

the series, from an unidentified correspondent in Havana, discusses shipments of merchandise being sent to FitzSimons in 1798. The second subseries, Letters between others, holds what were probably once attachments to letters to FitzSimons, but their cover letters were not found in the McAllister Collection. The one exception to the business correspondence in the series is a single letter written to Mrs. FitzSimons from a friend in Cork, Ireland.

Series II, Documents (1784-1801) holds a number of financial, land, and legal documents, including deeds and land surveys in Georgia and South Carolina, financial accounts of debts, and records of various legal agreements related to Morris's investments. Among the documents is a power of attorney issued by Wilhelm and Jan Willink in Amsterdam to Thomas FitzSimons; the Willinks were partners in the Holland Land Company, a syndicate of Dutch investors that purchased Morris's New York State lands in 1792 and 1793.

Notable within these documents is a comprehensive enumerated survey of the contents of Morris's home in Philadelphia (possibly at 1 South Sixth Street) covered by an indenture dated May 19, 1797; in the manuscript, Morris transfers the "Household Goods, Household Stuff, Furniture Goods and Chattels" to FitzSimons "in consideration of paying off and discharging a debt." As Robert and Mary Morris were among the wealthiest citizens in Philadelphia at that time, a catalog of their possessions, prepared at the peak of their social standing, provides an unusual window on one type of lifestyle in the early republic period. A transcription of the nine-page household inventory appears as an appendix to this finding aid, courtesy of Amy Hudson Henderson, a Ph.D. candidate in History of Art at the University of Delaware.