

Guide to the Jason Parker Thomson Papers

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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: The Jason Parker Thomson papers consist of case files and notes for a small portion of Thomson's legal career in New Haven, Connecticut and personal papers such as correspondence, family papers, financial and legal records, and memorabilia. Many of the legal files concern estate settlements, property in New Haven, and legal work done for family members. Personal papers relate to Thomson's affiliation with various civic organizations, the management of personal property, and his financial fortunes in the face of the depression.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Jason Parker Thomson, 1930-1938. Additional material received through Ray Sanborn's office in 1950.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Biographical / Historical

Jason Parker Thomson, LL.B. 1884

Born December 28, 1853, in New Haven, Conn.

Died January 24, 1946, in New Haven, Conn.

Father, Edgar Teed Thomson of Woodbury, Conn.; founder Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor, book and job printers, binders, and stationers, New Haven; son of Bela and Sylvia (Teed) Thomson of Litchfield, Conn. Mother, Elizabeth Palmer (Shelley) Thomson; daughter of Orrin and Elizabeth (Palmer) Shelley of Guilford, Conn.

Lancasterian School, New Haven, and Westville (Conn.) Academy; pony express rider, Cass County, Mo., 1868-70; attended Yale Law School 1882-84 (LL.B. 1884; member Kent Club); assistant to Judge Lynde Harrison (LL.B. 1860) and Judge Levi N. Blydenburg, New Haven, 1884-96; lawyer in New Haven, specializing in probate work, 1897 until retirement in 1926; resided in New Haven, and Miami, Fla.; member Second Company, Governor's Foot Guard (historian of the company and author; *History of Second Company, Governor's Foot Guard*, 1899), New Haven County Bar Association, Masonic order, and St. James Church (Episcopal), New Haven.

Married June 18, 1891, in Brewster, N.Y.; Margaret Louise, daughter of Mathias Leviticus and Estelle (Armstrong) Darton. Children: Gertrude Darton (Yale Graduate School 1914-17), the wife of Samuel Alford Guilford; and Jason Parker, Jr. Mrs. Thomson died August 4, 1936.

Death due to generalized arteriosclerosis. Buried in Fair Haven Union Cemetery, New Haven. Survived by children.

(*Yale University Obituary Record*, 1945-1947, page 204)

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Jason Parker Thomson gave a portion of these papers to the Yale Library between 1930 and 1938. Additional papers were found in Ray Sanborn's office in 1950 and were then transferred to Manuscripts and Archives.

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Legal Papers

b. 1, f. 1	American Surety Company	1922
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b. 1, f. 3	Bradley, John. H.	1903-04
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b. 1, f. 6	Frederick, Edward G. and Helen B.	1927-28
b. 1, f. 7	Griswold, Florence Thomson	1935-36
b. 1, f. 8 - 9	Holaday, Albert E.	1933-34
b. 1, f. 10	James, Annie E., estate	1899-1902
b. 1, f. 11	Junior Scouts of Connecticut	1921
b. 1, f. 12	Ladies Home Missionary Society of the First Church in New Haven vs. Frederick B. Smith et. ux. et. al.	1901-02
b. 1, f. 13	Lewis, Emm	1917-18
b. 1, f. 14	Mendles vs. Moffet	1899-1901
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b. 2, f. 18	New Haven Armory Commission	1927-28
b. 2, f. 19	Palmer, Caroline et al. vs. Josephine Neubauer	1903-04
b. 2, f. 20	Smith, Clarence V., Trustee vs. Jason P. Thomson	1914-16
b. 2, f. 21	Stone, Amanda, estate	[ca.1900-07]
b. 2, f. 22	Thompson, Sarah	1901-02
b. 2, f. 23	Miscellaneous legal papers	[ca.1892-1936]
b. 2, f. 24	Miscellaneous legal notes	undated

Personal papers

b. 3, f. 25	Family correspondence and notes on family history	[ca.1872-1937]
b. 3, f. 26 - 30	Correspondence, general	1889-1938
b. 3, f. 31	Memorabilia, personal and family	[ca.1853-1936]
b. 3, f. 32 - 33	Financial and legal papers	[ca.1891-1938]

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Law
Lawyers

Geographic Names

New Haven (Conn.)

Names

Thomson, Jason Parker, 1853-1946