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**Thomas Alexander Langford  
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## **About this collection**

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**Title:** Thomas Alexander Langford Papers

**Creator:** Thomas Alexander Langford, 1930-2008

**Identifier/Call Number:** Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #189

**Physical Description:** 18.5 linear feet (13 boxes)

**Dates (Inclusive):** 1950-2011

**Dates (Bulk):** 1950-2011

**Location:** Center for Restoration Studies

**Language of Materials:** English

**Scope and Content Note:** The personal papers of Thomas Langford, minister among Churches of Christ, educator at Texas Tech and elder at the Quaker Avenue Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas. Includes personal papers correspondence, notes, ACU papers, and essays. Also included is an autobiography. The collection also includes cassette tapes, sermons, and the "Concourse to Study Unity" (held in Denver, CO July 1962, known as The Denver Meeting).

**Biographical Note:** The following biographical note is excerpted from Langford's obituary:

“LANGFORD - Dr. Thomas A., of Lubbock, departed this life on May 2, 2008, at the age of 77 years. He was born on October 20, 1930 to Homer and Nettie Langford. On August 7, 1953 Dr. Langford married Nellie Jo Cunningham in Dexter, NM. After completing the Kerrville Bible Training Work, he went on to obtain his Bachelors Degree from the University of California at Riverside, his Master's Degree from Texas Tech, and his Doctoral Degree from Texas Christian University. Dr. Langford was an ordained minister, a Professor of English Literature at Texas Tech and an Associate Dean and Dean of the Graduate School at Texas Tech. He was a member of the Quaker Avenue Church of Christ.”<sup>1</sup>

### **Administrative Information**

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Thomas A. Langford obituary, <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/tulsaworld/name/thomas-langford-obituary?id=27366716>

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### **Subjects and Keywords**

Churches of Christ -- History -- 20<sup>th</sup> century

Churches of Christ -- Texas -- Abilene

Manuscripts

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Freshman English Correspondence  
English 132  
Syllabi- Text Lists  
Rockwell, Thomas  
[Unlabeled Notes]  
[Thomas Langford School Essays]  
Tennyson- Organ  
Pater  
Trollope  
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Texas Tech Semicentennial Book  
Victorian Period Introduction  
Victorian Drama  
The Religious Novel  
Novel Bibliographies  
Mrs. H. Ward  
Trollope  
Jane Eyre  
The Letters of Chesterfield by Thomas A. Langford  
[Student Essays]  
[Unlabeled School Materials]  
Miscellaneous MSS  
Pepperdine  
Amarillo Speech  
Reprint Permissions  
Langford Scholarship  
Pepperdine et Al  
Talk to LCU Education Administration Class  
Browning Paper  
2002  
Articles Given to the Langfords  
Professional  
Miscellaneous Speeches  
Academic: Research and Teaching  
Jay High School Commencement Address- May 16, 1986  
The Christian Student  
Bibliography  
What Ever Happened to the University  
Guy Brown Correspondence

Texas Tech Papers  
Dean Search  
UCR Papers

**Box 2**

CFSA  
Langford-Parsons Travel Reports- Southeast Spring 1968  
Linda Prowell  
Tag-Jung Kim  
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JoAnn Blythe  
Jim Bullock  
Herbert  
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Eliot Book Review  
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Pepperdine  
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Nackley, Suzanne English 3116  
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Peer Evaluations  
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Cheyenne Adams  
Christa Britt  
Linda Brumble  
The Dean- Letters  
Reading Lists  
[Unlabeled Correspondence and Articles]  
Restoration Forum VIII  
Camp Butman- 9/10-11  
1996 Correspondence  
Service 1993  
Letters of Recommendation  
Mission Critiques  
Annual Report  
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CCL at SCMLA  
Connes on Papers  
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John Tanner  
Jooly Varghese  
Jim Cody  
CCL- General  
MSS-  
Linda Prowell  
Scott Pope  
Mary Heinsohn  
Rebecca Crump  
Sue Bennett

**Box 4**

Committee Memberships  
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Hugh Wilson  
Graduate Course Syllabi  
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Hugh Wilson

Book Orders  
Arnold Bibliographies  
Arnold  
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Billy Budd  
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Browning  
Ring and the Book  
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Chaucer  
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Arthur Clough  
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Milton  
Milton Study Guide

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Paradise Regained- Samson Agonistes  
Paradise Lost Overheads  
Paradise Lost  
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Morris

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Pope "Rape of the Lock"  
SCMLA  
Southern Association  
TA Conference  
CFSA  
Litvinenko  
Doctor of Arts Speech  
CSGS Committees  
ATGS- Speech 1994  
Quality Control  
ATGS Speech  
Whatever Happened to the University  
Curriculum Wars  
SCMLA- Non-Traditional Students  
Milton Seminar  
Lectures  
Talk on Interdisciplinary Studies  
Higher Education  
P.C.  
Church State  
MSS Matters  
Publications Correspondence  
Measure for Measure  
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NCATE  
NCATE U. Tennessee Martin  
Boise State  
Edgewood  
NCATE  
Old Correspondence

**Box 6**

Correspondence CCL  
CCL- Tech  
Service 1989  
Service 1990 - 1992  
[Loose Correspondence and Notes]

**Box 7**

David Lipscomb

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Trans of Bible

Poems and Articles

Campbell/Milton

Payroll Forms

Milton as Teacher

Milton 1990

Summer Milton

Campbell-Milton Slavery

John Milton Symposium England- Italy- San Francisco Arizona Workshop

Pam Mills

Academic

College History

Gunter Bible College

Music Teachers

[Folder that Contains a Letter to Quaker Church Elders and Articles]

Herb Griffith

Restoration Heritage

Restoration Tours

Sudan Conference June 2007

John McArthur Daniel Wallace

Prayer

Grace Talk Conference

Teach Committee

Restoration Forum 2006

Denver Unity Conference 1962

SHBI February Workshop

Carillon Newsletter

Elders Minutes 2002

1980s Correspondence

Grace Talk (NBC Talk)

White River

Literary Tradition

Awards

Walker Percy

Tomy CSGS

Doug Simpson Funeral

University Correspondence

Personal Matters  
Quaker Avenue Chronicles  
Russian Correspondence Mexico Mission  
Africa 1987  
Missionary Mail  
Tulia January 24  
CEA April Taps  
Amer Christian Convention Paper 2006  
Leadership Retreat- Abilene  
Uganda/Kenya Info  
Restoration History Bibliography  
Lookout  
Leroy  
Alumni UCR TCU JAY  
Ervin Waters  
Stewardship Info  
ACU- History of Non-SS  
The Bible, Literature, and Popular Prejudice  
Waiting for a Person  
Cane Ridge  
Missions 2002  
Correspondence

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Mission  
Harbinger- Prayer  
Pepperdine Paper  
Unity Papers  
Articles- Thomas Langford  
Women  
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Restoration Articles  
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Unity Forum  
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Milton MSS  
Restoration Paper  
Broadway Unity Talk  
Restoration Forum 2002  
Restoration FORum 2002  
Restoration Forum 2001

**Box 9**

Travel Log- Thomas Langford Churches  
Restoration- Early 19th Century Pioneers  
Campbell and Exorcist  
Restoration History  
Indiana  
Lectures for Ohio Valley  
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Wonderful Grace of Jesus  
Gifts from the King: Choosing Life's Vocation  
Death  
Singlehood  
Christian Sexuality  
The Chirstian and War  
Women in the Kingdom  
Who is my Brother  
Ministers of God  
Types of the Bible  
Deaconesses  
Holy Spirit  
Current Articles  
Role of Women- Houston Elders  
Abilene Lectures February 20-22  
Miscellaneous Speeches Culture and Curriculum  
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A Name Above Every Name  
Dealing with Depression  
[Miscellaneous Articles]

[The Humor of Alva Johnson]  
1997 Correspondence  
Correspondance 2005-2006  
Quaker School of Ministry and Other Business  
Law and Grace  
One Body  
Teaching Committee  
Capital Punishment  
Baylor Conference  
Quaker Matters  
Quaker Avenue Info  
Old Testament Poetry  
Growth Groups  
Biblical Preaching  
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Leadership  
Local Outreach Through Body Life  
Cameron Inman  
Evaluations  
Brian Walker  
Beth Sommerlad

**Box 10**

William Netherton  
Trevor Morgan  
Steven Michael  
SCMLA Paper  
Diane Christian  
Jim Bullock  
Tag-Jung Kim  
Freshman English  
Library Studies  
Milton Symposium  
NZ Paper  
Postmodernism and Enlightenment Lary Langford  
Ole Miss  
Relativism and Order  
Science and Faith  
The Social Novel  
Victorian Novel Critics

Oscar Wilde and Dowson Johnson  
Women Novelist  
Victorian Novel Backgrounds  
Christina Rossetti  
Science and Religion  
Tennyson Materials  
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Francis Thompson  
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Collins Essays Tennyson  
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Tennyson's King Arthur: A Failed Christ  
[Binder of Writings]

## **Box 11**

[Cassette Tapes]  
[Notebooks]  
Bootcamps and Battlefields: A Christian View of Education  
Restoration A Series of Articles by Thomas A. Langford  
[Photographs]  
[Tracts]  
[Photocopied Books]  
[Articles]  
On Recovering The Restoration Ideal

Studies in the Restoration Movement and Its Consequences  
Coping With Crisis

**Box 12**

Sermons by Marshall Keeble

A Weekend to Remember Celebrating a Heritage of Singing

Hoy Bible The African American Jubilee Edition King James Version

Sermon Notes

**Box 13**

25 Speeches on Christian Unity