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Description: The Thorington/McCall Book Collection is comprised of 283 volumes of various late-nineteenth century, and early-twentieth century digests, pamphlets, reporters, treatises, and government documents which belonged to William Sewell Thorington and members of his family. Dean of the University of Alabama School of Law from 1897 to 1911, Thorington was a practicing lawyer in Montgomery, Alabama (1867-1892); City Attorney (1891) and Judge (1892) in Montgomery; University of Alabama Trustee (1878-1897); Alabama Supreme Court Justice (1892); and Professor of Law (1897-1911).

The Thorington/McCall Collection offers insight into turn-of-the-century areas of practice and procedure. A collection description and list of titles are available for this collection.

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(William Sewell Thorington, 1847-1915)

The Thorington/McCall Book Collection consists of 283 titles which are comprised of:

- Aids—law dictionaries (four volumes), Martindale directories and similar works, A.L.R. annotations.
- Government Documents—Acts of Alabama and Federal Acts. Also Reconstruction-era federal “Executive Documents.”
- Digests—Alabama Digests from the 1850s to the 1920s.
- Pamphlets—Virginia appellate brief, also Thorington’s master brief for reports.
- Reporters—Printed mostly in America; New York, Massachusetts, and United States Superior Court.
- Treatises—Late-eighteenth century to the 1910s. Illustrate basic changes in procedure and areas of practice.
- Inscriptions, Annotations—Throughout the collection, signatures, annotations, letters, and a poem are found either laid-in, on the flyleaves, or in the margins of numerous volumes.

A copy of the Thorington/McCall Book Collection title pages is stored in the Special Collections vertical files.