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Memorandum to Miss G. Carr

From George O Draper

Re: Mr. William G. Morgan, Inventor of Volley Ball

Mr. Morgan was on the Campus yesterday afternoon and I had hoped to have you meet him, but time did not permit. He was quite anxious to have our records complete concerning him.

As the inventor of Volley Ball, he doubtless will go down in history. I got the following information from him which you may want for your records. His father was a Welshman by the name of George Henry Morgan. His mother was Nancy Chatfield of Northfield, Vermont. William George Morgan was born at Lockport, New York on January 23, 1870. He married Mary King Coldwell of West Northfield, Massachusetts. He met her while a student at Mt. Herman. He sang with the quartette and she acted as accompanist.

It was Dr. James Naismith who first interested Morgan in coming to Springfield. Morgan was playing center on the Mt. Herman football team which played a game against Springfield in the city of Pittsfield. Naismith was impressed with young Morgan's playing and invited him to come to Springfield as the football team needed a center. The first real Volley Ball game ever played, according to Mr Morgan was played in our old gymnasium. He brought down two teams and demonstrated the game which he called "Mintinette". Dr. Halsted suggested that Volley Ball would be a better name and Morgan immediately adopted it.

[Mintonette]

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