

MS-4: Glenn Thompson Papers

Collection Number: MS-4

Title: Glenn Thompson Papers

Dates: 1948-1982

Creator: Thompson, Glenn, 1904-1996

Summary/Abstract:

Consists of correspondence, reports, clippings, speeches, memorandums, photographs and printed materials reflecting Thompson's wide-ranging interest in education, politics, environmental and social problems, historic preservation and journalism. Also includes an oral history with Sam Zehring about his life and great gardens of Dayton, Ohio.

Quantity/Physical Description: 5 linear feet and 190.9 megabytes

Language(s): English

Repository:

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Acquisition:

The collection was donated to Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries, by Glenn Thompson, in September 1974.

Accruals:

Glenn Thompson added the Sam Zehrung Oral History tapes to the collection in June 1982.

Existence and Location of Copies:

This collection includes digitized reference copies of original audiovisual materials, which are identified in the collection inventory.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms4.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

This collection includes digitized reference copies of original audiovisual materials, and these electronic files require the use of appropriate computer hardware and software. The digitized audio files are in MP3 format.

Related Material:

MS-458: Dayton Daily News Archive

MS-652: Upper River Fund Records

Revisions:

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Processed by:

Ella M. Mauk, April, 1989.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into 2 series:

Series I: Correspondence, Speeches and News Clippings, 1948-1979

Series II: Zehrung Oral History, 1978-1982

Biographical/Historical Note:

Glenn Thompson was born November 7, 1904, in Ripley, Tennessee. He was the son of William Chapman Thompson and Ryla Glenn Thompson. William Chapman Thompson was the owner of the Chattanooga Times.

In 1927, Glenn graduated from Princeton with honors in English, and worked at his fathers' business. Afterwards, between the years of 1927 and 1929, he worked for his fathers' business, the Memphis Commercial Appeal, and the Memphis Press Scimitar.

Glenn was hired as a copyreader for the Cincinnati Enquirer in 1929 and after 6 years became a general assignment reporter until he enlisted in the armed forces in 1942. He achieved the rank of captain in the infantry and was discharged in 1946.

Upon discharge he became Head of the Washington Bureau of the Cincinnati Enquirer and in 1956 he was promoted to Associate Editor. He remained Associate Editor until 1959 when personal conflicts with Charles Staab forced him to leave.

Glenn was then hired by the Dayton (Ohio) Journal Herald as editor where he remained until he retired at the age of 64 in 1968. He continued to be active in the community after his retirement.

Glenn had a strong interest in conservation and environmental issues. In 1992, Glenn and his wife Margaret created and funded the Upper River Fund, an endowment with the Dayton Foundation to protect and preserve the upper Little Miami and the Mad Rivers.

Glenn Thompson died November 17, 1996. He is buried in Woodland Cemetery in Dayton, with his wife Margaret.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection is arranged into two series. Series I, the largest of the two series spanning 11 Hollinger boxes, is arranged in alphabetical order. The series contains correspondence, speeches and speaking engagements, and news clippings, with the bulk of the series consisting of correspondence with news clippings and other documents interfiled. The correspondence files cover a wide spectrum of issues such as Montgomery County Historical Society events, activities of the Miami Conservancy District, lobbying activities, environmental issues, prevention of strip mining, the Burns-Jackson District, and others. The collection also contains personal correspondence between Glenn Thompson and former presidents Richard M. Nixon and Dwight D. Eisenhower. Materials in Series I date from 1948 to 1979.

Series II, the Zehring Oral History, primarily consists of reel-to-reel tapes and copies in the form of audiocassette tapes. These, documenting the life story of Sam Zehring and great gardens of Dayton, Ohio. The oral history was digitized and is available for listening (mp3 format) by requesting the E-Archives files in ms4_e0001. Mr. Thompson began interviewing Mr. Zehring in 1979 and completed the project in 1982. While there are a number of cassette tape copies of the reel-to-reel tapes, there is no transcript of the oral history tapes. Along with the tapes, Mr. Zehring provided Mr. Thompson a copy of a booklet he wrote for his descendants, "The Way I Remember, 1892 – On," which recounts his life. The booklet, along with Mr. Thompson's notes about the interviews, is included in the series. In addition, Glenn Thompson recorded his own memoir of his 9 ½ years working for the *Journal Herald* in Dayton, Ohio. The content from the two tape cassettes of the memoir dated Jan. 9, 1981, is available in mp3 format in the E-Archives (ms4_e0002). Materials in Series II date from 1978 to 1982.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Thompson, Glenn, 1904-1996

Zehrunge, Samuel D.

Organizations/Corporate Names

Dayton Journal Herald

Places

Dayton (Ohio)—History—20th century

Dayton (Ohio)—Social conditions

Ohio – Politics and government

Subjects (General)

Journalism -- Ohio – Dayton

Environmental issues – Ohio

Gardens--Ohio--Dayton

Historic preservation--Ohio--Dayton

Material Types

Correspondence

Newspaper clippings

Audiotapes

Speeches

Occupations

Journalists

Collection Inventory

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1	3	American Society of Newspaper Editors	circa 1959-1974
1	4	Antioch College – Country Common	circa 1961-1965
1	5	Antioch College – Country Common	circa 1965-1968
1	6	Antioch College – General	1959-1970
1	7	Archdiocese of Cincinnati	1960-1966
1	8	Area Progress Council – Community Leadership Program(s)	1966-1967
1	9	Area Progress Council – Education Conference	circa 1967-1968
1	10	Area Progress Council – Organization	circa 1959-1968
1	11	Area Progress Council – Race Relations	circa 1966- 1967
1	12	Area Progress Council – Systems Approach	circa 1967- 1968
2	1	Area Progress Council – Misc.	circa 1962-1971
2	2	Area Progress Council – Misc. Correspondence	circa 1960-1962
2	3	Audubon Society	circa 1960-1969
2	4	A: Misc. Correspondence	circa 1968-1971
2	5	Burns-Jackson District	circa 1966-1972
2	6	Burns-Jackson District	circa 1966-1972
2	7	B: Misc. Correspondence	circa 1958-1973
2	8	Cedar Bog	1971-1973
2	9	Cincinnati Enquirer	circa 1954-1956
2	10	Cincinnati Enquirer	circa 1956-1959
2	11	Cincinnati Enquirer	circa 1959-1967
2	12	City Beautification Council of Dayton	1970
2	13	Civic Activities Resume'	1968
3	1	Civic Projects – Misc.	circa 1959-1971
3	2	Civil Projects – Misc.	circa 1958-1968
3	3	Cloud, Roger – Correspondence	circa 1960-1970
3	4	Committee for Economic Development	circa 1960-1964
3	5	Conservation Articles	circa 1960-1970
3	6	Conservation Education Facilities	1969
3	7	Conservation – Misc.	circa 1966-1970
3	8	Council on Dayton's' Environment	circa 1971
3	9	Cox, James – Correspondence	circa 1959-1972
3	10	Cox Square	circa 1961-1970
3	11	C: Misc. Correspondence	1963-1971

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3	12	Dayton Art Institute – Board of Trustees	circa 1967-1973
3	13	Dayton-Montgomery County Parks	circa 1965-1970
3	14	DiSalle, Michael – Correspondence	1959-1962
3	15	D: Misc. Correspondence	1961-1971
4	1	Education	circa 1959-1965
4	2	Education	circa 1963-1968
4	3	English, Charles B.	1969-1972
4	4	Environmental Hotline	circa 1971-1972
4	5	Environmental Issues	circa 1971
4	6	E: Misc. Correspondence	circa 1961-1971
4	7	F: Misc. Correspondence	1960-1965
4	8	Gardner, John – Correspondence	1962-1968
4	9	Gillian, Jack – Administrative Correspondence (Environmental Issues)	circa 1970-1973
4	10	G: Misc. Correspondence	1948-1971
4	11	Historic Preservation	circa 1956-1970
4	12	Horticulture Center	1969-1970
4	13	Hutchins, Robert – Correspondence	1968-1969
4	14	Inglar, Charles – Correspondence	circa 1964
4	15	John Johnston Farm	circa 1960-1962
4	16	John Johnston Farm	circa 1963-1972
5	1	K: Misc. Correspondence and Items	circa 1963
5	2	Lazarus (Federated Dept. Stores)	circa 1959-1965
5	3	League: Isaac Walton	circa 1969
5	4	League of Women Voters	circa 1968
5	5	Literary Club	circa 1957-1974
5	6	Lobbying	circa 1968-1971
5	7	Lobbying	circa 1971-1973
5	8	Lockington Area	circa 1963-1967
5	9	Lockington Area	circa 1963-1969
5	10	L: Misc. Correspondence and Items	circa 1963-1969
5	11	Magazine Articles	circa 1955-1956
6	1	Maslowski, Karl – Correspondence	1959-1965
6	2	McCutchen, Richard – Correspondence	1970
6	3	Miami Conservancy District	circa 1969-1973
6	4	Miami Valley Arts Council	circa 1960-1968
6	5	Montgomery County Historical Society – Constitution and By-laws	circa 1965-1969
6	6	Montgomery County Historical Society – Finances	circa 1967-1969

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6	8	Montgomery County Historical Society – General Correspondence	circa 1967-1969
6	9	Montgomery County Historical Society – General Correspondence	circa 1965-1969
7	1	Montgomery County Historical Society – Landmark survey	circa 1965-1969
7	2	Montgomery County Historical Society – Meeting	circa 1966
7	3	Montgomery County Historical Society – Meeting	circa 1967-1968
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7	5	M: Misc. Correspondence	1963-1972
7	6	Misc. Governmental and Political Correspondence	circa 1960-1968
7	7	Misc. Notes, Ideas, and Correspondence	circa 1961-1968
7	8	National Trust for Historic Preservation	circa 1959-1970
7	9	Natural Areas’ Bill – Testimony	1969
7	10	The Nature Company	1965-1971
7	11	Newspaper Information	circa 1962-1964
7	12	Nixon, Richard – Correspondence	1961-1973
8	1	Ohio Conservation Association	circa 1969-1970
8	2	Ohio Conservation Association	circa 1969-1970
8	3	Ohio Conservation Foundation	circa 1968-1973
8	4	Ohio Conservation Foundation	circa 1963-1973
8	5	Ohio Conservation Foundation/Association – Correspondence	circa 1960-1967
8	6	Ohio Conservation Foundation/Association – Correspondence	circa 1967-1969
8	7	Ohio Conservation Foundation/Association – Correspondence	circa 1960-1970
8	8	Ohio Environmental Council – Constitution and Bylaws	1971-1973
8	9	Ohio Environmental Council – Resolution	circa 1973-1974
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9	1	Ohio Environmental Council - Miscellaneous	1971-1972
9	2	Ohio Environmental Council – Miscellaneous	circa 1972
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9	7	Ohio Historical Society – Misc. Correspondence	circa 1964-1969
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9	9	Open Space Committee	circa 1969
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9	12	Patterson Memorial	1969-1970
9	13	Politics	1959-1969
9	14	Post Office Property (Dayton, Ohio)	1961
9	15	P: Misc. Correspondence	1959-1966
9	16	Racial Issues and Correspondence	1966-1968
9	17	Regional Airport (Dayton, Ohio)	circa 1959-1966
9	18	Regional Projects	circa 1961-1965
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9	20	R: Misc. Correspondence	circa 1959-1971
9	21	Sierra Club	circa 1972
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10	1	Speeches and Speaking Engagements	circa 1959-1961
10	2	Speeches and Speaking Engagements	circa 1959-1973
10	3	Speeches and Speaking Engagements	circa 1962-1965
10	4	Speeches and Speaking Engagements	circa 1966-1967
10	5	Speeches and Speaking Engagements	circa 1968-1970
10	6	Staff Memos	circa 1960-1965
10	7	Staff Memos	circa 1966-1968
10	8	State Farm Hospital	circa 1970-1972
10	9	Stillwater River Group	circa 1971-1972
10	10	Strip Mining	circa 1970-1971
11	1	Sugarcreek Preservation	1972
11	2	S: Misc. Correspondence and Items	1955-1972
11	3	Task Force: Little Miami River	1971
11	4	Task Force: Thermal Pollution	circa 1969-1970
11	5	Task Force: Structure	circa 1967-1971
11	6	T: Misc. Correspondence	1964-1970
11	7	United Community Council	1963-1964
11	8	United Negro College Fund	1960-1970
11	9	University of Cincinnati	1959-1970
11	10	Urban Design Conference	circa 1966-1967
11	11	Urban Design Conference	circa 1966-1967
11	12	Urban Design Conference	circa 1970-1971
11	13	V: Misc. Correspondence	1969-1971

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11	14	Walters, Basil – Correspondence	circa 1961-1968
11	15	Water Management Association	circa 1971-1972
11	16	W: Misc. Correspondence	circa 1960-1972
SERIES II: ZEHRUNG ORAL HISTORY			1978-1982
12	1	Background Notes	1982 Jun.
12	2	“The Way I Remember, 1892 – On,” by Samuel Danford Zehrung	1978 Oct. 9
12	3	Oral Memoir by Glenn Thompson on his 9 ½ years with the Journal Herald in Dayton, Ohio (content from 2 cassette tapes is available in the E-Archives for reference, ms4_e0002)	1981 Jan 9
12	4	Zehrung Oral History Tapes (4 Reel-to-Reel tapes & 4 audiocassettes with 2 duplicate sets) (mp3 files of the oral history are available in the E-Archives for reference, ms4_e0001)	1982