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.


La Jolla, California 92093-0175

Collection number: MSS 0151

Language of Material: Collection materials in English

Access
Collection is open for research.

Acquisition Information
Not Available

Preferred Citation
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Publication Rights
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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  American Red Cross 1944 - 1945
box 1, folder 2  B - Miscellaneous
box 1, folder 3  Brandel, Arthur M. 1943
box 1, folder 4  C - Miscellaneous
box 1, folder 5  D - Miscellaneous
box 1, folder 6  E - Miscellaneous
box 1, folder 7  G - Miscellaneous
box 1, folder 8  Grover, Esther Thomas (sister) 1951 - 1953
box 1, folder 9  H - Miscellaneous
box 1, folder 10  Hansen, Edna Louis Thomas (sister)
      Note
      Ca. 1950s
box 1, folder 11  I - Miscellaneous
box 1, folder 12  J - Miscellaneous
box 1, folder 13  K - Miscellaneous
box 1, folder 14  L - Miscellaneous
box 1, folder 15  M - Miscellaneous
box 1, folder 16  Morris, Claude B. 1942 - 1944
box 1, folder 17  O - Miscellaneous
box 1, folder 18  P - Miscellaneous
box 1, folder 19  R - Miscellaneous
box 1, folder 20  S - Miscellaneous
box 1, folder 21  Snow, Claude S. 1942 - 1944
box 1, folder 22  Snow, Claude S. 1945
box 1, folder 23  T - Miscellaneous
box 1, folder 24  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  Thomas, Elbert Duncan 1952 - 1953
box 1, folder 26  Toth, Andrew J. 1942 - 1943
box 1, folder 27  V - Miscellaneous

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

box 2, folder 1  Cartoon drawing, "Wait til I finish reading the Thomas report"
box 2, folder 2  Clippings
box 2, folder 3  Ephemera - Personal
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|2, 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. |
|2, 5   | **Map of Europe with route annotations** |
|2, 6   | **Quotations**  
  **Speeches by Elbert Duncan Thomas** |
|2, 7   | **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 |