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C.A. Thomas Papers

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## **Collection Overview**

**Creator:** *Prairie View A&M University*

**Title of Collection:** C.A. Thomas Papers

**Dates:** 1952-1964

**Extent:** 1 folder

**Abstract:** **Curtis** Augustus Thomas was a professor and University Registrar at Prairie View A&M University during the mid-twentieth century. The Curtis Augustus Thomas Papers documents some of his professional endeavors in 1917. This small collection contains a resume and a speech given at the Teachers Association of Texas.

**Access Restrictions:** This collection is open for research

**Identification:** UA 0019

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**Language:** English

**Repository:** Special Collections/Archives Department, John B. Coleman Library, Prairie View A&M University

**Biographical Note:** **Curtis** Augustus Thomas was a professor and University Registrar at Prairie View A&M University during the mid-twentieth century. Born in Lockhart, Texas on April 17, 1917, he attended school in the small town of Luling. In 1941, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in education and economics from Sam Houston State University. Thomas served in the U.S. Army as an instructor for basic training from 1941-1946, and he served in Europe for two and a half years in the 654th Army Ordinance Unit. After his discharge, he organized the Veterans Foreign War post in San Antonio, Texas and the Willie J. Williams Post of the American Legions in Luling, Texas.

He went on to earn a master's degree from PVAMU, and his master's thesis focused on the Rosenwald School system in Luling. He taught at Luling High School and the Williamson County School system. Later, he served as principal of Carver High School in Midland, Texas before joining the faculty at PVAMU. Thomas died on January 7, 1990, and he is buried in Prairie View Memorial Garden Cemetery.

**Scope & Contents:** The Curtis Augustus Thomas Papers documents some of his professional endeavors in 1917. This small collection contains a resume and a speech given at the Teachers Association of Texas. Contains no information on his teaching career or military service.

**Arrangement:** This collection is arranged by subject

## **Administrative Information**

**Preferred Citation:** Curtis Augustus Thomas Papers, UA 0019. Special Collections/Archives Department, John B. Coleman Library, Prairie View A&M University

**Subject Terms:**

Thomas, Curtis A. (1917-1990)

Educators

Veterans--1940-1950

African American educators

## Inventory

| Box | Folder |   |
|-----|--------|---|
| 1   | 1      | Resume, Curtis Thomas   |
|     | 1      | Speech, "Dimensions of Democracy in Education" given at Teachers State Association of Texas, 1964 |
| 1   | 2      | <a href="#">Radio Script, "He Came Seeing" by James Sullivan, April 13, 1952</a>                  |