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 rediversion 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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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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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 redversion project. Includes clippings, reports, speeches of TWT.

25/41-42 Thornhill, Theodore Wilbur, 1892-1977
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. ⅝ 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.

25/45 Thornhill, Theodore Wilbur, 1892-1978
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).

25/46 Thornhill, Theodre Wilbur, 1842-1978
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.

25/47 Thornhill, Theodore Wilbur, 1892-1978
Club Papers, 1947-1978. ½ ft.

25/48 Thornhill, Theodore Wilbur, 1892-1978

25/49 Thornhill, Theodore Wilbur, 1842-1978

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
25/56/03 Miscellaneous financial and stock papers, 1981-1984
25/56/04 Miscellaneous financial and stock papers, 1981
25/56/05 Published materials:
25/56/06 Photographs of Charleston Oil Company Service Stations, Charleston, S.C.