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Collection Name: Small Manuscript Collections

Subgroup Name: William Tharp Papers

Series Name: Correspondence

Beginning Date: 10/30/1846 **Ending Date:** 10/07/1862

Bulk Date(s): 12/15/1860 - 10/07/1862

Quantity of Material: 0.25 cubic feet

Extent: 12 legal-sized folders

Biographical Note: William Tharp was the 36th Governor of Delaware from 1847 to 1851, having served as a state senator from 1839 to 1943 before being elected Governor. He was born in Farmington, Delaware, to James and Eunice Fleming Tharp. He married his wife, Mary A. Johnson, around 1829, and together they had five daughters. Tharp inherited his first home through his wife, later accumulating farmland that he would manage until his death. Tharp's daughter Ruth gave birth to William Tharp Watson, the 49th Governor of Delaware.

Scope and Content: The series predominantly consists of letters, approximately half of which are addressed to William Tharp during his lifetime. Correspondents include William Huffington, William Silver, Jr., Martin W. Bates, Crapper Hobbs, James M. Jones, J. Tharp, G. A. Collins, and R. Tharp. These letters largely revolved around the authors seeking Tharp's assistance or updating him on significant events in their lives. Another set of letters centers on a specific topic involving Tharp, Alonzo H. Reynolds, and John Carson – the legal case against R. France and the Broadbent Company. Additionally, the series encompasses a receipt related to guano, featuring Samuel Christian, and a list of mortgages.

Subject(s): Agriculture & Natural Resources
Business, Labor, & Commerce
Domestic Life
Politics, Government & Law

Arrangement: This series is arranged by author or topic, therein arranged chronologically.

Available Copies: A preservation copy is available on the Q Drive. Digital copies are available on [CONTENTdm](#).

Condition of Material: Many of the documents in the series have discoloration and tears on the sides and along the folded seams.

Access Conditions: This material is open for research use.

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