



Lois and Lawrence Thome Collection

1925-1995

63 textual documents, 10 pamphlets, 5 books, one photograph | one linear foot | two boxes

Lois Keener Thome was born in 1897 in Piatt County, Illinois (d. 03/31/1994). Mrs. Thome graduated from Pasadena High School in 1915 and attended Occidental College as a math major; she changed her major to sociology when she transferred to the University of Southern California where she earned her degree in 1919. After college (1919 – 1924) Ms. Keener worked in the Physical Laboratory's computing division at Mount Wilson Observatory. Lawrence Thome was born on June 3, 1894 in Ottumwa, Iowa (d. 11/23/1994). His family later moved to Salt Lake City, Utah where Mr. Thome graduated high school in 1914. He enrolled in Occidental College in Los Angeles where he met fellow student, Lois Keener. The two were married on June 30, 1924.

Lois and Lawrence Thome arrived in Corona in 1924, when "Coach" Thome became Director of Athletics at Corona High School. He taught physical education classes to elementary, junior, and high school students while coaching Corona High School's baseball, basketball, football, tennis, and track teams. In 1935, Mr. Thome was promoted to Director of Child Welfare, Attendance, and Guidance for the Corona Unified School District. During World War II he supervised the district's night school and adult education program. During that time Mrs. Thome trained with the Red Cross and became an active member of the Grey Ladies at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Corona. In 1958, Mr. Thome retired his educational career. From April 19, 1960 to April 21, 1964 he was a member of the Corona City Council and served as Mayor from April 17, 1962 to April 1, 1963.

The Thomes were civic minded and heavily involved in local organizations such as Corona Rotary, Woman's Improvement Club, Soroptimist International of Corona, First Congregational Church, and the Peppermint Ridge Auxiliary.

The collection documents Corona High School's early athletic programs, student life, and the development of adult education for the Corona Unified School District, as well as the Red Cross activities in Corona during World War II.

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Inventory

*Call # is the Manuscript #/Box #

Call Number	Folder	Description of Records	Leaves
M092/1	1	Finding Aid, donation inventory	12
M092/1	2	1925 Basketball Team Roster - Corona High School	1
M092/1	3	Senior Class Prophecy written by Mr. George E. Snidecor: For Birthday Party at Hildreth Home - May 20, 1925. The following people are mentioned in the Prophecy:	7
		Jess Hill,	
		Philip Glass,	
		Robert Rawson,	
		Albert Newcomb,	
		Herbert Culbertson,	
		Dorothy Dixon,	
		Robert Kee,	
		Matiebelle Stiles,	
		Robert Hoxworth,	
		Gladys Hoover,	
		Helen Fitch,	
		Pearl Boyer,	
		Harry Hill,	
		Floyd Day,	
		Frank Emerson,	
		George Green,	
		Dora Belle Davis,	
		Marcella Anderson,	
		Lon McCue,	
		Marvin Parks,	
		John Snidecor,	
		Bernice Hildreth,	
		Marguerite McCue,	
		Thelma Lewis,	
		Thurlow Campbell,	
		Maurice Van Dyke,	
		Forest Sweet,	
		Allen Ely,	
		Emmet Sanford,	
		Bertha Johnson,	
		Cecil Cane,	
		Jack Crandell.	
M092/1	4	1935 Football Plays	20
		Index cards with various plays; handwritten on the back of one card is "Jess Hill's FB Plays," c. 1935.	
M092/1	5	<i>The Golden Circle: A Pageant Written by Mrs. Chester Gould</i> , dated May 1, 1936.	2 pamphlets

		<i>The Presidents' Wives</i> by Elmer Ellsworth Helms, c. 1940 program.	
M092/1	6	High School Alumni Sheets, 1937-1938 and 1938-1939	4
M092/1	7	Lake Elsinore Country Club membership paperwork, dated September 11, 1939.	2
M092/1	8	Correspondence: Letter to Mr. Thome about the appointment to Commissioner of the Housing Authority, dated February 19, 1944; Congratulatory letters to Lawrence Thome upon becoming Mayor, April 1962; Invitation to the dedication of Lake Elsinore State Park on May 5, 1962; Invitation to the dedication of the new terminal facilities at the Ontario International Airport on May 29, 1962; Letter inviting Mayor Thome to the first activity organized by the Corona Teen Council, dated June 19, 1962; Thank you letter to Mayor and Mrs. Thome for attending a meeting at the Sage Top Café on May 15th. Dated July 5, 1962; Thank you letter from Bert A. Betts, California State Treasurer, dated October 2, 1962; Letter from Sunkist Growers, November 1, 1962; Letter from H.E. Stottlemeyer, Corona Planning Director. Dated: December 20, 1962; Letter from Occidental College, dated January 21, 1963; Letter from Bill Henry in Washington, DC, dated May 14, 1965; Letter from Bill Bryan dated May 12, 1986; Undated letter to Mr. Thome from the Hi-Tri Club requesting that a Dean of Women be appointed at Corona High School; Undated Western Union Telegram from the Mayor's office in San Diego; Typed letter "Twice told tales or a Page from Lions History," undated; Blank stationary from the Corona Unified School District, with Lawrence G. Thome listed at Director of Pupil Services.	21 leaves, 1 envelope
M092/1	9	Handwritten notes from Lois Thome's First Aid Class, dated April 27 - May 15, 1942.	10
M092/1	10	<i>Manual for the Gray Ladies: Hospital and Recreation Corps Serving in Federal Hospitals</i> from the American Red Cross, dated May 1944; Lois Thome's examination for the Red Cross Gray Ladies Certificate, U.S. Naval Hospital, Corona, California - November 23, 1942	3 leaves, 1 pamphlet
M092/1	11	The American National Red Cross Volunteer Service Certificate for Lois Keener Thome who completed a course in hospital and recreation service in December 1942.	1
M092/1	12	Lawrence Thome's Quarterly Working Card from the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, dated January - March 1943.	1
M092/1	13	Adult Education - Night Classes, Corona City Schools / Tentative Schedule and Outline of Classes 1943-1944 / F.E. Bishop, Superintendent of Schools and L.G. Thome, Director of Adult Education.	1 pamphlet

M092/1	14	Cooperative Fumigating Association of Corona, stock certificate for six shares to Lois Keener Thome, dated June 22, 1944.	1
M092/1	15	Deed for the Jameson Investment Company for Lots 21, 22, 23, 24 of Ontario Avenue Tract to Lawrence G. Thome. Dated: December 30, 1944.	1
M092/1	16	Certificate of Membership, Corona Citrus Association, Corona, California to Lois Keener Thome. Dated January 15, 1947.	1
M092/1	17	The information on the cover the book is: <i>A Teachers Handbook of Guidance Information for Use When Counseling Students Regarding Their School Program</i> , compiled by The Guidance Department of the Corona City Schools, Corona, California. The title page lists the following information: <i>Guidance in the Educational Program of the Corona Unified Schools</i> prepared by the Guidance Committee under the direction of Lawrence G. Thome, Director of Guidance; approved by George M. Kibby, Superintendent of Schools. 1947-1948.	1 book
M092/1	18	<i>A Handbook for the Guidance of Children and Youth: Elementary and Secondary Schools</i> , Riverside County 1949. Office of E.E. Smith, Superintendent Riverside County Schools.	1 book
M092/1	19	<i>The Organization and Administration of a Department of Child Welfare and Attendance in a Small School System</i> by Lawrence G. Thome. A Thesis presented to the General Faculty of the Claremont Graduate School in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Arts. Dated: May 22, 1948.	1 book
M092/1	20	Corona High School Commencement Program, 1958	1
M092/1	21	<i>The Navy in Corona</i> dated 1971.	1 book
M092/1	22	Letter from Jess Hill to Lawrence Thome, dated February 23, 1979; Letter inviting the Thomes to Jess Hill's birthday party; A ticket to the Jess Hill's birthday party; Index cards with notes about Jess Hill.	7
M092/1	23	1982 Annual Report for Corona Community Hospital	1 pamphlet
M092/2	24	Manuscript: <i>The Life and Happy Times of Carolyn McNutt Root (1894-)</i> , the manuscript is dated November 1983; the first page of the manuscript has a handwritten inscription from Carolyn McNutt Root to the Thomes (August, 1984).	13
M092/2	25	<i>Physical Achievement Tests</i> , Corona Unified School District. The book is not dated.	1 book
M092/2	26	Rough sketch of the <i>Hall of Fame</i> board for Corona High School; Two copies of inductees from 1979 - 1988; Correspondence related to nominees for the Hall of Fame (1979-1987); Notes about possible inductees	37
M092/2	27	Newspaper Clippings Corona Daily Independent image with the caption <i>The Big and the Little of It</i> dated 05/02/1960, about the dedication of the municipal airport. Corona Daily Independent article with a photo of Lawrence Thome, the title <i>New School's Gym Honors Former Mayor</i> . The article refers to the gym at Centennial High School, c. 1986 Corona Daily Independent image of Lawrence Thome being honored by Corona Rotary, no date.	7

		Corona Daily Independent image with the caption <i>Memorial - Rev. Lewis Knight and Mrs. Lawrence Thome</i> , no date.	
		Clipping: <i>A Coach's Epitaph</i> by Al McCombs. The newspaper and date are not listed. The article is about Chino coach, Levi Dickey.	
M092/2	28	Copy of a color photo, SCH-cen-005a. The photo shows the ceremony honoring Lawrence Thome with the bronze plaque for the Centennial High School Gym which was named after him. Circa 1986	1
M092/2	29	Class of 1929: list of graduates and their contact information	3
M092/2	30	Class of 1932: Handwritten list of classmates; Sixth reunion newsletter dated May 21, 1967; Seventh reunion newsletter dated May 7, 1972; Reunion newsletter dated May 8, 1985; Reunion newsletter dated May 30, 1992.	34
M092/2	31	Class of 1934: List of classmates and group pictures; Comb-bound pamphlet for the 35th Reunion, dated December 1970; Comb-bound pamphlet for the 45th Reunion, dated October 27, 1979; Address list for classmates, dated October 1989; Committee Report, January 20, 1990.	4 leaves, 2 pamphlets
M092/2	32	Class of 1935: Program from the 50th Reunion, dated October 19, 1985; Program from the 55th Reunion, dated October 27, 1990.	2
M092/2	33	Class of 1936: List of attendees and their contact information; Correspondence for the reunion in 1990.	30
M092/2	34	Class of 1938: 50th reunion mini-yearbook, 1988	1 pamphlet
M092/2	35	Class of 1941: 40th reunion mini-yearbook, 1981; List of attendees for the 1986 reunion.	5 leaves, 1 pamphlet
M092/2	36	Centennial High School: Invitation to the Grand Opening Celebration - January 19, 1990; Program from the first awards assembly - June 6, 1990.	2
M092/2	37	Panthers Football Program 1991, Corona High School	1 pamphlet
M092/2	38	Menu for an unknown event, no date	1
M092/2	39	Memorial leaflet for Letha Raney, dated 12/17/1983.	1



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Item List of Relocated Oral History Interviews, Artifacts & Photographs

New Location	ID Number	Description	Type
Photo Drawer	SCH-cen-005a	The photo shows the ceremony honoring Lawrence Thome with the bronze plaque for the Centennial High School Gym which was named after him. Circa 1986	PHOTO
Oral History Collection	C-063a	Interview with Lawrence Thome, introduction by Stanley Reynolds. March 14, 1985.	CASSETTE
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