



**Thomas E. Thornhill Papers, 1956-1976**  
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**Creator:** Thornhill, Thomas E.

**Description:** 2.5 linear ft. (7 boxes)

**Biographical note:** Public official and civic leader of Charleston, S.C.

**Scope and content:** Correspondence, minutes, handbooks, guides photos, committee lists, financial reports, publicity and other materials, chiefly relating to Thornhill's activities with the Charleston committee of the South Carolina Tricentennial Commission and plans for the celebration. Includes information on Charles Town Landing, archaeological reports, design concepts of Emmett Edward Robinson, the statue of the cassique (chief) of the Kiawah by Willard Newman Hirsch, commemorative coins and stamps, staging of special events, including the opera Porgy and Bess, copies of Local Events Newsletter, edited by Carlee McLendon, and other centennial committees in the state and local region. Also includes correspondence, reports and environmental impact statements relating to Thornhill's activities as a member of the South Carolina Water Resources Commission and concerning the deepening of Charleston harbor and the rediversion of the Santee River and Cooper River project. Correspondents and other persons represented include Mark Clark, Harry S. Dent, Thomas O. Lawton, Joseph McGee, Lord Louis Mountbatten, Richard M. Nixon, Suzanne Silvercruys and Eugene N. Zeigler.

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**Container list:**

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- 1 Correspondence, sketches, and other information on gas street lights for the Charleston historic district, 1968-1971.
- 2 Minutes of meetings of the Charleston Tricentennial, Inc. and the Local Events Committee, 1969-1970.
- 3 Correspondence relating to the South Carolina Tricentennial, 1967-1968.

- 4 Correspondence relating to the South Carolina Tricentennial, 1969.
- 5 Correspondence relating to the South Carolina Tricentennial, 1970-1971.
- 6 Correspondence with Mayor Gaillard and city council relating to the South Carolina Tricentennial, 1969-1970.
- 7 Correspondence with Charleston County Council relating to the South Carolina Tricentennial, 1969-1970.
- 8 Advisory Council correspondence and papers, 1969-1970.
- 9 Correspondence relating to Tricentennial coins, 1969-1970.
- 10 Correspondence, receipts and other records relating to Tricentennial coins, 1969-1970.
- 11 Printed material and other records relating to Tricentennial coins, 1969-1970.
- 12 Correspondence with dignitaries, notables, etc., 1969-1970.
- 13 Invitation lists, memos, lists of patrons, etc., 1970.
- 14 Budgets and other financial records, 1969-1971.

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- 1 Records, including a program, relating to London Philharmonic Orchestra, 1969-1970.
- 2 Lists and other records relating to the Parade of Boats.
- 3 Correspondence and other records relating to parades, 1969-1970.
- 4 Correspondence with and relating to the Armed Forces, 1968-1970.
- 5 Records relating to a dedication ceremony of flags at Fort Sumter.
- 6 Chiefly correspondence with persons in the U.K., 1963-1970.
- 7 Printed material about various special events.
- 8 Records relating to the schedule of Tricentennial events.
- 9 Certificates and letters of thanks.
- 10 Records relating to Porgy and Bess.

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- 1 Committee lists, etc.
- 2 Correspondence and requests for information.
- 3 Two 45 rpm phonograph records of “Charles-Towne” by Corky Hart.
- 4 Publicity correspondence and records.
- 5 Miscellaneous publicity material including maps and newspaper clippings.
- 6 News releases and clippings.
- 7 Tricentennial publications.
- 8 Records relating to the Tricentennial stamps.
- 9 Correspondence and other records relating to the Greenville Tricentennial Center.
- 10 Tricentennial records binder.

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- 1 Minutes of the Tricentennial Commission, 1966.
- 2 Minutes of the Tricentennial Commission, 1967.
- 3 Minutes of the Tricentennial Commission, 1968.
- 4 Minutes of the Tricentennial Commission, 1969.
- 5 Minutes of the Tricentennial Commission, 1970.
- 6 Minutes of the Tricentennial Commission, 1971.
- 7 Budgets and other financial records
- 8 Newsletters and miscellaneous material.
- 9 Clippings and other miscellaneous material relating to the Tricentennial.
- 10 Miscellaneous printed material relating to the Tricentennial.

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- 1 Correspondence and other records relating to the S.C. Tricentennial, 1965-1967.
- 2 Correspondence and other records relating to the S.C. Tricentennial, 1968.
- 3 Correspondence and other records relating to the S.C. Tricentennial, 1969.
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- 7 Correspondence and other records relating to the S.C. Tricentennial, 1971.
- 8 Correspondence, clippings and other material relating to Charles Towne Landing and the construction of a new pavilion and a settlers' village, etc.
- 9 Materials relating to design concepts and proposals for Charles Towne Landing.
- 10 Clippings and printed material relating to Charles Towne Landing.
- 11 Correspondence mainly relating to exhibits at Charles Towne Landing.
- 12 Handbook for guides and staff at Charles Towne Landing.
- 13 Designs for layout of grounds, etc. at Charles Towne Landing.

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- 1 Correspondence, photos and other material relating to a statue of the Cassique of Kiawah.
- 2 Correspondence, photos, clippings and other material relating to a statue of the Cassique of Kiawah and its dedication ceremony.
- 3 Clippings, correspondence and other material relating to archeology at Charles Town Landing.
- 4 Clippings, correspondence and other material relating to Charles Town Landing.
- 5 Correspondence and other material relating to Charles Town Landing.
- 6 Plans of an exhibit hall at Charles Towne Landing.
- 7 Images of an exhibit hall at Charles Towne Landing.

8 Aerial photograph of Charles Towne Landing site before development.

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- 1 Correspondence and other records relating to the Cooper River Rediversion Project, 1974-1976.
- 2 Final Environment Statement concerning the Charleston Harbor Deepening Project, 1976.
- 3 Index card file on employees of Charleston Oil.