Guide to the Michael V. R. Thomason Papers

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Michael V. R. Thomason, 1942 – Title: Michael V.R. Thomason Papers Dates: 1968-2006 Quantity: 9 Cubic Feet Abstract: Contains material from Thomason's graduate and doctoral research, as well as correspondence, subject files, and printed material relating to various courses, grants, and publications. Accession: 06-09-472

Biographical Information

Michael V. R. Thomason was born in Florida on June 20, 1942. In 1964, he graduated with a B.A. in History from the University of the South, Sewanee, where he was a Phi Beta Kappa. He received his Master's and Doctorate degrees from Duke University. During his graduate work, Thomason was awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and a Shel

Mobile History, Public History, Archival Practice, and several photography courses. In 1978, he became the founding director of the University of South Alabama Archives and played an integral part in securing its first photographic collection. He is the author/illustrator of several books, including *Mobile: American River City* (1975, with Melton McLaurin), *The Image of Progress: Alabama Photographs, 1871-1917* (1980), *Trying Times: Alabama Photographs, 1917-1945* (1985), *To Remember a Vanishing World: D.L. Hightower's Photographs of Barbour County, Alabama, 1930-1945* (1997), and *Mobile: The New History of Alabama First City* (2001). Thomason was also a founding member of the Gulf South Historical Association and served as the editor of the Book and Manuscript Library should also consult Thomason's 2007 interview, located in The Library's Vertical Files.

Scope and Content:

The collection consists of research material from Thomason's degrees from Duke, correspondence and subject files relating to his publications and scholarly activities, and materials from various courses he taught. Of particular interest is material relating to the Alabama History and Heritage Festival in 190.5(911.4i)-20.2()-1.5(d 9 0 Td T <</MCIE

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The series also contains a rough draft of his dissertation on Africa, index cards, and copies from various British and African archives.

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