

# Guide to the Curtis Thompson Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1109

**CREATOR:** Thompson, Curtis, 1835-1904

**TITLE:** Curtis Thompson papers

**DATES:** 1867-1903

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear foot

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Diaries of Curtis Thompson, 1835-1904, of Stratford, Connecticut, from 1867-1903. Included in the diaries is an autobiographical sketch; genealogical data on the family of the author, and that of his wife, Louise Wilcox Thompson; and numerous notes and clippings, chiefly concerning contemporary personalities in Connecticut and elsewhere.

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## **Preferred Citation**

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## **Biographical / Historical**

Curtis Thompson was a lawyer, born in Stratford, Connecticut. In 1877, he moved to Bridgeport, Connecticut where he practiced law and was active in local politics.

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## **Scope and Contents**

The Curtis Thompson Papers consist of thirty-eight numbered journals which chronicle the events in the life of his family from the year 1867 to 1903. The chronological sequence is interrupted in volumes 15 and 16 by a brief autobiographical sketch, and in volumes 27 and 28 by genealogical notes. Scattered throughout the volumes are newspaper clippings, primarily pertaining to births, deaths, and marriage announcements, though some current events are included, especially those describing the 250th anniversary of the founding of Stratford (No. 22).

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### Journals

b.1	Nos. 1-26 [No. 10 missing]	[1867?]-1893
b.2	Nos. 27-38	1894-1903

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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**

Families

### **Geographic Names**

Connecticut  
Stratford (Conn.)

### **Genres / Formats**

Diaries

### **Names**

Thompson, Curtis, 1835-1904

### **Families**

Thompson family