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**THORPE GENEALOGICAL
COLLECTION,
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INTRODUCTION

The Thorpe Genealogical Collection, 1780-1995, is centered around items related to the Allison, Cook, Davis, Harris, Horne, Lockridge, Lowe, May, Overton, Simpson, Slaton, Swift, Tarpley, Theus, Thomas, Thorpe, Westmoreland and York families. The Thorpe Genealogical Collection is a gift of Mrs. Richard Y. Thorpe of Nashville, Tennessee.

The materials in this collection measure 1.75 linear feet of shelf space. There are approximately 1016 items and 1 volume included in this collection. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Thorpe Genealogical Collection may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Moneta Allison Thorpe (Mrs. Richard Y. Thorpe)

Moneta May Allison was born on February 8, 1907 in Americus, Georgia. She was the daughter of Arthur Webb Allison (July 6, 1882-May 8, 1958) and Moneta Slaton (May 22, 1885-April 16, 1966). On February 11, 1929, Miss Allison married Richard Young Thorpe (September 29, 1903-July 11, 1989). He was the son of Henry Roane Thorpe (September 8, 1867-December 4, 1937) and Charlotte Ann Young (September 16, 1878-unknown). Mr. and Mrs. Richard Y. Thorpe made their home in Nashville, Tennessee. They had two sons, Richard Y. Thorpe, Jr. and John Allison Thorpe. Mrs. Thorpe was a member of the Centennial Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Colonial Dames.

Source: Information in the biographical note was gleaned from various items within this collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Thorpe Genealogical Collection, containing approximately 1016 items and 1 volume, spans the period 1780-1995. The collection is composed of assorted applications, certificates, correspondence, ephemera, genealogical materials, magazine articles, newsletters, newspaper clippings, photographs, and wills. A large portion of this collection relates to the Allison, Cook, Davis, Harris, Horne, Lockridge, Lowe, May, Overton, Simpson, Slaton, Swift, Tarpley, Theus, Thomas, Thorpe, Westmoreland and York families. The arrangement of items is alphabetical with the exception of the photographs and negatives. The photographs and negatives have been placed, in a separate box, at the end of the collection.

The applications, located in folder 1 of box 1, contain applications for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, The First Families of America, Society of Kentucky Pioneers, The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America, and Children of the American Revolution. Anders Larsson Dahlbo, Tyree Harris, Jr., Thomas Westmoreland, Robert Lockridge, Thomas Hicklin, Robert Harris, Isaac Low, Sr., Benjamin Allison, and Arthur Slaton are the Revolutionary War/Colonial ancestors listed on the applications.

The Centennial Club materials, located in folder 2 of box 1, contain various newspaper clippings related to the Centennial Club in Nashville, Tennessee. Also included in the Centennial Club materials are a Yearbook and member telephone list for the years of 1977-1979.

The certificates, located in folder 3 of box 1, contain membership certificates for the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Daughters of the American Revolution. A certificate of recognition from the Republican National Committee to Ms. Moneta A. Thorpe is also included.

The correspondence, located in folders 4-15 of box 1, is centered around family genealogy and personal business. Key communicants include Moneta A. Thorpe, Jim Sasser (United States Senator from Tennessee, 1977-1995), and George Bush (41st President of the United States, 1989-1993).

The ephemera, located in folder 16 of box 1, contain several poems; a report card for John Thorpe from Montgomery Bell Academy; a membership card for the Kentucky Historical Society; a pamphlet titled, *The Royal Family Tree From Queen Victoria To Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II*; a pamphlet titled, *London Hall Marks on Sterling Silver From 1678 to 1928*, an afghan pattern, and a recipe for date pudding.

The genealogy materials, located in folders 1-14 of box 2 and folders 1-7 of box 3, contain genealogical materials related to the Allison (located in folder 1 of box 2), Cook (located in folder 3 of box 2), Davis (located in folder 4 of box 2), Harris (located in folder 5 of box 2), Horne (located in folder 6 of box 2), Lockridge (located in folders 7 and 8 of box 2), Lowe (located in folder 9 of box 2), May (located in folder 10 of box 2), Overton (located in folder 11 of box 2), Simpson (located in folder 12 of box 2), Slaton (located in folders 13 and 14 of box 2), Swift (located in folder 1 of box 3), Tarpley (located in folder 2 of box 3), Theus (located in folder 3 of box 3), Thomas (located in folder 4 of box 3), Thorpe (located in folder 5 of box 3), Westmoreland (located in folder 6 of box 3) and York (located in folder 7 of box 3) families. Also included with the

genealogy materials are some conference materials and speech notes regarding genealogy (located in folder 2 of box 2).

The magazine articles, located in folder 8 of box 3, contain various magazine articles regarding World War II, Richard Nixon's (37th President of the United States, 1969-1974) funeral, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Y. Thorpe, and historic familial estates in England.

The newsletters, located in folders 9-13 of box 3, contain newsletters from the Slaton-Slatton-Slayden Family Project. The Slaton-Slatton-Slayden Family Project was started to further genealogical research on the Slaton family.

The newspaper clippings, located in folder 14 of box 3, contain various newspaper articles related to genealogical research. Also included is an article regarding Edgar Allan Poe.

The photographs and negatives, located in box 4, contain photographs and negatives of various members of the Allison, Pitt, Rich, Slaton, Thompkins, Thorpe and Westmoreland families. There are two items of note contained in the photographs. One item of note, located in folder 11, is a photograph of past president, Ronald Reagan, with his vice president, George Bush. A second item of note, located in folder 12, is a photograph of a Confederate civilian group that was banished to Canada by Union army officers after the occupation of Columbus, Kentucky.

The will, located in folder 15 of box 3, is a copy of the will of Alexander Greyham. It is dated, 1803, and is registered in Camden County, Georgia.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Applications, 1929-1990, n.d.
2. Centennial Club, 1962-1984, n.d.
3. Certificates, 1929-1992
4. Correspondence, 1829-1897
5. Correspondence, 1918-1929
6. Correspondence, 1930-1935
7. Correspondence, 1941-1949
8. Correspondence, 1950-1959
9. Correspondence, 1960-1969
10. Correspondence, 1970-1979
11. Correspondence, 1980-1989
12. Correspondence, 1990-1991
13. Correspondence, 1992
14. Correspondence, 1993-1995
15. Correspondence, n.d.
16. Ephemera, 1950-1992, n.d.

Box 2

1. Genealogy -- Allison Family, 1851-1990, n.d.
2. Genealogy -- Conference Materials, 1967-1993, n.d.
3. Genealogy -- Cook Family, 1831-1992, n.d.
4. Genealogy -- Davis Family, 1963-1988, n.d.
5. Genealogy -- Harris, 1783-1976, n.d.
6. Genealogy -- Horne Family, 1956-1958, n.d.
7. Genealogy -- Lockridge Family, 1790-1985
8. Genealogy -- Lockridge Family, n.d.
9. Genealogy -- Lowe Family, 1965-1992, n.d.
10. Genealogy -- May Family, n.d.
11. Genealogy -- Overton Family, n.d.
12. Genealogy -- Simpson Family, 1783-1965, n.d.
13. Genealogy -- Slaton Family, 1787-1992
14. Genealogy -- Slaton Family, n.d.

Box 3

1. Genealogy -- Swift Family, n.d.
2. Genealogy -- Tarpley Family, 1978, n.d.
3. Genealogy -- Theus Family, 1791-1987, n.d.
4. Genealogy -- Thomas Family, 1940-1979
5. Genealogy -- Thorpe Family, 1949-1988, n.d.
6. Genealogy -- Westmoreland Family, 1780-1992, n.d.
7. Genealogy -- York Family, n.d.
8. Magazine Articles, 1991-1994, n.d.
9. Newsletters -- Slaton-Slatton-Slayden Family Project, 1990

10. Newsletters -- Slaton-Slatton-Slayden Family Project, 1991
11. Newsletters -- Slaton-Slatton-Slayden Family Project, 1992
12. Newsletters -- Slaton-Slatton-Slayden Family Project, 1993
13. Newsletters -- Slaton-Slatton-Slayden Family Project, 1994, n.d.
14. Newspaper Clippings, 1865-1992, n.d.
15. Will -- Alex Greyham, 1803

Box 4 - Photographs and Negatives

1. Individual Photographs -- Allison, A. W. and Morris, Ann, n.d.
2. Individual Photographs -- Slaton, John Thomas and Moneta, 1901, n.d.
3. Individual Photographs -- Thorpe, Allison and Henry, 1986, n.d.
4. Individual Photographs -- Thorpe, John Allison, 1954, n.d.
5. Individual Photographs -- Thorpe, Moneta May Allison, 1908-1991, n.d.
6. Individual Photographs -- Thorpe, Richard Young, Jr., n.d.
7. Individual Photographs -- Thorpe, Richard Young, Sr., n.d.
8. Individual Photographs -- Unidentified, n.d.
9. Individual Photographs -- Westmoreland, Fischer Ames and Rachael Selma (Horne), n.d.
10. Group Photographs -- Allison, Mrs. Arthur W., Elizabeth Cooper and John S., 1944, n.d.
11. Group Photographs -- Bush, George H. W. and Reagan, Ronald, n.d.
12. Group Photographs -- Confederate Civilian Group, n.d.
13. Group Photographs -- McMurrin, Mrs. Oscar, Taylor, Mike, Thorpe, Marie and Louise, 1954-1979
14. Group Photographs -- Pitt Family Christmas Cards, n.d.
15. Group Photographs -- Rich and Thompkins Families, n.d.
16. Group Photographs -- Slaton, John Thomas, May (Westmoreland), Edwin Bion, Moneta and Joseph, n.d.
17. Group Photographs -- Thorpe, Ben and LuNell, 1993, n.d.
18. Group Photographs -- Thorpe, John, Moneta, Richard, Jr. and Richard, Sr., 1907-1951, n.d.
19. Group Photographs -- Thorpe, John Wedding, n.d.
20. Group Photographs -- Unidentified, 1955, n.d.
21. Photographs -- Boats and planes, 1988, n.d.
22. Photographs -- Cemetery, n.d.
23. Photographs -- Home of Mr. and Mrs. Pinckney May, Pulaski, Tennessee, n.d.
24. Photographs -- Outdoor Photographs of Charleston, South Carolina, and the mountains, n.d.
25. Photographs -- Unidentified buildings, n.d.
26. Negatives -- Allison, A. W. , 1955
27. Photograph Albums -- Thorpe Family, 1956, n.d.