

The Thigpen Photography Archive Documenting
the History of Mobile, Alabama, and the American Southeast, 1947-2020

The Thigpen Photography Archive is a large and diverse collection of original and unique photographic negatives and digital images documenting the history of Mobile, Alabama, and the Southeastern United States over seven decades, 1947-2020. Totaling approximately 1.575

As a result, in 1969 the PPA awarded Roy Thigpen the prestigious Photographic Craftsman degree for service as orator, author, or mentor, demonstrating that he had gone beyond the creation of images and dedicated [his] time to move the industry forward and encourage education.

In 1983 Roy Thigpen conveyed Thigpen Photography, Inc., to his son, Alec Thigpen, who continued and enhanced the business's reputation in providing high quality photography services. Having worked as an assistant in all aspects of the business and learning the art and practice of photography from his father, Alec Thigpen became a licensed commercial pilot in order to do aerial photography. Using the most advanced equipment and innovative skill, he specialized in precision aerial photography.

In 1986 Alec Thigpen moved the business to a new custom-designed full-service studio at 2105 Vivian Drive in Mobile. Employing as many as three photographers on staff, he strengthened and

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Alabama State Highway Department
Alabama State Port Authority
Alabama Power Company
Alabama State Docks Department
Alcoa Steam Ship Company
All Southern Advertising
Allied Paper Company
Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company
Allright Mobile Company
Allstate Insurance Company
Aluminum Company of America
American Cyanimid Corporation
American General Life Insurance
American National Bank
American Red Cross
Arlington Properties, Inc.
Atlantic Marine Construction Company
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B-R Dredging Company
BAE Systems, Inc.
Bagby Elevator Company
Baggett Transportation Company
Baker Properties, I

Blount Brothers Construction Company
Boise Cascade, Inc.
Boy Scouts of America
Braco Industries
Broadmoor Group Construction, Inc.
Brown and Brown Insurance Company
Brown and Root Construction Company
Bullard Oldsmobile, Inc.
Burford Equipment Company
Burger King Corporation
Butler Manufacturing Company

Camp and Company
Capital Airlines, Inc.
Case Construction Company
Ceco Steel Products, Inc.
Champion International
Chevron Asphalt Company
Chevron Oil USA
Chiles Drilling Company
Chiles Offshore Corporation
China Doll Rice, Inc.
Ciba Geigy, Inc.
Ciba Specialty Chemical Corporation
Cinema Distributors of America
Coastal Ford, Inc.
Coca Cola Bottling Company, Inc.
Conlan Company
Consolidated Commercial Contractors
Container Corporation of America
Continental Oil Company
Converse and Company
Cooper Marine and Timberlands, Inc.
Cooper Stevedoring Company
Cordo Chemical Company
Country Club of Mobile
Courtaulds Fibers North America, Inc.
Courtney Advertising Agency
Cowan-Irvine Company, Inc.
Crawford and Company
Crystal Ice Company
Cummings and Atkinson, Inc.

Cummings and White-Spinner Properties
Cunningham and Foley, Inc.
Cunningham, Bounds, and Byrd, LLC
Cypress Equities, Inc.
Cytex Industries, Inc.

Dauphin Way Baptist Church
Davidson, Falls and Company
Davis Construction and Erectors Company
Dawson Construction Company
Day Communications, Inc.
Dearborn Chemical Company
Decker Corporation
Degussa Corporation
Delchamps Stores, Inc.
Delta Construction Company
Demeranville, Carter and Sturges Advertising
Denson Reed Marketing
Devan Motor Company
Diamond-Shamrock Oil Corporation
Diamondhead Corporation
Ditmars, Demeranville and Gray
Dixie Machine Works and Sales
Doctors Hospital
Dodd Nursery, Inc.
Dodson, Craddock and Born Advertising
Donhart Sales Company
Dow Chemical Company
Drummond Coal Sales, Inc.
Duke Energy Corporation

E. C. Management Company
Eagle Chemical Company
Eastern Air Lines
Economy Electric Company
Employers Group Insurance Company
EnergySouth, Inc.
Entertainer Dinner Theater
Equipment Sales Company
Equitable Life Assurance Company
Ernest Construction Company
Ernest-Martin Construction Company

Government Employees Insurance Company (GEICO)

Grand Hotel

Gray and Company Construction

Great Southern Life I

Mobile Ship Repair
Mobile Shipbuilding, Inc.
Mobile Steel Company
Mobile Towing and Wrecking Company
Modern Industries, Inc.
Monsanto Chemical Company
Moore Management, Inc.
Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company
Mutual Construction Company

Nall Printing Company
National Airlines
National Floor Products
National Food Stores
National Gypsum Company
Nationwide Insurance Company
Newman, William E., Company

Occidental Chemical Corporation
Olen Company
Olin Chemical Corporation
Oppenheimer Company
Otis Elevator Company
Overseas Hardwood, Inc.

Palmer and Baker Engineers
Pascoe Steel Company
Peyton-Higginson Company
Pillians Law Firm
Pizza Hut, Inc.
Professional Forestry Services, Inc.
Providence Hospital
Providence School of Nursing
Prudential Cooper, Inc.
Prudential Life Insurance Company
Pure Oil Corporation

Racon, Inc.
Radcliffe Gravel Company
Rankin Publishing Company
Remington Rand
R. H. Industries, Inc.

Roberts Brothers, Inc.
Rollings, Inc.
Rotary Club International of Mobile
Royal Indemnity Company

SAAD Development, Inc.
SAAD Realty Group
Salvation Army
Schlitz Brewing Company
Scott Bridge Company, Inc.
Scott Paper Company
Sears Roebuck and Company
Security Carton Company
Senior Bowl Association
Seventh Day Adventist Church
Shell Chemical Company
Shell Oil Company
Sizeler Real Estate of Alabama
Smith, Hand, Arrendall, and Bledsoe
Smith Lumber Company
South Central Bell
South Coast Engineers
Southeastern Natural Resources
Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company
Southern Bottling Company
Southern Furniture Manufacturing Company
Southern Industries
Southern Lithographing Company
Southern Marine Services
Southern Oyster Shell Milling Company

States Marine Isthmian Agency
Stauffer Chemical Company
Steele Motor Company
Stillwell Industries
Stone and Gray
Stone Container Company
Stone-Mann Paper Company
Strachan Shipping Lines
Stran Steel Corporation
Sunbelt Creative Services, Inc.
Swift and Company

Taylor-Wharton, Inc.
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University of South Alabama
University of South Alabama Medical Center
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Van Antwerp Company
Virginia Chemicals, Inc.
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