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**The Papers of the
Thomas Family**

The papers of the Thomas family, a business family of Louisville, Kentucky.

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0.33 cubic feet

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Scope and Content Note

Papers of Pack, John H., and Joseph W. Thomas include correspondence discussing the production and sale of crude oil, family history, and personal and business matters; oil and mineral leases in Barren, Cumberland, Edmonson, Green, and Metcalfe counties in Ky. and Jackson County, Tenn.; deeds and tax receipts for land in Bullitt County, Ky., and in La Crescent, Minn.; and agreements and contracts regarding the production and sale of crude oil.

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A Thomas Family
T461 Papers. 1850-1896.

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- fl. 1 Record of children of Jack and Jane C. Thomas; notes on the Hundley family; obituaries of Pack Thomas and his wife.
- fl. 2 Letter from Will H. Henton to Madaline Thomas, 1921 Feb. 10 on the history of the Thomas family.
Sketch of the Van Meter family in America.
Royal line of the Du Bois family.
- fl. 3 Letter from Samuel Haycraft to John H. Thomas, 1874 Oct. 14 gives genealogical information on the Van Meter, Thomas, Haycraft, and Garrard families.
- fl. 4 Correspondence to Pack Thomas from the firm of Graham and Thomas, 1861-1865.
- fl. 5 Correspondence to Pack Thomas from the firm of Graham and Thomas, 1861-1866.
- fl. 6 Pack Thomas correspondence, 1870-1880.
- fl. 7 Correspondence to Pack Thomas from his mother-in-law, Mrs. Frances E. Lindsay, 1892-1893.
- fl. 8 Letter to Pack Thomas from Ed O. Brown, enclosing a document signed by Jack Thomas, 1896 Aug. 15.
- fl. 9 Pack Thomas and Edwin S. Graham Barren County land papers, 1864-1866.
- fl. 10 Pack Thomas land papers, Brashears Mill tract in Bullitt County, 1850-1878.
- fl. 11 Pack Thomas Cumberland County, Ky. land papers, 1865.
- fl. 12 Pack Thomas Edmonson County, Ky. land papers, 1864.
- fl. 13 Pack Thomas Green County, Ky. land papers, 1865.
- fl. 14 Pack Thomas Metcalfe County, Ky. land papers, 1865.
- fl. 15 Pack Thomas Houston County, Minn. land papers, 1857-1878.
- fl. 16 Pack Thomas Jackson County, Tenn. land papers, 1864.
- fl. 17 Graham and Thomas agreement with Indiana Traders Oil and Mining Co., 1865 Sept. 21.
- fl. 18 Pack Thomas land papers, plat of lands Lexington and Carter Co. Mining Co. on straight, Williams, Wilson, and Stinsons Creeks. Blue print.
- fl. 19 Pack Thomas miscellaneous papers, 1867-1897.
- fl. 20 Joseph W. Thomas papers, 1890-1897.
- fl. 21 Joseph W. Thomas land papers, 1895.
- fl. 22 John H. Thomas Papers: Shreve, Anderson and Thomas letters, 1850-1857.

- fl. 23 John H. Thomas Papers: Shreve, Anderson and Thomas contracts and receipts, 1853-1859.
- fl. 24 John H. Thomas Papers: Shreve, Anderson and Thomas Jackson County, Arkansas land papers.
- fl. 25 John H. Thomas Papers: Thomas and Anderson miscellaneous papers, 1860-1863.
- fl. 26 John H. Thomas Papers: Thomas and Anderson Hamilton County, Ill. land papers, 1861.
- fl. 27 John H. Thomas Papers: Thomas, John H. and Co. receipt and canceled checks, 1882-1891.
- fl. 28 C. A. Harris account book, 1855-1859 and statements of account against him, 1855-1871.
- fl. 29 Letters to John W. Harris from J. M. Thompson, Joseph S. Woolfolk, and M. Woolfolk, 1906-1911.
- fl. 30 Letters to J. M. Thompson, 1905.

Biographical Note

Pack Thomas was born in Leitchfield in Grayson County, Ky. in 1832. He went to Louisville as a young man and worked in the wholesale grocery business in the firm of Brent & Thomas. Later he became a partner in the firm of Graham & Thomas, oil prospectors. He was also a member of the pork packing firm of O. W. Thomas & Co. He was elected Secretary of the Park Board when it was organized. Thomas was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Harris of Woodford County, Ky.