K0695
Dorothy Brown Thompson (1896-1994) Papers
1860s-1994
52 cubic feet

Personal papers, writings, and research materials of Thompson, a poet and genealogist. Includes personal and professional materials: poetry manuscripts, correspondence, diaries, scrapbooks, photographs, and ephemera. Secondly, her extensive genealogical research includes specific family lines, correspondence, and historical publications. Also materials of her husband and son.

BIOGRAPHY:

Dorothy Allen Brown, the only child of William Joseph and Harriet Gardner Brown, was born on a Springfield, Illinois, farm on May 14, 1896. The Browns moved to Kansas City when she was three years old, and her father died in 1911. Dorothy attended Woodland Elementary School, Manual High School, the Kansas City Art Institute, and Kansas City Junior College. She graduated from the University of Kansas in 1919 with a major in History and a minor in English. After a three-year engagement, Dorothy married Dale Moore Thompson on July 2, 1921. Thompson was born in Kansas City, Kansas, on November 19, 1897. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Michigan in 1920, where he was a Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity member. Thompson was President and Chairman of City Bond and Mortgage Company. He died in December of 1990.

The Thompsons had one child, William Brown Thompson, born April 6, 1922. He attended Southwest High School, received his BA from the University of Michigan and a masters degree from Columbia University, and did postgraduate work at Oxford University. He was Vice President of City Bond and Mortgage Company for twenty-five years, after which he retired to Monterey, California, in 1976. Bill Thompson was a member of many civic and cultural organizations, and he traveled extensively. He died of cancer on June 6, 1978, at age 56.
Dorothy Brown Thompson’s mother, Harriet Gardner Brown, lived with the Thompsons. She was born on October 27, 1867, in Bradfordton, Illinois. She graduated from the Bettie Stuart Institute in Springfield, and married William Joseph Brown in 1894. She died on July 17, 1958.

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DESCRIPTION:

Dorothy Brown Thompson was a poet and genealogist. The first section of her collection consists of personal and professional materials, including poetry manuscripts, correspondence, diaries, scrapbooks, photographs, and ephemera. This section also includes materials of her husband and son. The second section of Mrs. Thompson’s collection is concerned chiefly with her extensive genealogical research. The materials include files and binders of specific family lines, correspondence, and historical publications. Other, personal and professional records, including scrapbooks and correspondence, are mixed with the genealogical materials, and vice versa.
INVENTORY:

**BOX 001.**
Diaries, 1928-1954

**BOX 002.**
Diaries, 1955-1972

**BOX 003.**
Diaries, 1973-1994

**BOX 004.**
Correspondence with publications A-K, ca. 1931-ca. 1981

**BOX 005.**
Correspondence with publications L-Z, ca. 1931-ca. 1981;
Correspondence with publications and publishers - closed/inactive A-C

**BOX 006.**
Correspondence with publications and publishers - closed/inactive D-Z;
Correspondence with textbook publishers and writers, ca. 1936-ca. 1987

**BOX 007.**
Correspondence - royalties, permission to reprint, ca. 1933-1991
Correspondence - poetry on video, audiotape, Braille translations, foreign reprints, television, etc.

“Poems sold” - filed by publication, contents being the poems published, A-K

**BOX 008.**
“Poems sold” - filed by publication, contents being the poems published, K-Z
Greeting cards sold
Correspondence - response to KC Star article about DBT, 1967
“Duds” - poetry rejects
Prizes, 1923-1962
Starbeams (KC Star)
Clippings of DBT juvenile poems
Duplicates of poems
Clippings of poems
BOX 009.
Conferences, readings, personal correspondence, ca. 1949-1983 (related to A17)

BOX 010.
Personal/professional correspondence (including Edsel Ford), ca. 1942-1977
Diversifiers - correspondence with members, ca. 1936-1988, history, 1976

BOX 011.
Personal/professional correspondence, ca. 1939-1991
Correspondence, miscellaneous papers 1917-1919
Correspondence, miscellaneous papers 1930s-1940s
Correspondence, miscellaneous papers 1950s-1960s
Correspondence, miscellaneous papers 1970s-1990s
Postcards, photographs 1915-1919

BOX 012.
Cassette tape - DBT reading at Poetry Series at Jewish Community Center, 1973
Commencement program - University of Kansas, 1919
Photo album, ca. 1909

BOX 013.
Scrapbooks, continued: Volume 6, 1950-1952; Volume 7, 1957-1987 - also includes photographs and correspondence
Correspondence, clippings, photographs - mainly concerning publication of Near View, 1992-1993

BOX 014.
Photo album - college, ca. 1917-1919
Photo album - trip to Canada, ca. 1910
Scrapbook - “The Girl Graduate - Her Own Book” - correspondence, programs, essays, ephemera, photographs, clippings from high school years, ca. 1913 (green, bound leather)
Baby book - WBT - correspondence, photos, ephemera, clippings, 1922-ca. 1928
Photo album - Steilacoom, WA, August 1911
Wedding book - Dale and Dorothy Thompson, 1921
Clippings re: DBT - 1960s-1970s
The Slender Screen - poetry collection by Virginia Scott Miner, 1967
Spiral book - Christmas Gifts Given and Received, 1941-1964
Notebook/journal (DBT) - books read, literary essays, 1913-1920
Steno notebook - list of poems
Stationery boxes - correspondence, postcards, genealogical information, ca. 1930s-1980s
The Essentials of Lettering, 1912
Stationery binder
Sketchbook, ca. 1909-1913)
Index card files - “Discontinued” and “Current Market” - alpha by publication
Housewarming party guest book, June 17, 1962

BOX 015.

Poems from the Virginia Quarterly Review, 1925-1967
“The Unrepentant Amateur” - brief essays on the arts by Henry C. Haskell, 1964-1973
Family tree charts
Green scrapbook - clippings, ca. 1947-1957
Scrapbook - clippings (Harriet G. Brown); business documents, 1921-1958
Ledger - rents collected, cash on hand/in bank, property descriptions, 1902-1911
Ledger (composition book), real estate notes, 1912-1914
“Clippings” notebook - legal documents, ca. 1885-ca. 1901
Postcards and photographs, ca. 1905-ca. 1933
Manuscript - Here We Go Round the Year collection of poems by DBT, undated
Poem manuscripts - “Merry-Go-Round,” “A Way of Seeing,” miscellaneous undated

BOX 016.


Transcripts - WBT at Columbia University, 1946

Correspondence - DBT and Eliza Foster Pankey (Puss), 1974-1975, 1976-1977

Correspondence - WBT to Mrs. W.J. (Harriet) Brown, 1943, 1954

Income tax, 1940-1956

BOX 017.

Grade cards - Dorothy Allen Brown, 1904-1913

Ephemera, receipts


Correspondence - sympathy on Dale’s death, 1990-1991


Correspondence, photographs (accordion file), c.1880s-1954

“Keepsakes of Harriet Gardner Brown” - fabric samples, cards from wedding presents

Diary - WBT, 1933

BOX 018.

Wills - DBT and Dale, 1980

Academic papers - WBT, ca. 1940s

Commencement program - Columbia University, 1947

Southwest High School - articles, photographs (WBT), 1936-1937

“Papers, etc. Bill had saved”

Photos - WBT

Items belonging to Bill - maps and pictures; Dutch calendar, 1950; work from sketching class, 1935; correspondence; printed material; Great Books group - attendance sheets; Southwest High School Trail, 12/17/36 and 5/27/37

DBT - documents used for proof of birth for Medicare, including grade cards, school programs, ephemera

Clippings - Dale, 1982-1985
DBT - clippings, photos, printed materials, programs, ca. 1967-1986 (labeled “Black Box”)

Household ledger - trousseau expenses, layette expenses, wedding gift list, 1921(?)

Plaque - Missouri Writers Guild, 1941

“Give Thanks to the Lord” - poetry booklet, 1993

The Prize Winners Handbook, 1980

BOX 019.

Stories Used for Gallery Sketch Class, undated

Manuscripts - “Adding One and One” book, undated

Yearbook - Women’s City Club, 1993-1994

Scrapbook - “Presented to Dale M. Thompson as a Record in Press Comment of His Administration as President 1962-1963” - Mortgage Bankers Association of America

Miscellaneous poetry manuscripts

Aunt Sally Brown’s papers (Genealogy)


Christmas cards, 1993

Will - William Childe of Blockley (Genealogy)

BOX 020.

Photographs, including:

Baby picture - Dale Moore Thompson

Color photo - 9 elderly men

Bill’s 1st Christmas tree

Reproduction of Hildreth Meire mural of Westport Landing - (Union Station mural)

Dinner party at the Persian Room

Trigon fraternity, University of Michigan

William B. Thompson - Ft. Bragg, NC, 1943

France, 1975 (large black photo album)

Many black/white and color photographs and negatives

BOX 021.

Notecards - 3x5 alpha by poetry title - info about where published, date

Wood card files - recipe files

Verse record notebooks, 1930s-1980s
Miscellaneous manuscripts
Clippings of poems
Spiral sketchbook
Check stubs, 1954-1958
Metropolitan Opera librettos, c1950s

BOX 022.
Photographs - chiefly Brown family, 1864-1947

BOX 023.
Plaque - President’s Club, University of Michigan, Dale M. Thompson - gold box
Plaque - KC Chamber of Commerce to Dale M. Thompson
Thomson family portraits
Small brown photo album - color photos with Dale M. Thompson and 1 b/w photo
Small green photo album - family, buildings, fair
Little Jay - DBT uncle
Slides - Russia
Miscellaneous slides, slide negatives, and mounts
Negatives - Mexico
Many black/white and color photographs and negatives

BOX 024.
Notes - Harriet Gardner Brown’s account of her wedding in Spokane, WA
Photographs - Thompson Family
Catalog - Alan McAfee Shoes, London
Notepad and pencil
Certificate of Honor - Rockhurst College to DBT, 1991
Name cards - Mr. and Mrs. Dale M. Thompson
The Writer, June 1992
Cards from Dale Thompson
Photograph button - Dale M. Thompson, age 4 (?)
Green photograph album - Denmark, 1967-1972 - includes DBT poem, “Gulls at Conway Castle,” from London trip
Photographs, itinerary, clippings - European trip with Aycocks, 1956
Photograph albums - England and vacations, 1973, undated

**BOX 025.**
Travel slides - South America, Morocco, Italy, Greece, misc.
Plaques (2) - to Dale M. Thompson

**BOX 026.**
Bill’s Master’s Thesis - *Roots of Insurgency: The Senate and the Tariff of 1909*, 1947
Get well wishes, condolences - illness and death of Bill, 1978
The Polygon of the Polytechnic Institute, 1918
Certificate of membership - William Brown in the Springfield (IL) Library Association, 1870
Framed - “Spring Comes Again to Shawnee Mission”
Article about Dale - *The Team Communicator* (TMC publication), December 1977
Clippings, personal items, general background - Dale’s “duplicate material and unused”
Hall Bartlett - clippings, *Variety*, postcard from Alice Bartlett, 1971
Correspondence, legal documents - attorney Robert Matheny re: family matters, 1939-1940
Correspondence - Hiraim Gardner, 1860s (need to be flattened, possibly humidified)
*Kansas City Star* - end of WWI, 1918
*Life*, December 26, 1955
“George McCoy: A Forgotten Man” by Elizabeth Hayward, 1958
Correspondence - from Dale to Dorothy, 1917-1919
*Subject to Change* - collection of DBT poems, 1973
*Buckeyes - A Collection of Verse* by Margaret Gordon Williamson, 1990
Program - American Poets Series at the Jewish Community Center, 1972-1973
Manuscripts - *Against the Wind* collection
*Kansas Alumni Magazine*, January/February 1992
Manuscripts filed by publication to which submitted: Elementary Teacher; Highroad; Highlights for Children; Christian Science Monitor; St. Nicholas; Child Life, 1930s-1940s
Notebooks: personal library book catalog; “Notes for workshop sessions at McKendree College Conference”; 2 blank

Miniature playing cards

Crayons

King Tut toy

Petrified eraser, 1914

Miniature library books containing office supplies

Empty address book

BOX 027.

The Christian Advocate containing DBT poems, May 19, 1938 and April 13, 1939

Blue folder and manilla folder - miscellaneous manuscripts

Manuscripts - All Things Considered (1st collection), 1959

Manuscripts - White King’s Memorandum, “Worksheets”

Manuscripts - Staying the Distance - entry for Walt Whitman Award, 1974

Manuscripts - In a Wide Room - Ingram Merrill Foundation poetry contest

Manuscripts - White King’s Memorandum by Joan Herrick

Near View, 1991

Blue cloth satchel: Bill’s drawings and school papers, ca. 1931; DBT book of readings from Miss Lucy Burgess’ elocution class; high school report cards, 1909-12; “Words of Comfort” booklet

Scrapbook - Door County, WI nature collection

Miscellaneous correspondence, greeting cards, 1921-1993

Clippings, printed material, scrapbook - “DMT Book - discards, but to be kept”

Check stubs - Harriet’s illness, 1957-1979

List of poems, publications, and dates

BOX 028.


Kansas City Star article, January 18, 1992

Subject to Change - collection of DBT poems, 1973

“An Overview of the History of the KC Philharmonic” - prepared by Lillian Kranitz-Sanders, 1982


Art catalog - “Bernice Boeschenstein: The Late Works, 1941-1951”
Small spiral notebook - notes from Bill after tonsillectomy, undated
Small spelling dictionary
Regency House/Sulgrave directory, 1988
Loose papers and postcards, undated
Calling cards - Dale M. Thompson
Correspondence, newsletter - Sangamon County, IL Historical Society - “Historico” 1974-1979
Dale - Research materials, article/speech draft on Inflation, 1978-1979
Correspondence - congratulatory letters to Dale on election to Presidency of City Bond, 1948
Travel itineraries, 1967-1976
Correspondence, receipts - England, 1976

BOX 029.

Books, other publications containing DBT poems
Correspondence, postcards, 1914-1992
ID cards - Dale and Bill
Defense Stamp albums, ca. 1940s

GENEALOGY: Folders include notes, correspondence, manuscripts, journal articles

BOX 030.

Brown; Bartlett; McClelland; Montgomery; Crook; Allen; Barrett; Lowry; Todd; Lee; Bledsoe; Atkins/Buck/Felgate/Martian/Beech

BOX 031.

Bledsoe; Smith; Baker; Withers; Lane

BOX 032.

Hardage; Temple; Rev. John Taylor; Taylor; Gaskins; Vesey

BOX 033.

Williams-Harrison; Kavanaugh; DeView; Cave

BOX 034.

Cave
BOX 035.
Gardner; Eans; Duncan; Browning; King

BOX 036.
King; Osborne; Carter; Curd; Price; Pryor; Mountjoy; Morton; Thornton; Dade; Carr; Gilson; Bernard; Behethland; Newton

BOX 037.
Bradford; Marr; Hord; Slade; Thomas; Talbott; harding; Standiford; Aycock; Nicholls; Pace; Beall; Magruder; Mears

BOX 038.
Thompson; Curl; Moore; Stratton; Lindley; Haines; Elkinton; Moorman; Clark

BOX 039.
Chiles; Coate; Clark; Moorman; Pyle; Hollingsworth; Antram-Butcher; Page; Lester; Furnass; Geague; Smith; Walker; Faulkner; Barrett; Painter; Coppock

BOX 040.
Colonial Dames - genealogical material, correspondence, membership papers, ca. 1950s-1991
Order of First Families of Virginia
Genealogical and historical organizations - printed material, correspondence, genealogical materials

BOX 041.
Magazines, journals and other publications re: genealogy, writers and writing, ca. 1977-ca. 1981
Newsletters - King and Queen County (VA) Historical Society, ca. 1973-1990
Correspondence concerning genealogy, 1950s-1970s
Correspondence - “BOOKS” - includes dealers, publishers, small presses, 1943-1986
Correspondence - Mrs. Suminer (Elizabeth) Haywood, 1948-1981

BOX 042.
Scrapbook - “Adventures in Honeymooning” - correspondence, postcards, brochures, photographs, ephemera, 1921
Scrapbook - Dale Thompson - photographs, clippings, printed/published material, 1964-1977
Scrapbook - Dale Thompson - photographs, clippings, printed/published material, 1959-1962
Scrapbook - Dale Thompson - photographs, clippings, printed/published material, 1956-1963
Sheet music - songs with DBT lyrics by Gladys Blakely Busk, ca. 1952-1956
Sheet music - songs with DBT lyrics by various songwriters, 1938-1956
Calendar - KU Alumni Association, 1991
Genealogy - Cave Family; will of Christopher Clark

BOX 043.

The Horn Book Magazine, 1969
The Literary Review, 1959
North American Review, 1938-1939
Virginia Quarterly Review, 1957
Missouri Historical Review, 1963
The University of Kansas City Review, 1952, 1953, 1956, 1960
The University Review (KC), 1937
The Filson Club History Quarterly, 1963
the Poetry Society of America Anthology, 1946
Poetry - A Magazine of Verse, February 1947
How to Eat a Poem, 1976
Voices from the Interior, 1982
Missouri Poets: An Anthology, 1982
The Poetry Society of Georgia, 1955, 1958
Sandwich Isles, USA, 1973
Colonial Huntington, 1953-1800, 1953
JCHS Annual Report, 1991
Kentucky Ancestors -Quarterly of the Kentucky Historical Society, 9193
The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, 1992
200 Years of the Kentucky Treasury, 1992
BOX 044.

Genealogical reference books
Periodicals: MO Historical Review, The American Scholar; VA Magazine of History and Biography; The Register of the KY Historical Society
Appraisal report of 10619 Eastern by Dale Thompson, 1965

BOX 045.

Notebooks on British genealogy
Tyler’s Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine, 1944, 1945, 1949, 1950
British Heritage Magazine, June/July 1985
Edgewood: The Story of a Family and Their House by James Wooldridge Powell, 1978
Genealogical notes, clippings
Owen Family
Correspondence with Ed Russo, 1977-1984
Diploma - Dorothy Brown graduation from junior high school, 1909
George Washington family tree

BOX 046.

Correspondence - genealogy
Clippings
Material relating to Dale and his activities
Investments - William B. Thompson, ca. 1970s
Investments - Harriet Gardner Brown

BINDERS OF PHOTOCOPIED INFORMATION

BOX 047.

William T. Brown and Harriet Gardner Brown; Bartlett - New England Lines; Allen; Barrett (England); Barrett (VA and KY); Lee and Atkins; Lowry and Todd; Smith
BOX 048.
  Taylor; Gaskins and Vesey; Cave (England); Cave (Children of Benjamin); Cave (VA); Bledsoe; Kavanaugh - Harrison/Williams; Lane and Hardage

BOX 049.
  Chiles; Page; Gardner; Pryor; Thornton; Mountjoy; Duncan; Curd; Browning; Price; ancestral tablets; Junior College; correspondence with WBT - Hawaii (1967) and Greece (1968)

BOX 050.
  Thompson; Moore; Stratton; Moorman; Coate; Painter; Smith; Walker; Barrett; Curl; Dale M. Thompson; William Brown Thompson - articles, college papers, etc.

BOX 051.
  Carter-Creve-Brent-Haines; Hord and Miller; Talbott-Ewen-Thomas; Slade-Standiford-Harding-Beall-Magruder; King; Brown (Scotland and PA); Brown (IL); Behethland; South Cave History; family tree forms

BOX 052.
  Correspondence - WBT in South America, 1970
  Correspondence - WBT at Oxford, 1969; to Dale and DBT in England, 1970
  Manuscripts - published/unpublished by WBT
  WBT - schools
  Correspondence - WBT in Mexico, 1962
  Correspondence - WBT to NYC and England from KC and Black Hills Trip, 1965
  Newton-Dade-Bernard-Gilson
  Bradford