

The Filson Club Historical Society

**The Papers of the
Thorn Family**

Papers of the Thorn family of Henry County, Ky.

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Curator of Manuscripts, James J. Holmberg.

Size of Collection

1 cubic foot

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Scope and Content Note

Papers include correspondence of William Pryor Thorne (1845-1928) of Henry County, Ky., lawyer, legislator, and lieutenant governor, discussing state politics, the 1903 lieutenant governor's race, executive pardoning power, and the Obispo Oil Co. of Calif.; records of land holdings in Henry County; papers, 1908, regarding the Shelbyville and Ohio River Electric Railroad Co.; docket books, 1872-1874; cartoons concerning William Goebel, Grover Cleveland, Woodrow Wilson, J. C. W. Beckham, and Ruby Laffoon. Also included are miscellaneous papers of John V. Thorn and William K. Thorn.

Biographical Note

William Pryor Thorne was born in Shelby County in 1845. He was educated at the common schools near Eminence, at Eminence College, graduated in 1865, and studied law under Judge W. S. Pryor and Judge George C. Drane. In 1868, he was admitted to the bar in Henry County. He served as Circuit Judge, prosecuting attorney of Henry County, four terms in the lower house of the state legislature, and lieutenant governor under Governor J. C. W. Beckham. Thorne married Anna Dickerson in 1866; they had three children. Thorne died in 1928.

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T496 Papers. 1813-1928.

Box 1

- fl. 1 John V. Thorn papers, 1842-1848.
- fl. 2 Report of commissioners for running the line between Henry and Shelby counties, 1816 June.
- fl. 3 William K. Thorn correspondence, 1852-1879.
- fl. 4 William K. Thorn Henry County, Ky. land papers, 1813-1883.
- fl. 5 William K. Thorn Fisherville, Ky. land papers, 1856.
- fl. 6 William Pryor Thorne correspondence, 1880-1900.
- fl. 7 William Pryor Thorne correspondence, 1901-1903.
- fl. 8 William Pryor Thorne correspondence, 1904 June-Aug.
- fl. 9 William Pryor Thorne correspondence, 1904 Sept.-Nov.
- fl. 10 William Pryor Thorne correspondence, 1905-1914.
- fl. 11 William Pryor Thorne correspondence, 1915.
- fl. 12 William Pryor Thorne correspondence, 1917.
- fl. 13 William Pryor Thorne correspondence, 1918.
- fl. 14 William Pryor Thorne correspondence, 1919-1921.
- fl. 15 William Pryor Thorne correspondence, n.d.

Box 2

- fl. 16 William Pryor Thorne Henry County, Ky. land papers, 1869-1923.
- fl. 17 Annie Dickerson Thorne Henry County, Ky. land papers, 1880.
- fl. 18 William Pryor Thorne legal papers, 1890-1908.
- fl. 19 William Pryor Thorne writings.
- fl. 20 William Pryor Thorne miscellaneous papers.
- fl. 21 William Pryor Thorne invitations, 1877-1906.
Card.
- fl. 22 Resolution passed by the Henry County Circuit Court on the death of William Pryor Thorne.
- fl. 23 Scrapbook of newspaper clippings including "The Precious Scoundrel," by William Goebel.
Cartoons about William Goebel and William Pryor Thorne.
- 24 William Pryor Thorne docket book.
- 25 Notebook.

Box 3

- fl. 26 Personal and political newspaper clippings about William Pryor Thorne.
- fl. 27 Newspapers and clippings preserved by William Pryor Thorne, 1890-1905.
- fl. 28 Miscellaneous newspaper clippings.