
Chiyo Thomas Telford Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Telford, Chiyo Thomas

Title: Chiyo Thomas Telford Papers,

Date (inclusive): 1939 - 1953

Extent: 0.60 linear feet(2 archives boxes)

Abstract: The Chiyo Thomas Telford Papers contain correspondence, memorabilia and photographs from the World War II period, when Telford was with the American Red Cross in the Philippines, to the early 1950s. Principal correspondents include Elbert D.Thomas, her father and senator from Utah (1932-1950), and Claude S. Snow, a friend. The memorabilia include personal and World War II ephemera. The collection is arranged in three series: 1) CORRESPONDENCE, 2) MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS and 3) PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCHES

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Collection number: MSS 0151

Language of Material: Collection materials in English

Access

Collection is open for research.

Acquisition Information

Not Available

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Biography

Chiyo Thomas Telford was born on December 25, 1910, in Japan. Her parents were Mormon missionaries. Her father, Elbert Duncan Thomas, served as United States senator from Utah (1932-1950), chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee and high commissioner for the Pacific Islands Trust Territory (1951-1953).

Chiyo Thomas Telford grew up in Salt Lake City, attended Latter Day Saints High School, and was graduated from the University of Utah in 1931. After teaching school in Salt Lake City, she went to Washington, D.C., where she worked in her father's Senate office. She joined the American Red Cross after the outbreak of World War II and in 1943 was sent to the Philippines as a recreational therapist.

After the war, she returned to Salt Lake City and earned a master's degree in education from the University of Utah in 1947. In 1950 she married Horton Telford, an official with the U.S. State Department. After a series of overseas assignments, they returned to the United States in the mid -1960s and settled in California.

Scope and Content of Collection

The Chiyo Thomas Telford Papers consist of letters from her family, including her father, Senator Elbert D.Thomas of Utah, letters from U.S. military personnel , miscellaneous material, and photographs. The papers are arranged in three series: 1) CORRESPONDENCE, 2) MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS and 3) PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCHES.

SERIES 1: CORRESPONDENCE

The major part of the CORRESPONDENCE is to Chiyo Thomas Telford from her father, Elbert D. Thomas, her sisters, and members of the U.S. military writing from Europe, North Africa and the Philippines.

SERIES 2: MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS include clippings, personal and World War II memorabilia, and speeches by Elbert D. Thomas.

SERIES 3: PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCHES

The PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCHES series contains photographs taken during her work with the American Red Cross in the Philippines, photographs of members of the armed forces, mostly unidentified, undated photographs of people and places, an undated portrait proof of Elbert D. Thomas, a watercolor portrait, and two pencil sketches of Chiyo Thomas Telford.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Telford, Chiyo Thomas -- Archives

Thomas, Elbert Duncan, 1883-1953
American National Red Cross -- Biography
American National Red Cross -- Philippines -- Pictorial works
World War, 1939-1945 -- War work -- Red Cross
Legislators -- United States
Photographic prints -- 20th Century.

Contributors

Thomas, Elbert Duncan, dd 1883-1953, -- correspondent
Snow, Claude S., -- correspondent

CORRESPONDENCE

box 1, folder 1
box 1, folder 2
box 1, folder 3
box 1, folder 4
box 1, folder 5
box 1, folder 6
box 1, folder 7
box 1, folder 8
box 1, folder 9
box 1, folder 10

American Red Cross 1944 - 1945

B - Miscellaneous

Brandel, Arthur M. 1943

C - Miscellaneous

D - Miscellaneous

E - Miscellaneous

G - Miscellaneous

Grover, Esther Thomas (sister) 1951 - 1953

H - Miscellaneous

Hansen, Edna Louis Thomas (sister)

Note

Ca. 1950s

box 1, folder 11
box 1, folder 12
box 1, folder 13
box 1, folder 14
box 1, folder 15
box 1, folder 16
box 1, folder 17
box 1, folder 18
box 1, folder 19
box 1, folder 20
box 1, folder 21
box 1, folder 22
box 1, folder 23
box 1, folder 24

I - Miscellaneous

J - Miscellaneous

K - Miscellaneous

L - Miscellaneous

M - Miscellaneous

Morris, Claude B. 1942 - 1944

O - Miscellaneous

P - Miscellaneous

R - Miscellaneous

S - Miscellaneous

Snow, Claude S. 1942 - 1944

Snow, Claude S. 1945

T - Miscellaneous

Thomas, Elbert Duncan 1939 - 1951

Note

Enclosed in letter of 2/26/51 is an unsigned carbon copy of a 1/23/51 letter from Harry S. Truman giving Thomas ambassador rank as high commissioner, Pacific Trust Territories.

box 1, folder 25
box 1, folder 26
box 1, folder 27

Thomas, Elbert Duncan 1952 - 1953

Toth, Andrew J. 1942 - 1943

V - Miscellaneous

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

box 2, folder 1
box 2, folder 2
box 2, folder 3

Cartoon drawing, "Wait til I finish reading the Thomas report"

Clippings

Ephemera - Personal

box 2, folder 4

Ephemera - World War II

Note

Typescript and printed copies of the pamphlet "You Can Defend America", 1941; printed pamphlet "Our Defense Forces", 1941; driver permits; American Red Cross I.D.; ration book stub; "V...- mail" form; U.S. Postal Savings and War Savings stamps; wrapper for a package of Japanese cigarettes.

box 2, folder 5

Map of Europe with route annotations

box 2, folder 6

Quotations

box 2, folder 7

Speeches by Elbert Duncan Thomas

PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCHES

Photographs

box 2, folder 8

Armed forces personnel

box 2, folder 9

Telford, Chiyo Thomas

box 2, folder 10

Thomas, Elbert Duncan

box 2, folder 11

Unidentified people and places

Sketches

box 2, folder 12

Telford, Chiyo Thomas