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Introduction
The collection consists of a single reel of microfilm containing three scrapbooks of newspaper and magazine clippings pertaining to Cuba and the War with Spain in 1898. Also included is a scrapbook of articles from School and Home which, William L. Thomas wrote and published.

William L. Thomas was born on December 6, 1846, in St. Louis, Missouri. Thomas received his initial education in the St. Louis public schools and later studied at the Missouri Dental College from which he was the first student to graduate. After graduation, Thomas entered the publishing business rather than following his dental education. In 1876, he was associated with the St. Louis Commercial Gazette, and had been connected with The St. Louis Miller prior. In 1877, Thomas founded The Weekly Mail in Kirkwood, Missouri, and in 1883, he founded an education paper, School and Home, which he edited and published for the next sixteen years. While the editor and publisher of School and Home, Thomas gathered and preserved newspaper clippings and other articles regarding Cuba and the War with Spain in 1898. Thomas used the materials he gathered as the background data for a series of articles on the War with Spain, which he published in School and Home that same year.

Thomas was active in the Missouri Press Association and the State Historical Society of Missouri. Thomas served as the Treasurer of the Press Association for twenty-four years and was a long-time member of the State Historical Society of Missouri’s Board of Trustees. Thomas died in Maplewood, Missouri, on July 19, 1918.

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