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SUMMARY

Size	5.5 linear feet
Geographic locations	Baton Rouge, LA
Inclusive dates	1768-2005
Bulk dates	1960-2005
Language	English; French
Summary	Evelyn Thom was a local historian and historic preservationist of Baton Rouge, La. Her papers consist of photographs, newspaper clippings, correspondence, genealogical charts, and meeting minutes and publications. Subjects include Baton Rouge history, prominent Baton Rouge individuals and families, and the historic preservation and restoration of historic properties in Baton Rouge.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Evelyn Boyd Martindale Thom was born December 23, 1919, in Reidville, South Carolina. After graduating from Morgan City High School in Louisiana, Thom attended Louisiana State University earning degrees in English and history. Evelyn Thom did extensive research on prominent Baton Rouge families and was dedicated to the preservation of Baton Rouge's historic structures. This devotion to preservation led to Thom's involvement in many restoration projects including Magnolia Mound Plantation, Highland Cemetery, and the Florence Coffee House, which was converted to a private residence for Evelyn and her husband, Dr. James A. Thom III. Thom was also a member of numerous volunteer organizations dedicated to the preservation and beautification of Baton Rouge, including the Baton Rouge Foundation for Historical Louisiana, the Civic Beautification Council of Clubs, and The Round Table. Evelyn Thom died on April 1, 2011.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Evelyn Thom Papers consist primarily of research notes, publications, and news clippings related to Baton Rouge history and the genealogy of prominent Baton Rouge families. The papers also include photographs, correspondence, and other materials relating to historic preservation and restoration projects in Baton Rouge. Newsletters, correspondence, and records of the organizations Evelyn Thom supported are also included.

LIST OF SERIES AND SUBSERIES

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I. Baton Rouge families and individuals, 1768-2004, undated

This series consists of Evelyn Thom's research files on the prominent individuals and families of Baton Rouge. Many of these files contain biographical sketches, pedigree charts, newspaper clippings, and photocopies of original correspondence and official, court, and land records relating to members of these families. The card files contain extracts from court and land records and other sources about individuals. Prominent family names in the series include Beauregard, Duplantier, Favrot, Kleinpeter, and Staring, among others. See the container list for families and individuals represented. Note: Materials dating from the 18th and 19th centuries are not original.

Series II. Baton Rouge history, 1842-2005, undated

This series consists of Evelyn Thom's research files on the history of Baton Rouge. The files contain photographs, newspaper clippings, a run of "Gueymard's Notebook" (a Baton Rouge history newspaper column), and photocopies of records. Topics include cemeteries, churches, buildings, and historic areas of Baton Rouge such as Beauregard Town and Spanish Town. See the container list for additional details.

Series III. Historic Preservation and Restoration, 1969-2004, undated

This series includes the files and research related to the preservation and restoration projects conducted by Evelyn Thom. Files contain research on properties as well as photographs, newspaper clippings, and records relating to the project.

Series IV. Organizations, 1966-2003, undated

This series contains materials relating to organizations involved in preserving the history and landmarks of Baton Rouge. Materials include newsletters, bylaws, and meeting minutes. See the container list for organizations included here.

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