

## Guide to the Michael V. R. Thomason Papers

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### **Descriptive Summary:**

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Abstract: Contains material from Thomason's graduate and doctoral research, as well as correspondence, subject files, and printed material relating to various courses, grants, and publications.

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### **Biographical Information**

Michael V. R. Thomason was born in Florida on June 20, 1942. In 1964, he graduated with a B.A. in History from the University of the South, Sewanee, where he was a Phi Beta Kappa. He received his Master's and Doctorate degrees from Duke University. During his graduate work, Thomason was awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and a Shel

**Book and Manuscript Library should also consult Thomason's 2007 interview, located in The Library's Vertical Files.**

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**Scope and Content:**

The collection consists of research material from Thomason's degrees from Duke, correspondence and subject files relating to his publications and scholarly activities, and materials from various courses he taught. Of particular interest is material relating to the Alabama History and Heritage Festival in 190.5(911.4i)-20.2()-1.5(d 9 0 Td T <</MCID

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**Sensitive Materials Statement**

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The series also contains a rough draft of his dissertation on Africa, index cards, and copies from various British and African archives.

**Series 2: Subject Files**

This series contains alphabetically-arranged files dealing with Thomason's various scholarly activities, books, presentations, and grant proposals. There is a large section of material from the Alabama History and Heritage Festival in 1982

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