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1893-1974

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## Abstract

This collection documents the life and activities of members of the Thompson family of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, Virginia, particularly John W. Thompson and his wife Elizabeth F. Thompson, and also contains items relating to the Mt. Zion Church of the Brethren in Dayton, Virginia.

## Creator

Thompson, Mary A., 1903-1997

## source

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society

## Extent

0.4 cubic feet 1 box

## Repository

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# Administrative Information

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## Acquisition Information

Deposited by contract with the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society in 1998.

## Processing Information

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# Bio/Historical Note

John W. Thompson, born in 1874 and died in 1932, lived in the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County area where he operated a small farm. His wife was Elizabeth F. Thompson who was born in 1872 and died in 1958. They had five children, one of which was Mary Anna Thompson, who lived from 1903 to 1997. John W. Thompson and other Thompson family members were involved in the purchase of land for the Mt. Zion Brethren Church of Dayton, Virginia around 1895 and the later sale of the church and land around 1945.

Mary A. Thompson (1903-1997) spent her life in the Harrisonburg area. She went to Pleasant Hill Elementary and Junior High School and then to Dayton High School, graduating in 1925. She was accepted into the Rockingham Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1929 and graduated in 1933.

# Scope and Content

The Mary A. Thompson Papers, 1882 - 1975, consist primarily of documents and notebooks pertaining to the lives of John W. Thompson and his wife Elizabeth F. Thompson. These materials include notebooks of various household income and expenses from the years 1935 - 1974, including lists of purchases for gasoline and various auto parts from several different stores including Wayne Motor Sales, Standard Oil Co., and Madrid Fil[il]ing Station. Other materials comprise a notebook of church council meeting minutes and legal documents from the Mt. Zion Brethren Church of Dayton, Virginia from 1895 - 1945, various financial and legal papers from 1892 - 1932 that include fire insurance appraisals and policies for the farm, tax receipts, estate debts, land deeds, and a 1930 Farm Census.

Other materials within the collection relate to Mary A. Thompson, daughter of John and Elizabeth Thompson, from the years 1921 - 1945. These papers include temporary nursing permits and a letter from the principal of Dayton High School. There is also a small amount of Thompson family genealogical materials including

written birth and death dates, newspaper clippings relating to the Thompson Geological Museum and various Thompson family members from 1921 - 1980, and three photographs. Other genealogical materials relate to the Heatwole and Weaver families and include the pamphlet, "A History of the Heatwole Family" from 1882. Also included is a small folder of schedules and list of staff for the WSVB radio station in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

## Keywords

Brethren Church -- Virginia -- Rockingham County -- History  
Home economics -- Accounting  
Prices -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg -- History  
Finance, Personal -- Sources  
Deeds -- Virginia -- Rockingham County -- History  
Real property -- Virginia -- Sources  
Land titles -- Virginia -- Rockingham County  
Debt -- Virginia -- Sources  
Farm life -- Virginia -- History  
Nurses -- United States -- History -- 20th century  
Fossils -- Collection and preservation -- Virginia -- Rockingham County  
Service stations -- Records  
Radio stations -- Employees -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg  
Radio programs -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg  
Industries -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg -- Sources  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Women -- United States  
World War, 1939-1945 -- Military care -- United States  
Harrisonburg (Va.) -- History  
Harrisonburg (Va.) -- Social life and customs -- Sources  
Harrisonburg (Va.) -- Genealogy  
Dayton (Va.) -- History  
Rockingham County (Va.) -- History  
Rockingham County (Va.) -- Social life and customs  
Rockingham County (Va.) -- Genealogy  
Virginia -- Genealogy  
Virginia -- History, Local  
United States -- Census, 1930. -- General farm schedule  
United States -- Military care -- 20th century  
Ledgers (account books)  
Housebooks  
Financial Records  
Legal documents  
Genealogies (histories)  
Account books -- Virginia -- Rockingham County  
Thompson family  
Heatwole family  
Thompson, Mary A., 1903-1997  
Thompson, J. W. (John William), 1874-1932  
Thompson, Martha E. Liskey, 1844-1919  
Layne, George L.  
Heatwole, Justus B., 1883-1959  
Mt. Zion Brethren Church (Dayton, Va.) -- History  
United States. War Manpower Commission  
WSVA (Radio station : Harrisonburg, Va.)  
Thompson Museum  
Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society

# Arrangement

This collection is arranged in 6 folders.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Household Income and Expenses (6 books)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1558

**Unit Date** 1893-1936

**Mixed Materials [1000885856]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

### **Household Income and Expenses (7 books)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1559

**Unit Date** 1935-1974

**Mixed Materials [1000885856]** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

### **Miscellaneous Notebooks (3 books)**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1560

**Unit Date** 1895-1945, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000885856]** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

### **Financial and Legal Papers**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1561

**Unit Date** 1892-1945

**Mixed Materials [1000885856]** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

### **Genealogy**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1562

**Unit Date** 1882

**Unit Date** 1921-1969, undated

**Mixed Materials [1000885856]** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

### **WSVA Radio**

**Unit ID** /repositories/4/archival\_objects/1563

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials [1000885856]** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)