



## THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI RESEARCH CENTER-KANSAS CITY

K0695

Dorothy Brown Thompson (1896-1994) Papers

1860s-1994

52 cubic feet

*Persoanal papers, writings, and research materials of Thompson, a poet and genealogist. Includes personal and professional materials: poetry manuscripts, correspondence, diaries, scrapbooks, photographs, and ephemera. Secondly, her extensive genealogical research includes specific family lines, correspondence, and historical publications. Also materials of her husband and son.*

### BIOGRAPHY:

Dorothy Allen Brown, the only child of William Joseph and Harriet Gardner Brown, was born on a Springfield, Illinois, farm on May 14, 1896. The Browns moved to Kansas City when she was three years old, and her father died in 1911. Dorothy attended Woodland Elementary School, Manual High School, the Kansas City Art Institute, and Kansas City Junior College. She graduated from the University of Kansas in 1919 with a major in History and a minor in English. After a three-year engagement, Dorothy married Dale Moore Thompson on July 2, 1921. Thompson was born in Kansas City, Kansas, on November 19, 1897. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the Univeristy of Michigan in 1920, where he was a Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity member. Thompson was President and Chairman of City Bond and Mortgage Company. He died in December of 1990.

The Thompsons had one child, William Brown Thompson, born April 6, 1922. He attended Southwest High School, received his BA from the University of Michigan and a masters degree from Columbia University, and did postgraduate work at Oxford University. He was Vice President of City Bond and Mortgage Company for twenty-five years, after which he retired to Monterey, California, in 1976. Bill Thompson was a member of many civic and cultural organizations, and he traveled extensively. He died of cancer on June 6, 1978, at age 56.

Dorothy Brown Thompson's mother, Harriet Gardner Brown, lived with the Thompsons. She was born on October 27, 1867, in Bradfordton, Illinois. She graduated from the Bettie Stuart Institute in Springfield, and married William Joseph Brown in 1894. She died on July 17, 1958.

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DESCRIPTION:

Dorothy Brown Thompson was a poet and genealogist. The first section of her collection consists of personal and professional materials, including poetry manuscripts, correspondence, diaries, scrapbooks, photographs, and ephemera. This section also includes materials of her husband and son. The second section of Mrs. Thompson's collection is concerned chiefly with her extensive genealogical research. The materials include files and binders of specific family lines, correspondence, and historical publications. Other, personal and professional records, including scrapbooks and correspondence, are mixed with the genealogical materials, and vice versa.

## INVENTORY:

**BOX 001.**

Diaries, 1928-1954

**BOX 002.**

Diaries, 1955-1972

**BOX 003.**

Diaries, 1973-1994

**BOX 004.**

Correspondence with publications A-K, ca. 1931-ca. 1981

**BOX 005.**

Correspondence with publications L-Z, ca. 1931-ca. 1981;

Correspondence with publications and publishers - closed/inactive A-C

**BOX 006.**

Correspondence with publications and publishers - closed/inactive D-Z;

Correspondence with textbook publishers and writers, ca. 1936-ca. 1987

**BOX 007.**

Correspondence - royalties, permission to reprint, ca. 1933-1991

Correspondence - poetry on video, audiotape, Braille translations, foreign reprints, television, etc.

"Poems sold" - filed by publication, contents being the poems published, A-K

**BOX 008.**

"Poems sold" - filed by publication, contents being the poems published, K-Z

Greeting cards sold

Correspondence - response to KC Star article about DBT, 1967

"Duds" - poetry rejects

Prizes, 1923-1962

Starbeams (KC Star)

Clippings of DBT juvenile poems

Duplicates of poems

Clippings of poems

**BOX 009.**

Conferences, readings, personal correspondence, ca. 1949-1983 (related to A17)

**BOX 010.**

Personal/professional correspondence (including Edsel Ford), ca. 1942-1977

Diversifiers - correspondence with members, ca. 1936-1988, history, 1976

**BOX 011.**

Personal/professional correspondence, ca. 1939-1991

Correspondence, miscellaneous papers 1917-1919

Correspondence, miscellaneous papers 1930s-1940s

Correspondence, miscellaneous papers 1950s-1960s

Correspondence, miscellaneous papers 1970s-1990s

Postcards, photographs 1915-1919

**BOX 012.**

Scrapbooks include DBT published poetry, general clippings: Volume 1, 1917-1935; Volume 2, 1935-1936; Volume 3, 1936-1939; Volume 4, 1939-1942; Volume 5, 1942-1950; un-numbered volume - misc. published clippings, 1930s-1970s

Cassette tape - DBT reading at Poetry Series at Jewish Community Center, 1973

Commencement program - University of Kansas, 1919

Photo album, ca. 1909

**BOX 013.**

Scrapbooks, continued: Volume 6, 1950-1952; Volume 7, 1957-1987 - also includes photographs and correspondence

Correspondence, clippings, photographs - mainly concerning publication of Near View, 1992-1993

**BOX 014.**

Photo album - college, ca. 1917-1919

Funeral book - William B. Thompson, 1978

Funeral book - Harriet Gardner Brown, 1958

Photo album - trip to Canada, ca. 1910

Scrapbook - "The Girl Graduate - Her Own Book" - correspondence, programs, essays, ephemera, photographs, clippings from high school years, ca. 1913 (green, bound leather)

Baby book - WBT - correspondence, photos, ephemera, clippings, 1922-ca. 1928

Photo album - Steilacoom, WA, August 1911

Wedding book - Dale and Dorothy Thompson, 1921

Clippings re: DBT - 1960s-1970s

The Slender Screen - poetry collection by Virginia Scott Miner, 1967

Spiral book - Christmas Gifts Given and Received, 1941-1964

Notebook/journal (DBT) - books read, literary essays, 1913-1920

Steno notebook - list of poems

Stationery boxes - correspondence, postcards, genealogical information, ca.  
1930s-1980s

The Essentials of Lettering, 1912

Stationery binder

Sketchbook, ca. 1909-1913)

Index card files - "Discontinued" and "Current Market" - alpha by publication

Housewarming party guest book, June 17, 1962

#### **BOX 015.**

Poems from the Virginia Quarterly Review, 1925-1967

"The Unrepentant Amateur" - brief essays on the arts by Henry C. Haskell, 1964-  
1973

Family tree charts

Green scrapbook - clippings, ca. 1947-1957

Scrapbook - clippings (Harriet G. Brown); business documents, 1921-1958

Ledger - rents collected, cash on hand/in bank, property descriptions, 1902-1911

Ledger (composition book), real estate notes, 1912-1914

"Clippings" notebook - legal documents, ca. 1885-ca. 1901

Postcards and photographs, ca. 1905-ca. 1933

Manuscript - Here We Go Round the Year collection of poems by DBT, undated

Poem manuscripts - "Merry-Go-Round," "A Way of Seeing," miscellaneous  
undated

#### **BOX 016.**

Correspondence - to Bill from Dale and Dorothy, 1945-1947; 1952, 1953, 1955-  
1956; 1959, 1960-1962; 1963; 1964-1965; 1966; 1967; 1968;

1969; 1970; 1971; 1972; 1973; 1974; 1975; February-August  
1977; September-December 1977; 1978; undated

Transcripts - WBT at Columbia University, 1946

Correspondence - DBT and Eliza Foster Pankey (Puss), 1974-1975, 1976-1977

Correspondence - WBT to Mrs. W.J. (Harriet) Brown, 1943, 1954

Income tax, 1940-1956

**BOX 017.**

Grade cards - Dorothy Allen Brown, 1904-1913

Ephemera, receipts

Correspondence - to Dorothy from "Muddy" (Harriet Gardner Brown), 1914,  
1918-19, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952-  
1953, undated

Correspondence - sympathy on Dale's death, 1990-1991

Correspondence - DBT and Eliza Foster Pankey (Puss), 1978-1979, 1980, 1981,  
1981-1982

Correspondence, photographs (accordian file), c.1880s-1954

"Keepsakes of Harriet Gardner Brown" - fabric samples, cards from wedding  
presents

Diary - WBT, 1933

**BOX 018.**

Wills - DBT and Dale, 1980

Academic papers - WBT, ca. 1940s

Commencement program - Columbia University, 1947

Southwest High School - articles, photographs (WBT), 1936-1937

"Papers, etc. Bill had saved"

Photos - WBT

Items belonging to Bill - maps and pictures; Dutch calendar, 1950; work from  
sketching class, 1935; correspondence; printed material; Great  
Books group - attendance sheets; Southwest High School Trail,  
12/17/36 and 5/27/37

DBT - documents used for proof of birth for Medicare, including grade cards,  
school programs, ephemera

Clippings - Dale, 1982-1985

DBT - clippings, photos, printed materials, programs, ca. 1967-1986 (labeled "Black Box")

Household ledger - trousseau expenses, layette expenses, wedding gift list, 1921(?)

Plaque - Missouri Writers Guild, 1941

"Give Thanks to the Lord" - poetry booklet, 1993

The Prize Winners Handbook, 1980

**BOX 019.**

Stories Used for Gallery Sketch Class, undated

Manuscripts - "Adding One and One" book, undated

Yearbook - Women's City Club, 1993-1994

Scrapbook - "Presented to Dale M. Thompson as a Record in Press Comment of His Administration as President 1962-1963" - Mortgage Bankers Association of America

Miscellaneous poetry manuscripts

Aunt Sally Brown's papers (Genealogy)

Ineffectuals, 1986, 1987, 1993

Christmas cards, 1993

Will - William Childe of Blockley (Genealogy)

**BOX 020.**

Photographs, including:

Baby picture - Dale Moore Thompson

Color photo - 9 elderly men

Bill's 1st Christmas tree

Reproduction of Hildreth Meire mural of Westport Landing - (Union Station mural)

Dinner party at the Persian Room

Trigon fraternity, University of Michigan

William B. Thompson - Ft. Bragg, NC, 1943

France, 1975 (large black photo album)

Many black/white and color photographs and negatives

**BOX 021.**

Notecards - 3x5 alpha by poetry title - info about where published, date

Wood card files - recipe files

Verse record notebooks, 1930s-1980s

Miscellaneous manuscripts  
Clippings of poems  
Spiral sketchbook  
Check stubs, 1954-1958  
Metropolitan Opera librettos, c1950s

**BOX 022.**

Photographs - chiefly Brown family, 1864-1947

**BOX 023.**

Plaque - President's Club, University of Michigan, Dale M. Thompson - gold box  
Plaque - KC Chamber of Commerce to Dale M. Thompson  
Thompson family portraits  
Small brown photo album - color photos with Dale M. Thompson and 1 b/w photo  
Small green photo album - family, buildings, fair  
Little Jay - DBT uncle  
Slides - Russia  
Miscellaneous slides, slide negatives, and mounts  
Negatives - Mexico  
Many black/white and color photographs and negatives

**BOX 024.**

Notes - Harriet Gardner Brown's account of her wedding in Spokane, WA  
Photographs - Thompson Family  
Catalog - Alan McAfee Shoes, London  
Notepad and pencil  
Certificate of Honor - Rockhurst College to DBT, 1991  
Name cards - Mr. and Mrs. Dale M. Thompson  
The Writer, June 1992  
Cards from Dale Thompson  
Photograph button - Dale M. Thompson, age 4 (?)  
Green photograph album - Denmark, 1967-1972 - includes DBT poem, "Gulls at Conway Castle," from London trip  
Photographs, itinerary, clippings - European trip with Aycocks, 1956



Photograph albums - England and vacations, 1973, undated

**BOX 025.**

Travel slides - South America, Morocco, Italy, Greece, misc.

Plaques (2) - to Dale M. Thompson

**BOX 026.**

Bill's Master's Thesis - Roots of Insurgency: The Senate and the Tariff of 1909,  
1947

Get well wishes, condolences - illness and death of Bill, 1978

The Polygon of the Polytechnic Institute, 1918

Certificate of membership - William Brown in the Springfield (IL) Library  
Association, 1870

Framed - "Spring Comes Again to Shawnee Mission"

Article about Dale - The Team Communicator (TMC publication), December  
1977

Clippings, personal items, general background - Dale's "duplicate material and  
unused"

Hall Bartlett - clippings, Variety, postcard from Alice Bartlett, 1971

Correspondence, legal documents - attorney Robert Matheny re: family matters,  
1939-1940

Correspondence - Hiram Gardner, 1860s (need to be flattened, possibly  
humidified)

Kansas City Star - end of WWI, 1918

Life, December 26, 1955

London Times - death of Duke of Windsor, May 29, 1972

"George McCoy: A Forgotten Man" by Elizabeth Hayward, 1958

Correspondence - from Dale to Dorothy, 1917-1919

Subject to Change - collection of DBT poems, 1973

Buckeyes - A Collection of Verse by Margaret Gordon Williamson, 1990

Program - American Poets Series at the Jewish Community Center, 1972-1973

Manuscripts - Against the Wind collection

Kansas Alumni Magazine, January/February 1992

Manuscripts filed by publication to which submitted: Elementary Teacher;  
Highroad; Highlights for Children; Christian Science Monitor; St.  
Nicholas; Child Life, 1930s-1940s

Notebooks: personal library book catalog; "Notes for workshop sessions at McKendree College Conference"; 2 blank

Miniature playing cards

Crayons

King Tut toy

Petrified eraser, 1914

Miniature library books containing office supplies

Empty address book

### **BOX 027.**

The Christian Advocate containing DBT poems, May 19, 1938 and April 13, 1939

Blue folder and manilla folder - miscellaneous manuscripts

Manuscripts - All Things Considered (1st collection), 1959

Manuscripts - White King's Memorandum, "Worksheets"

Manuscripts - Staying the Distance - entry for Walt Whitman Award, 1974

Manuscripts - In a Wide Room - Ingram Merrill Foundation poetry contest

Manuscripts - White King's Memorandum by Joan Herrick

Near View, 1991

Blue cloth satchel: Bill's drawings and school papers, ca. 1931; DBT book of readings from Miss Lucy Burgess' elocution class; high school report cards, 1909-12; "Words of Comfort" booklet

Scrapbook - Door County, WI nature collection

Miscellaneous correspondence, greeting cards, 1921-1993

Clippings, printed material, scrapbook - "DMT Book - discards, but to be kept"

Check stubs - Harriet's illness, 1957-1979

List of poems, publications, and dates

### **BOX 028.**

Near View - proofs, Lowell Press catalogs, manuscripts, book, 1991-1992

Kansas City Star article, January 18, 1992

Subject to Change - collection of DBT poems, 1973

"An Overview of the History of the KC Philharmonic" - prepared by Lillian Kranitz-Sanders, 1982

Masquerade - book and clippings re: treasure hunt in Encland, 1980-1982

Art catalog - "Bernice Boeschenstein: The Late Works, 1941-1951"

Small spiral notebook - notes from Bill after tonsillectomy, undated  
Small spelling dictionary  
Regency House/Sulgrave directory, 1988  
Loose papers and postcards, undated  
Calling cards - Dale M. Thompson  
Correspondence, newsletter - Sangamon County, IL Historical Society -  
"Historico" 1974-1979  
Dale - Research materials, article/speech draft on Inflation, 1978-1979  
Correspondence - congratulatory letters to Dale on election to Presidency of City  
Bond, 1948  
Travel itineraries, 1967-1976  
Correspondence, receipts - England, 1976

**BOX 029.**

Books, other publications containing DBT poems  
Correspondence, postcards, 1914-1992  
ID cards - Dale and Bill  
Defense Stamp albums, ca. 1940s

***GENEALOGY: Folders include notes, correspondence, manuscripts, journal articles***

**BOX 030.**

Brown; Bartlett; McClelland; Montgomery; Crook; Allen; Barrett; Lowry; Todd;  
Lee; Bledsoe; Atkins/Buck/Felgate/Martian/Beech

**BOX 031.**

Bledsoe; Smith; Baker; Withers; Lane

**BOX 032.**

Hardage; Temple; Rev. John Taylor; Taylor; Gaskins; Vesey

**BOX 033.**

Williams-Harrison; Kavanaugh; DeView; Cave

**BOX 034.**

Cave

**BOX 035.**

Gardner; Eans; Duncan; Browning; King

**BOX 036.**

King; Osborne; Carter; Curd; Price; Pryor; Mountjoy; Morton; Thornton; Dade;  
Carr; Gilson; Bernard; Behethland; Newton

**BOX 037.**

Bradford; Marr; Hord; Slade; Thomas; Talbott; harding; Standiford; Aycock;  
Nicholls; Pace; Beall; Magruder; Mears

**BOX 038.**

Thompson; Curl; Moore; Stratton; Lindley; Haines; Elkinton; Moorman; Clark

**BOX 039.**

Chiles; Coate; Clark; Moorman; Pyle; Hollingsworth; Antram-Butcher; Page;  
Lester; Furnass; Geague; Smith; Walker; Faulkner; Barrett;  
Painter; Coppock

**BOX 040.**

Colonial Dames - genealogical material, correspondence, membership papers, ca.  
1950s-1991

Order of First Families of Virginia

Genealogical and historical organizations - printed material, correspondence,  
genealogical materials

**BOX 041.**

Magazines, journals and other publications re: genealogy, writers and writing, ca.  
1977-ca. 1981

Newsletters - King and Queen County (VA) Historical Society, ca. 1973-1990

Correspondence concerning genealogy, 1950s-1970s

Correspondence - "BOOKS" - includes dealers, publishers, small presses, 1943-  
1986

Correspondence - Mrs. Sumner (Elizabeth) Haywood, 1948-1981

**BOX 042.**

Scrapbook - "Adventures in Honeymooning" - correspondence, postcards,  
brochures, photographs, ephemera, 1921

Scrapbook - Dale Thompson - photographs, clippings, printed/published material,  
1964-1977

Scrapbook - Dale Thompson - photographs, clippings, printed/published material, 1959-1962

Scrapbook - Dale Thompson - photographs, clippings, printed/published material, 1956-1963

Sheet music - songs with DBT lyrics by Gladys Blakely Busk, ca. 1952-1956

Sheet music - songs with DBT lyrics by various songwriters, 1938-1956

Calendar - KU Alumni Association, 1991

Genealogy - Cave Family; will of Christopher Clark

**BOX 043.**

The Register of the KY Historical Society, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1955, 1989, 1991

The Horn Book Magazine, 1969

The Literary Review, 1959

North American Review, 1938-1939

Virginia Quarterly Review, 1957

Missouri Historical Review, 1963

The University of Kansas City Review, 1952, 1953, 1956, 1960

The University Review (KC), 1937

The Filson Club History Quarterly, 1963

Kansas Magazine, 1939, 1947, 1955

the Poetry Society of America Anthology, 1946

Poetry - A Magazine of Verse, February 1947

How to Eat a Poem, 1976

Voices from the Interior, 1982

Missouri Poets: An Anthology, 1982

The Poetry Society of Georgia, 1955, 1958

Sandwich Isles, USA, 1973

Colonial Huntington, 1953-1800, 1953

JCHS Annual Report, 1991

Kentucky Ancestors -Quarterly of the Kentucky Historical Society, 9193

The Virginia Magaine of History and Biography, 1992

200 Years of the Kentucky Treasury, 1992

**BOX 044.**

Genealogical reference books

Periodicals: MO Historical Review, The American Scholar; VA Magazine of History and Biography; The Register of the KY Historical Society

Appraisal report of 10619 Eastern by Dale Thompson, 1965

**BOX 045.**

Virginia, Maryland, Massachusetts historical magazines, 1958, 1964, 1966, 1973, 1978

Notebooks on British genealogy

Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine, 1944, 1945, 1949, 1950

British Heritage Magazine, June/July 1985

Edgewood: The Story of a Family and Their House by James Wooldridge Powell, 1978

The Writer Magazine, 1991-1992

Genealogical notes, clippings

Owen Family

Correspondence with Ed Russo, 1977-1984

Diploma - Dorothy Brown graduation from junior high school, 1909

George Washington family tree

**BOX 046.**

Correspondence - genealogy

Clippings

Material relating to Dale and his activities

Investments - William B. Thompson, ca. 1970s

Investments - Harriet Gardner Brown

***BINDERS OF PHOTOCOPIED INFORMATION*****BOX 047.**

William T. Brown and Harriet Gardner Brown; Bartlett - New England Lines; Allen; Barrett (England); Barrett (VA and KY); Lee and Atkins; Lowry and Todd; Smith

**BOX 048.**

Taylor; Gaskins and Vesey; Cave (England); Cave (Children of Benjamin); Cave (VA); Bledsoe; Kavenaugh - Harrison/Williams; Lane and Hardage

**BOX 049.**

Chiles; Page; Gardner; Pryor; Thornton; Mountjoy; Duncan; Curd; Browning; Price; ancestral tablets; Junior College; correspondence with WBT - Hawaii (1967) and Greece (1968)

**BOX 050.**

Thompson; Moore; Stratton; Moorman; Coate; Painter; Smith; Walker; Barrett; Curl; Dale M. Thompson ; William Brown Thompson - articles, college papers, etc.

**BOX 051.**

Carter-Crewe-Brent-Haines; Hord and Miller; Talbott-Ewen-Thomas; Slade-Standiford-Harding-Beall-Magruder; King; Brown (Scotland and PA); Brown (IL); Behethland; South Cave History; family tree forms

**BOX 052.**

Correspondence - WBT in South America, 1970

Correspondence - WBT at Oxford, 1969; to Dale and DBT in England, 1970

Manuscripts - published/unpublished by WBT

WBT - schools

Correspondence - WBT in Mexico, 1962

Correspondence - WBT to NYC and England from KC and Black Hills Trip, 1965

Newton-Dade-Bernard-Gilson

Bradford