

## Collection Summary

**ID Number:** MSS 155

**Title:** Gordon "Bish" Thompson Collection

**Extent:** 3 Boxes

**Span Dates:** 1950s – 1970s

**Language:** English

**Geographic Location:** Indiana

**Abstract:** The Gordon "Bish" Thompson Collection consists of newspaper clippings of his column "Bish Says" in the *Evansville Press* newspaper in Evansville, IN from 1956 to 1978.

**Historical Notes:** Gordon S. "Bish" Thompson was born in Chattanooga, TN but grew up in Kansas. He joined the *Evansville Press* in 1943 as a reporter; in 1952 he began the column which made him "famous" until his retirement in 1978. Thompson earned the Scripps-Howard Ernie Pyle Memorial Award in 1956. His passion for history helped establish the Civil War Round Table of Vanderburgh County and served on the Evansville Philharmonic and Evansville Museum. He and his wife, Margaret, had a son and a daughter, Gordon and Ann. Gordon Thompson passed away on November 6, 1980.

- **Sources:** Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library; Evansville Historical Newspapers, Browning Genealogy Database

## Selected Search Terms

**Keywords:** Local Businesses; Local Organizations; Local History

**Related Materials:** Business and Industry; Clubs and Organizations; History; Photographs; Publications; Regional History; Related Materials -- 1951-2000; Related Materials -- n.d.

## Administrative Information

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Contents	Date	Container	Location
"Bish Says:" <i>Evansville Press</i> Newspaper Clippings	1961	Box 1, Folder 1	RL 3027
"Bish Says:" <i>Evansville Press</i> Newspaper Clippings	1961	Box 1, Folder 2	RL 3027
"Bish Says:" <i>Evansville Press</i> Newspaper Clippings	1961	Box 1, Folder 3	RL 3027
"Bish Says:" <i>Evansville Press</i> Newspaper Clippings	1962	Box 1, Folder 4	RL 3027
"Bish Says:" <i>Evansville Press</i> Newspaper Clippings	1962	Box 1, Folder 5	RL 3027
Civil War Round Table	1955-1960	Box 2, Folder 1	RL 3027

Contents	Date	Container	Location
Civil War Round Table	1961-1965	Box 2, Folder 2	RL 3027
Civil War Round Table	1967-1969	Box 2, Folder 3	RL 3027
Civil War Round Table	1970-1978	Box 2, Folder 4	RL 3027
Civil War Round Table: Annual Banquet	1956-1971	Box 3, Folder 1	RL 3027
Photographs [1-4]	n.d.	Box 3, Folder 2	RL 3027
Personal Papers	1956-1971	Box 3, Folder 3	RL 3027
Miscellaneous Copies: "Bish Says"	1971-1977	Box 3, Folder 4	RL 3027