Gift No. 109, Mr. & Mrs. O. H. Baker, 206 46th St., Chicago (2005-037:16)

Inside cabinet, back to front:

Vase, c. 1900
Porcelain
Royal Doulton, Burden, England, 1822–present
Marks: JMW / [decorative design] / Doulton / ENGLAND / C.W. R. / HCT
Gift No. 337, Miss Green, 403 LaSalle Ave, Chicago (14038)

Paperweight, c. 1905
Dutch girl and goose
Bronze
Gift No. 72, Miss Belle Hall, 5212 Lexington Ave, Chicago (2005-037:16)

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Brons
Maker unknown, American
Gift No. 158, Mr. & Mrs. Arndt D. Duss (14029)

**Armoire**, c. 1905
Cast metal
Designer Auguste Moreau, French, 1855–1919
Retailer: Burley & Company, Chicago, 1884–1923
Marks: ARMISTICE / [lion, anchor and cartouches] / STERLING / D.P.C. PEACOCK
Monogram: EH
Gift No. 9, Mr. Lyudia Harmon, The Plaza, Chicago (19024)

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**Compo**, c. 1905
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Gift No. 74, Mr. Charles L. Canwell Jr. (2008-009:04)

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Satsuma
Glazed white clay
Maker unknown, Japanese
Gift No. 193, Miss Higbee, 4925 Washington Ave., Chicago (14016)

Inside cabinet, bottom shelf, left to right:

**Mantle clock**, c. 1905
Brass, enamel, various metals
Marks: TIFFANY STUDIOS // NY/NE/ YORK
Gift No. 56, Mrs. & Ernest Hicks, 4830 Kinsbury Avenue, Chicago (1998-037)

**Plate**, c. 1905
Daphne
Porcelain
Maker unknown, German
Decorative Wagner
Marks: [conjoined DD] / Germany / Wagner
Gift No. 70, Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Munger, 5212 Lexington Ave., Chicago (14011)

**Vase**, c. 1905
Clownface
Maker unknown, American
Gift No. 89, Mr. & Mrs. H. C. McClary, 142 Judson Ave., Chicago (14013)

**Plate**, c. 1905
Grosvenor
Porcelain
Maker unknown, German
Decorative Wagner
Marks: [conjoined DD] / Germany / Wagner
Gift No. 176, Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Dau, Lake Ave, Chicago (1998-004:04)

**Compo**, c. 1905
Cat glass
Maker unknown, American
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: [conjoined DD] / [St. George slaying dragon]
Gift No. 133, Mrs. Kansu Farbanski, 9 Wabots St., Grunewald, Berlin (2014-004)

**Book of the Bride Elect**, c. 1905
Wedding gift record of Elizabeth Morse and Richard Genius
Gift No. 56, Mrs. & Ernest Hicks, 4830 Kinsbury Avenue, Chicago (1998-037)

**Handkerchief box**, c. 1905
No. 821, Engraved Metal and Glass design, Plane-Bough pattern
Bronze, glass
Maker: Tiffany Studios, New York City, 1902–32
Marks: TIFFANY STUDIOS / NY/NE/ YORK
Gift No. 100, Mr. & Mrs. H. Brunwall, 4621 Ella Ave, Chicago (1998-004:04)

**Candlelamp**, c. 1905
Glass, various metals
Maker: Tiffany Studios, New York City, 1902–32
Label: TIFFANY STUDIOS [conjoined LCT] REGISTERED TRADEMARK
Marks on fitting: THE TWILIGHT
Gift No. 109, Mr. & Mrs. O. H. Baker, 206 46th St., Chicago (90-001)

**Vase**, c. 1900
Blown glass
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Marks: L. C. Tiffany – Favrile // 2462E
Gift No. 30, Mr. & Mrs. F. H. Baker, 206 46th St., Chicago (90-001)

**Vase**, c. 1900
Blown glass
Maker: Tiffany Studios, New York City, 1902–32
Marks: TIFFANY – Favrile / 2462E
Gift No. 238, Miss Green, 403 LaSalle Ave, Chicago (93-001)

**Curio cabinet**, c. 1905
Wood, glass
Toebly Furniture Company, Chicago, 1846–1984
Marks: 974
Gift No. 57, Dr. Arthur E. Genius (best man), 77 East 34th St., Chicago (14027)

**Vase**, c. 1900
Porcelain
Royal Doulton, Burden, England, 1852–pre 1906
Marks: [conjoined DDD] / BURSLEM // ENGLAND / G.W.R / HCT
Gift No. 257, Miss Green, 403 LaSalle Ave, Chicago (14038)

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