

Guide to the Lucy Thompson papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: WA MSS S-2404

CREATOR: Thompson, Lucy, 1856-

TITLE: Lucy Thompson papers

DATES: 1899–1919

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear foot (2 boxes + 1 broadside folder)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Autograph manuscript and typescript drafts of Thompson's book *To the American Indian*, accompanied by miscellaneous printed parts of her book, and approximately 200 photographs. The manuscript drafts are separated into parts with separate titles and pagination. Almost every part is dated 1911-1913 and signed "Wrote by Milton J. Thompson and dedicated to my dear Daughter Bertha M. Thompson" the last words scratched out and "To my wife Lucy Thompson" substituted in 1915. Most of the manuscript parts correspond to chapters in the book; there are six parts that seem not to have been incorporated into the final book. Both the manuscript and typescript drafts carry Lucy Thompson's handwritten corrections. Accompanied by photographs of Lucy Thompson, her family and friends, Klamath Indians, and scenes in Humboldt County, California, some of which were used in the book. There are also seven deeds for land allotted to Klamath Indians in Humboldt County, California.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Purchased from Argonaut Book Shop on the Walter McClintock Memorial Fund, 1965.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Box frz, folder 36: Restricted fragile material. Reference surrogates have been substituted in the main files. For further information consult the appropriate curator.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Lucy Thompson Papers. Yale Collection of Western Americana, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Biographical / Historical

Lucy Thompson, a full-blooded Klamath Indian woman, author of *To the American Indian* (Eureka, Cal., 1916).

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Series I: *To the American Indian*

b. 1, f. 1	Preface, holograph, corrected	
b. 1, f. 2-3	Chapter I, holograph, corrected	
b. 1, f. 4	Chapters II-VI, holograph, corrected	1911, undated
b. 1, f. 5	Chapters VII-XI, holograph, corrected	
b. 1, f. 6	Chapters XII-XIX, holograph, corrected	1911-1915, undated
b. 1, f. 7	Chapters XX-XVI, holograph, corrected	1911-1915, undated
b. 1, f. 8	Chapters XVII-XXXII, holograph, corrected	1911-1915, undated
b. 1, f. 9	Chapter XXXIII, holograph, corrected	1912-1915, undated
b. 1, f. 10	Unidentified drafts, holograph, corrected	1913-1915, undated
b. 1, f. 11	Miscellaneous notes, holograph, corrected	1911, undated
b. 1, f. 12	Chapters XXXII-XXXIII. Early typescript draft (incomplete)	
b. 1, f. 13	Preface and Dedication. Typescript, corrected	
b. 1, f. 14	Chapter I. Typescript, corrected	
b. 1, f. 15	Chapters II-X. Typescript, corrected	
b. 1, f. 16	Chapters XI-XX	
b. 1, f. 17	Chapters XXI-XXXIII. Typescript, corrected	
b. 1, f. 18	Proof of pages 36-38	
b. 1, f. 19	Printed preface with picture of Lucy Thompson on verso	
b. 2, f. 20	Plates from the book	
b. 2, f. 21	Miscellaneous pages of text	
b. 2, f. 22	Empty folder lettered "To the American Indian" in pencil on front	

Series II: Photographs

b. 2, f. 23-24	Photographs of Lucy Thompson and relatives	
b. frz, f. 36	Portrait of Lucy Thompson's parents <i>1 photograph : nitrate film negative</i> Restricted fragile material. A contact print has been made and housed in box 2, folder 23 . The negative may only be seen with permission of the appropriate curator.	
b. 2, f. 25	Photographs by A. W. Ericson	
b. 2, f. 26	Photographs of friends	1913-1918, undated
b. 2, f. 27	Klamath dances	1905, undated
b. 2, f. 28-30	Unidentified people	
b. 2, f. 31	Identified places, including Humboldt County	
b. 2, f. 32-33	Unidentified places	
b. 2, f. 34	Photograph folders	

Series III: Other Papers

b. 3 (Broadside), f. 35	Deeds to land allotments in California made out to Milton J. Thompson, other Klamath Indians, and the Aztec Land and Cattle Company, Limited	1899-1919
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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Allotment of land -- California
Indians of North America -- Pictorial works
Indians of North America -- Social life and customs
Klamath Indians -- Pictorial works
Klamath Indians -- Social life and customs

Geographic Names

Humboldt County (Calif.) -- Pictorial works

Genres / Formats

Deeds -- California
Photographic prints
Snapshots

Names

Thompson, Milton J., fl. 1911-1915

Contributors

Thompson, Lucy, 1856-
Thompson, Lucy, 1856- (To the American Indian)