



Theodore W. Thornhill papers, 1914-1978
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Creator: Thornhill, Theodore W.

Description: ca. 8.75 linear ft.

Biographical/Historical Note: Businessman, university trustee, civic leader, and public official; of Charleston, S.C.

Scope and Content: Correspondence, certificates, diplomas, family history and genealogy, documents, and other items, relating to Thornhill's business career and civic interests and the Thornhill family. Includes correspondence, minutes, financial reports, printed materials, and other items, concerning First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Clemson Agricultural College (later name: Clemson University), building projects, Pendleton, S.C., historic district, and the construction of Lake Hartwell and a dam on university lands; Thornhill's activities as a member of South Carolina Conservation Committee, Charleston harbor silting, Santee River and Cooper River diversion project, and South Carolina marshlands, and as commissioner of South Carolina Highway Dept., Charleston traffic and parking committee and highway safety committee; and various organizations, including Charleston Rotary Club, Charleston Trident Chamber of Commerce, Newcomen Society in North America, and Propeller Club of the United States; and correspondence, vestry minutes, financial reports and other materials, relating to Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston, S.C. Correspondents include A.T. Chalk, F.E. Coxe, Lewis E. Hendricks, R.M. Jeffries, Robert McNair, and Strom Thurmond.

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College Trustee Papers, 1948-1966. Approx ½ ft.
Clemson College (now University) Trustee. Correspondence, reports, photographs, etc. regarding administrative affairs, including search for new president (1958), Coweeta Watershed Project (1953-1959), construction of architecture department, Clemson House Hotel, faculty housing (1948-1958), TWT's honorary doctorate (1966), special events, such as class reunions, conferences on textiles (1956) and fertilizers (1960); but including correspondence regarding Pendleton Historical District (1959).

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College Trustee Correspondence, 1959-1966; 1970-1977. ¼ ft.
Clemson College (now University) Trustee. Chronological correspondence on miscellaneous subjects.

25/38 Thornhill, Theodore Wilbur, 1892-1978
College Trustee papers, 1949-1957. ½ ft.
Clemson College (now university) Trustee. Correspondence (1953-1957) of TWT, Henry E. Talmadge and others regarding TWT's objection to Hartwell Dam built on Clemson lands by US

Corps of Engineers. Resolutions, reports, environmental impact of statements and clippings regarding project included.

25/39-40 Thornhill, Theodore Wilbur, 1892-1978

Conservation papers, 1961-1975. 1 ft.

Member SC Soil Conservation Committee. Chronological correspondence of TWT, RM Jeffries (of SC Public Service Authority), James S. Gibbes (Maritime Association of Port of Charleston), Lewis Hendricks, AT Chalk, Gov. Robert McNair, Senator Strom Thurmond and others regarding silting of Charleston Harbor & Santee Cooper redirection project. Includes clippings, reports, speeches of TWT.

25/41-42 Thornhill, Theodore Wilbur, 1892-1977

Conservation papers, 1954-1962. $\frac{3}{4}$ ft.

Supervisor, Charleston Soil Conservation District. Corr. Of TWT, Lewis E. Hendricks (Executive Secretary SC Soil Conservation Committee), Newman D. Buck (Chairman, Charleston Soil Conservation District), FE Cox (Chairman, State Conservation Committee) and others regarding administrative affairs, conferences, soil and water conservation. Also including financial statements, printed matter and report regarding SC Marshland Conference (1957).

25/43-44 Thornhill, Theodore Wilbur, 1892-1978

Savings and Loan papers, 1959-1978. $\frac{3}{4}$ ft.

Board Member, First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Charleston. Correspondence with other board members regarding bank policy and procedure, minutes, financial reports. Also including specifications for branch office, Rivers & Cosgrove Avenue, N. Charleston, 1959.

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Highway Commissioner Papers, 1946, 1952-1966, 1975. $\frac{1}{2}$ ft.

Commissioner, SC Highway Department. Correspondence, minutes and printed matter regarding various state and local positions held by TWT, including Chairman, Charleston Traffic and Parking Committee (1954-1955) and member of SC Highway Safety Committee (1958-1963), Greater Charleston Safety Council (1961-1963) and Citizen's Advisory Committee of Charleston Area Transportation System (1965-1966).

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Church papers, 1948-1953; 1958-1969. $\frac{1}{4}$ ft.

Vestryman & Senior Warden, Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston. Mostly correspondence regarding administration, with scattered minutes and financial reports; printed matter regarding church's function and history.

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Club Papers, 1947-1978. $\frac{1}{2}$ ft.

Charleston civic leader. Mostly correspondence of TWT regarding activities of Rotary Club (1952-1978), Propeller Club (1945-1949), Charleston Power Squadron (1949) and Elks Club (1956).

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Professional Papers, 1951-1973. ½ ft.

Charleston businessman. Mostly correspondence of TWT regarding business projects including research regarding feasibility of market seawater as dietary supplement (1960-1970), manufacturing brick in Charleston area (1951-1973), but including as well correspondence regarding Charleston Trident Chamber of Commerce (1964-1973), Newcomen Society (1957-1961) and TWT's opinion regarding heating for Porter-Gaud School (1964).

25/49 Thornhill, Theodore Wilbur, 1842-1978

Biographical papers, 1914-1978. ¼ ft.

Charleston businessman, civic leader, college trustee and appointee various state and local committees. Working notes and corrected drafts of speeches by TWT, resumes, biographical clippings, certificates, medal, diplomas and photographs. Genealogy and family history of Thornhill family.

25/50-55 Thornhill, Theodore Wilbur, 1892-1978

Personal correspondence, 1950-1978. 2 ¾ ft.

Charleston businessman and civic leader. Mostly carbons of TWT's letters to friends and family regarding domestic & family matters, political opinions, social events, vacations, donations to charity, etc. Chronological by year.

25/56 Accrual to collection, 2012.026

25/56/01 Documents pertaining to Pargas, Inc. purchase of Seaboard Gas Company, 1963

25/56/02 Documents pertaining to First Federal Savings and Loan Association, 1964-1978.
Includes obituary for Thomas W. Thornhill, 1978

25/56/03 Miscellaneous financial and stock papers, 1981-1984

25/56/04 Miscellaneous financial and stock papers, 1981

25/56/05 Published materials:

- “Charleston’s Golden Touch Oil Dealer” in *Fuel Oil News*, March 1972.
- “America’s Early History Still Lives in Charleston” in *Shell Progress*, Vol. 44, No. 5, 1974.
- Downey, Tom. “The Situation has Been Badly Fumbled:” South Carolina’s Response to Gas Rationing During World War II.” *South Carolina Historical Magazine*, No. 95 Vol. 2 (April 1994).

25/56/06 Photographs of Charleston Oil Company Service Stations, Charleston, S.C.