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The objective of this thesis is to study the way of life of the community in Tha Nam Nonthaburi between the years 1928 and 1983. It was found that the community in Tha Nam Nonthaburi has played a key role in Nonthaburi Province since 1928 due to the relocation of the Nonthaburi City Center and the Severe Penalty Prison to the community in Tha Nam Nonthaburi. Consequently, the community in Tha Num Nonthaburi became the economic and social center of the Province, as evidenced by the migration of peoples; the building of wooden row houses, groceries, and market stalls; the trading of farm produce and pottery; and the trading along canals. The economic and social expansion of the community in Tha Num Nonthaburi continued incessantly until the severe flood in 1942 and the Second World War in 1941 – 1945. These crisis temporarily slowed down the economy of the community. However, the First National Economic and Social Development Plan (1961 - 1966) was implemented by Marshal Sarit Tanarat. The objective of the National Economic and Social Development Plan was to enhance the nation's economic growth. Based on this plan, the Government had the policy to develop Nonthaburi to accommodate the growth of Bangkok. Then, the community in Tha Nam Nonthaburi was economically and socially redeveloped, with extensive expansion of commercial buildings, monetary institutions, produce and fruit markets, transportation, and education. Although the National Economic and Social Development Plan contributed economically and socially to the development of the community in Tha Nam Nonthaburi, it had adverse impacts on its local way of life. Particularly, pottery and farming were diminished. Farming areas were converted to serve housing purposes such as real estates, row houses, and condominiums.