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1925-1977, undated

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Blossom, Thomas (1912-1992)

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2.00 Linear Feet

Extent

2 Hollinger documents cases, 1 oversized box boxes

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Dr. Thomas Blossom

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[Identification of item], Box [insert number], Folder [insert number and title], Dr. Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Biographical or Historical Information

Thomas Blossom was born on February 15, 1912, to Harold H. and Mary Dawson Blossom in Dedham, Massachusetts. His secondary education was at the Boston Latin School (1926-1929) and at the Beacon School in Wellesley, Massachusetts. Blossom received his BA from Amherst College in Amherst, Massachusetts, in 1934, his M. A. in 1935 from Columbia University in New York and his Ph.D. from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, in 1956.

Blossom taught history at the secondary level from 1935 to 1940 when he entered the U.S. Navy for the duration of World War II. Blossom served with the Interior Department at Cherokee, North Carolina, as Naval Convoy Liaison Officer for the Atlantic and Mediterranean and with the Naval Separation Center interviewing separetees. From 1946 until 1963 Blossom served as a reserve officer with the U.S. Navy.

From 1946 to 1956 Blossom was assistant and then associate professor of history at the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. In 1956 Blossom accepted the position of chairman with the Social Studies department at Southern State College in Magnolia, Arkansas. In 1958 Blossom became assistant professor of Humanities at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Blossom wrote three books: *The Americas* (1964), *Narino* (1967), and a biography of Santander. He was a contributor to the 1972 edition of the McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia. Blossom also wrote many book reviews and scholarly articles. He was listed in *Who's Who Among American Authors* and *International Who's Who*.

Thomas Blossom married the former Mildred Underwood, (1940). They resided in Virginia Beach, Virginia. They had four children: Frances (Mrs. John L. Caughey), Katherine Eleanor, Mary (Mrs. Terry Springle) and Martha (Mrs. James Medeiros). Dr. Blossom died in 1992.

Note written by Sonia Yaco

Scope and Contents

The collection contains material related to the professional life of Thomas Blossom, a professor in the Department of History at Old Dominion University. The collection also contains some genealogy information on Blossom's family. An oral history with Thomas Blossom is available on the Old Dominion University Libraries Digital Collections website.

Related Materials

Oral Histories in the Perry Library: Dr. Thomas Blossom

Keywords

Old Dominion University--Faculty

United States. Navy--Officers

World War, 1939-1945--Veterans

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Arrangement Note

The papers are organized into two series: Series I Personal; and Series II, Professional.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Personal

Unit ID Series I

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44381

Unit Date 1925-1965

Box 1

Unit ID Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44382

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Folder 1: Genealogical Paper on Maternal Grandfather; Jackson Dawson and His Medal

Unit ID Folder 1

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44386

Unit Date 1925

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 1, Genealogical Paper on Maternal Grandfather; Jackson Dawson and His Medal, 1925, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 2: Military Certificates

Unit ID Folder 2

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44387

Unit Date 1946-56

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 2, Military Certificates, 1946-56, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 3: Vita: Blossom

Unit ID Folder 3

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44389

Unit Date 1963

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

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[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 3, Vita: Blossom, 1963, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 4: Boston Latin School Catalogue and Related News Clippings

Unit ID Folder 4

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44395

Unit Date 1965

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 4, Boston Latin School Catalogue and Related News Clippings, 1965, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Series II: Professional

Unit ID Series II

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44383

Unit Date 1935-1975, undated

Box 1

Unit ID Box 1

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44384

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Folder 5: M.A. Thesis: Congressional Opposition to the World War

Unit ID Folder 5

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44385

Unit Date 1935

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 5, M.A. Thesis: Congressional Opposition to the World War, 1935, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 6: Paper: Journey of Alvar Nunez Cabeza...

Unit ID Folder 6

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44390

Unit Date 1947

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Container 6 (folder)

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[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 6, Paper: Journey of Alvar Nunez Cabeza..., 1947, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 7: Paper: The South Sea Bubble

Unit ID Folder 7

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44391

Unit Date 1949

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 7, Paper: The South Sea Bubble, 1949, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 8: Script: Unto These Hills

Unit ID Folder 8

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44396

Unit Date 1950

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 8, Script: Unto These Hills, 1950, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 9: Sermon: Material Progress is Not Enough

Unit ID Folder 9

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44400

Unit Date 1953

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 9, Sermon: Material Progress is Not Enough, 1953, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 10: Paper: Antonio Narino

Unit ID Folder 10

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44402

Unit Date 1953-1958

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 10, Paper: Antonio Narino, 1953-1958, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 11: Antonio Narino, Notes and Pictures

Unit ID Folder 11

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44403

Unit Date 1962

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 11, Antonio Narino, Notes and Pictures, 1962, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 12: University of Florida

Unit ID Folder 12

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44406

Unit Date 1962-1967

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 12, University of Florida, 1962-1967, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 13: Paper: Agony and the Ecstasy

Unit ID Folder 13

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44408

Unit Date 1963

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 13, Paper: Agony and the Ecstasy, 1963, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 14: Paper: Origin and Development of Pan American Union and the OAS

Unit ID Folder 14

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44409

Unit Date 1963

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 1, Folder 14, Paper: Origin and Development of Pan American Union and the OAS, 1963, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Box 2

Unit ID Box 2

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44388

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Folder 1: Cruise on the USS Carver Representing Old Dominion College

Unit ID Folder 1

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44393

Unit Date 1966

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 1, Cruise on the USS Carver Representing Old Dominion College, 1966, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 2: Correspondence With HEW concerning International Education Act

Unit ID Folder 2

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44397

Unit Date 1966

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 2, Correspondence With HEW concerning International Education Act, 1966, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 3: Correspondence With McGraw Hill Encyclopedia Articles

Unit ID Folder 3

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44399

Unit Date 1969-1971

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 3, Correspondence With McGraw Hill Encyclopedia Articles, 1969-1971, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 4: Correspondence, General**Unit ID** Folder 4**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/44401**Unit Date** 1970-1975**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 4, Correspondence, General, 1970-1975, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 5: Course Material: History 101/102**Unit ID** Folder 5**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/44404**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 5 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 5, Course Material: History 101/102, undated, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 6: Course Material: History 302**Unit ID** Folder 6**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/44405**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 6 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 6, Course Material: History 302, undated, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 7: Course Material: History 371/372**Unit ID** Folder 7**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/44407**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 7, Course Material: History 371/372, undated, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 8: Course Material: History 376**Unit ID** Folder 8**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival_objects/44410**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Preferred Citation**

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 8, Course Material: History 376, undated, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 9: Course Material: History 439

Unit ID Folder 9

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44411

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 9, Course Material: History 439, undated, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 10: Course Material: History 493/494

Unit ID Folder 10

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Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 10, Course Material: History 493/494, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 11: History Department Faculty Minutes

Unit ID Folder 11

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44413

Unit Date 1973 January 11

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 11, History Department Faculty Minutes, 1973 January 11, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 12: ODU History Dept. Faculty Info Sheets

Unit ID Folder 12

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44414

Unit Date 1970-1976

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Container 12 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 12, ODU History Dept. Faculty Info Sheets, 1970-1976, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 13: Graduate Studies. Elizabeth Blandin--Paper and Materials

Unit ID Folder 13

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44415

Unit Date 1972

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 13, Graduate Studies. Elizabeth Blandin--Paper and Materials, 1972, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 14: Radio Talks Material

Unit ID Folder 14

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44416

Unit Date 1973

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Container 14 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 14, Radio Talks Material, 1973, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 15: Western Society for the Study of French History--Annual Meeting

Unit ID Folder 15

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44417

Unit Date 1975

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 15, Western Society for the Study of French History--Annual Meeting, 1975, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 16: Correspondence

Unit ID Folder 16

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44418

Unit Date 1975

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Container 16 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 16, Correspondence, 1975, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 17: PACE--Birdfarm News--USS Kennedy

Unit ID Folder 17

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44419

Unit Date 1975

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 17, PACE--Birdfarm News--USS Kennedy, 1975, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 18: PACE--Collision Material.Kennedy--Belknap, Fall 1975

Unit ID Folder 18

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44420

Unit Date 1975

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 18, PACE--Collision Material.Kennedy--Belknap, Fall 1975, 1975, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 19: PACE. Correspondence. USS Kennedy

Unit ID Folder 19

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44421

Unit Date Fall 1975

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 19, PACE. Correspondence. USS Kennedy, Fall 1975, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 20: PACE--Casa Materna, Naples, Italy, Summer 1977

Unit ID Folder 20

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44422

Unit Date 1977

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item and date], Box 2, Folder 20, PACE--Casa Materna, Naples, Italy, Summer 1977, 1977, Thomas Blossom Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, Old Dominion University Libraries.

Folder 21: Paper: Latin Americans in Norfolk and Norfolk Ties With Latin America

Unit ID Folder 21

Unit ID /repositories/3/archival_objects/44423

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Preferred Citation

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Oversize Box 3

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Framed Bachelor of Arts Diploma, Amherst College

Unit ID Item 1

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Unit Date 1934

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Do Dull, Dry, Dreary History Textbooks Turn You Off?, Posters Advertising History 396

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