

## **MS-4 Glenn Thompson Papers**

**Collection Number:** MS-4

**Title:** Glenn Thompson Papers

**Dates:** 1948-1982

**Creator:** Thompson, Glenn, 1904-1996

**Summary/Abstract:** Consists of correspondence, reports, clippings, speeches, memorandums, photographs and printed materials reflecting Thompson's wide ranging interest in education, politics, environmental and social problems, historic preservation and journalism. Also includes an oral history with Sam Zehrung about his life and great gardens of Dayton, Ohio.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 5 linear feet

**Language(s):** English

**Repository:**

Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092.

**Restrictions on Access:** There are no restrictions on accessing materials in this collection. Please note that original audiocassettes and reels cannot be played in the reading room, however the Zehrung oral history on audiocassettes and reels in Box 12 are available in the E-Archives ms4\_e0001, for reference.

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**Acquisition:** The collection was initially accessioned into the Wright State University Special Collections and Archives in September, 1974. The collection was donated by Glenn Thompson, compiler of the collection.

**Accruals:** The Sam Zehrung Oral History tapes were added to the collection in June 1982 by Glenn Thompson.

**Related Material:** MS-458 Dayton Daily News Archive

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**Arrangement:** The papers are arranged into two series:

Series I: Correspondence, Speeches and News Clippings

Series II: Zehrun Oral History

**Biographical Note:**

Glenn Thompson was born November 7, 1904 in Ripley, Tennessee. He was the son of William Chapman Thompson and Ryla Glenn Thompson. William Chapman Thompson was the owner of the Chattanooga Times.

In 1927, Glenn graduated from Princeton with honors in English, and worked at his fathers' business. Afterwards, between the years of 1927 and 1929, he worked for his fathers' business, the Memphis Commercial Appeal, and the Memphis Press Scimitar.

Glenn was hired as a copyreader for the Cincinnati Enquirer in 1929 and after 6 years became a general assignment reporter until he enlisted in the armed forces in 1942. He achieved the rank of captain in the infantry and was discharged in 1946.

Upon discharge he became Head of the Washington Bureau of the Cincinnati Enquirer and in 1956 he was promoted to Associate Editor. He remained Associate Editor until 1959 when personal conflicts with Charles Staab forced him to leave.

Glenn was then hired by the Dayton (Ohio) Journal Herald as editor where he remained until he retired at the age of 64 in 1968. He continued to be active in the community after his retirement.

**Scope and Content:**

The collection is arranged into two series. Series one, the largest of the two series spanning 11 Hollinger boxes, is arranged in alphabetical order. The series contains correspondence, speeches and speaking engagements, and news clippings, with the bulk of the series consisting of correspondence with news clippings and other documents interfiled. The correspondence files cover a wide spectrum of issues such as Montgomery County Historical Society events, activities of the Miami Conservancy District, lobbying activities, environmental issues, prevention of strip mining, the Burns-Jackson District, and others. The collection also contains personal correspondence between Glenn Thompson and former presidents Richard M. Nixon and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Series two, the Zehrun Oral History, primarily consists of reel-to-reel tapes and copies in the form of audiocassette tapes. These, documenting the life story of Sam Zehrun and great gardens of Dayton, Ohio. The oral history was digitized and is available for listening by requesting the E-Archives files in ms4\_e0001. Mr. Thompson began interviewing Mr. Zehrun in 1979 and completed the project in 1982. While there are a

number of cassette tape copies of the reel-to-reel tapes, there is no transcript of the oral history tapes. Along with the tapes, Mr. Zehrunge provided Mr. Thompson a copy of a booklet he wrote for his descendants, "The Way I Remember, 1892 – On," which recounts his life. The booklet, along with Mr. Thompson's notes about the interviews, is included in the series.

**Subject Terms:**

**Persons/Families:**

Thompson, Glenn, 1904-1996

Zehrunge, Samuel D.

**Places**

Dayton (Ohio)

**Subjects (General)**

Journalism – Ohio -- Dayton

**Material Types:**

Audiotapes

**Collection Inventory:**

SERIES I: CORRESPONDENCE, SPEECHES AND NEWS CLIPPINGS

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	1	Achievements, Clippings and Speaking Engagements	ca. 1962-1968
	2	Alsop, Joseph – Correspondence	1960-1968
	3	American Society of Newspaper Editors	ca. 1959-1974
	4	Antioch College – Country Common	ca. 1961-1965
	5	Antioch College – Country Common	ca. 1965-1968
	6	Antioch College – General	1959-1970
	7	Archdiocese of Cincinnati	1960-1966
	8	Area Progress Council – Community Leadership Program(s)	1966-1967
	9	Area Progress Council – Education Conference	ca. 1967-1968
	10	Area Progress Council – Organization	ca. 1959-1968
	11	Area Progress Council – Race Relations	ca. 1966- 1967
	12	Area Progress Council – Systems Approach	ca. 1967- 1968
2	1	Area Progress Council – Misc.	ca. 1962-1971
	2	Area Progress Council – Misc. Correspondence	ca. 1960-1962
	3	Audubon Society	ca. 1960-1969

	4	A: Misc. Correspondence	ca. 1968-1971
	5	Burns-Jackson District	ca. 1966-1972
	6	Burns-Jackson District	ca. 1966-1972
	7	B: Misc. Correspondence	ca. 1958-1973
	8	Cedar Bog	1971-1973
	9	Cincinnati Enquirer	ca. 1954-1956
	10	Cincinnati Enquirer	ca. 1956-1959
	11	Cincinnati Enquirer	ca. 1959-1967
	12	City Beautification Council of Dayton	1970
	13	Civic Activities Resume'	1968
3	1	Civic Projects – Misc.	ca. 1959-1971
	2	Civil Projects – Misc.	ca. 1958-1968
	3	Cloud, Roger – Correspondence	ca. 1960-1970
	4	Committee for Economic Development	ca. 1960-1964
	5	Conservation Articles	ca. 1960-1970
	6	Conservation Education Facilities	1969
	7	Conservation – Misc.	ca. 1966-1970
	8	Council on Dayton's' Environment	ca.1971
	9	Cox, James – Correspondence	ca. 1959-1972
	10	Cox Square	ca. 1961-1970
	11	C: Misc. Correspondence	1963-1971
	12	Dayton Art Institute – Board of Trustees	ca. 1967-1973
	13	Dayton-Montgomery County Parks	ca. 1965-1970
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates</u>
3	14	DiSalle, Michael – Correspondence	1959-1962
	15	D: Misc. Correspondence	1961-1971
4	1	Education	ca. 1959-1965
	2	Education	ca. 1963-1968
	3	English, Charles B.	1969-1972
	4	Environmental Hotline	ca. 1971-1972
	5	Environmental Issues	ca.1971
	6	E: Misc. Correspondence	ca.1961-1971
	7	F: Misc. Correspondence	1960-1965
	8	Gardner, John – Correspondence	1962-1968
	9	Gillian, Jack – Administrative Correspondence (Environmental Issues)	ca. 1970-1973
	10	G: Misc. Correspondence	1948-1971
	11	Historic Preservation	ca. 1956-1970
	12	Horticulture Center	1969-1970
	13	Hutchins, Robert – Correspondence	1968-1969
	14	Inglar, Charles – Correspondence	ca. 1964
	15	John Johnston Farm	ca. 1960-1962
	16	John Johnston Farm	ca. 1963-1972

5	1	K: Misc. Correspondence and Items	ca. 1963
	2	Lazarus (Federated Dept. Stores)	ca. 1959-1965
	3	League: Isaac Walton	ca. 1969
	4	League of Women Voters	ca. 1968
	5	Literary Club	ca. 1957-1974
	6	Lobbying	ca. 1968-1971
	7	Lobbying	ca. 1971-1973
	8	Lockington Area	ca. 1963-1967
	9	Lockington Area	ca. 1963-1969
	10	L: Misc. Correspondence and Items	ca. 1963-1969
	11	Magazine Articles	ca. 1955-1956
6	1	Maslowski, Karl – Correspondence	1959-1965
	2	McCutchen, Richard – Correspondence	1970
	3	Miami Conservancy District	ca. 1969-1973
	4	Miami Valley Arts Council	ca. 1960-1968
	5	Montgomery County Historical Society – Constitution and By-laws	ca. 1965-1969
	6	Montgomery County Historical Society – Finances	ca. 1967-1969
	7	Montgomery County Historical Society – General Correspondence/ Misc.	ca. 1964-1971
	8	Montgomery County Historical Society – General Correspondence	ca. 1967-1969
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6	9	Montgomery County Historical Society – General Correspondence	ca. 1965-1969
7	1	Montgomery County Historical Society – Landmark survey	ca. 1965-1969
	2	Montgomery County Historical Society – Meeting	ca. 1966
	3	Montgomery County Historical Society – Meeting	ca. 1967-1968
	4	Montgomery County Historical Society – Meetings	ca. 1968-1970
	5	M: Misc. Correspondence	1963-1972
	6	Misc. Governmental and Political Correspondence	ca. 1960-1968
	7	Misc. Notes, Ideas, and Correspondence	ca. 1961-1968
	8	National Trust for Historic Preservation	ca. 1959-1970
	9	Natural Areas' Bill – Testimony	1969
	10	The Nature Company	1965-1971
	11	Newspaper Information	ca. 1962-1964
	12	Nixon, Richard – Correspondence	1961-1973
8	1	Ohio Conservation Association	ca. 1969-1970
	2	Ohio Conservation Association	ca. 1969-1970
	3	Ohio Conservation Foundation	ca. 1968-1973

	4	Ohio Conservation Foundation	ca. 1963-1973
	5	Ohio Conservation Foundation/Association – Correspondence	ca. 1960-1967
	6	Ohio Conservation Foundation/Association – Correspondence	ca. 1967-1969
	7	Ohio Conservation Foundation/Association – Correspondence	ca. 1960-1970
	8	Ohio Environmental Council – Constitution and Bylaws	1971-1973
	9	Ohio Environmental Council – Resolution	ca. 1973-1974
	10	Ohio Environmental Council – Miscellaneous	ca. 1969-1971
9	1	Ohio Environmental Council - Miscellaneous	1971-1972
	2	Ohio Environmental Council – Miscellaneous	ca. 1972
	3	Ohio Environmental Council – Publications and Articles	1971-1972
	4	Ohio Environmental Council/Ohio Conservation Foundation – Misc.	ca. 1972
	5	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency – Misc.	1972-1973
	6	Ohio Historical Society – Lawsuit concerning Warren G. Harding	ca. 1963-1971
	7	Ohio Historical Society – Misc. Correspondence	ca. 1964-1969
	8	Ohio Historical Society – Shaker Building	ca. 1965-1968
	9	Open Space Committee	ca. 1969
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9	10	O: Misc. Correspondence	ca. 1959-1974
	11	Park District	1970-1972
	12	Patterson Memorial	1969-1970
	13	Politics	1959-1969
	14	Post Office Property (Dayton, Ohio)	1961
	15	P: Misc. Correspondence	1959-1966
	16	Racial Issues and Correspondence	1966-1968
	17	Regional Airport (Dayton, Ohio)	ca. 1959-1966
	18	Regional Projects	ca. 1961-1965
	19	River Corridor	1979
	20	R: Misc. Correspondence	ca. 1959-1971
	21	Sierra Club	ca. 1972
	22	Speeches and Speaking Engagements in Cincinnati	ca. 1957-1959
10	1	Speeches and Speaking Engagements	ca. 1959-1961
	2	Speeches and Speaking Engagements	ca. 1959-1973
	3	Speeches and Speaking Engagements	ca. 1962-1965
	4	Speeches and Speaking Engagements	ca. 1966-1967
	5	Speeches and Speaking Engagements	ca. 1968-1970
	6	Staff Memos	ca. 1960-1965

	7	Staff Memos	ca. 1966-1968
	8	State Farm Hospital	ca. 1970-1972
	9	Stillwater River Group	ca. 1971-1972
	10	Strip Mining	ca. 1970-1971
11	1	Sugarcreek Preservation	1972
	2	S: Misc. Correspondence and Items	1955-1972
	3	Task Force: Little Miami River	1971
	4	Task Force: Thermal Pollution	ca. 1969-1970
	5	Task Force: Structure	ca. 1967-1971
	6	T: Misc. Correspondence	1964-1970
	7	United Community Council	1963-1964
	8	United Negro College Fund	1960-1970
	9	University of Cincinnati	1959-1970
	10	Urban Design Conference	ca. 1966-1967
	11	Urban Design Conference	ca. 1966-1967
	12	Urban Design Conference	ca. 1970-1971
	13	V: Misc. Correspondence	1969-1971
	14	Walters, Basil – Correspondence	ca. 1961-1968
	15	Water Management Association	ca. 1971-1972
	16	W: Misc. Correspondence	ca. 1960-1972

## SERIES II: ZEHRUNG ORAL HISTORY

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates</u>
12	1	Background Notes	Jun. 1982
	2	“The Way I Remember, 1892 – On,” by Samuel Danford Zehrung	Oct. 9, 1978
	3	Oral Memoir by Glenn Thompson on his 9 ½ years with the Journal Herald in Dayton, Ohio (2 cassette tapes)	Jan 9, 1981
	4	Zehrung Oral History Tapes (4 Reel-to-Reel tapes & 4 audiocassettes with 2 duplicate sets) (mp3 files of the oral history are available in the E-Archives for reference, ms4_e0001)	1982