

**THURMAN, MARJORIE CLARK, 1928-1982.**  
**Marjorie Thurman papers, 1914-1978, undated**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Thurman, Marjorie Clark, 1928-1982.  
**Title:** Marjorie Thurman papers, 1914-1978, undated  
**Call Number:** Series No. 035  
**Extent:** 1.26 linear ft. (4 boxes)  
**Abstract:** Consists of campaign files, correspondence, personal material, and papers related to the Georgia Democratic Party in the 1960s-1970s.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

Born in Atlanta, Georgia in 1928, Marjorie Clark Thurman enrolled at Emory University in 1945 at the age of 17; after graduating from Emory she attended the Atlanta Law School and earned her Master's degree in 1949. In 1954, Thurman became an associate at the firm of Leachman, King, Thurman & Marshall, the first all-female law firm in Georgia. Soon after, Thurman became involved in the Georgia Democratic Party, first as a Fulton County Young Democrat, and a year later as a Young Democratic Committeewoman. In 1959, Thurman was elected as general counsel for the Young Democrats of America, becoming the first woman to hold the position.

After being appointed Democratic National Committeewoman by Governor Carl Sanders in 1963, Thurman served on the Arrangements and Platform Committees for the 1964 Democratic National Convention; she was also heavily involved in campaigning for the Johnson-Humphrey presidential ticket in Georgia the same year. Thurman also participated in state elections, working on the re-election campaign of Governor Carl Sanders in 1970, an election Sanders lost to fellow Democrat Jimmy Carter. Years later in 1974 Thurman was appointed Chairman of the Georgia Democratic Party. During her tenure a number of modernizing initiatives took place including the creation of an affirmative action committee and adoption of the first state party charter.

Marjorie Thurman died in 1982 at the age of 59.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The Marjorie Thurman papers consists of correspondence, printed material, newsletters, and rosters related to the Georgia Democratic Party from the 1960s and 1970s. Included are strategic files from state campaigns including the Georgia state elections for governor in 1963 and 1970, as well as "Volunteers for Stuckey," a volunteer group of Georgians organized to encourage Congressman Bill Stuckey to become a candidate for the United States Senate in 1972. Campaign material from the 1960 and 1964 presidential elections are also included, including a copy of "Kennedy's Caravans," a "do-it-yourself victory manual" sponsored by the Young Democratic Clubs of America during John F. Kennedy's presidential campaign in 1960.

Also included in the Marjorie Thurman papers are personal items including handwritten notes and receipts, printed material kept by Marjorie Thurman, a copy of the 1949 "Brief Book" from the Atlanta Law School, and photographs.

In addition to Marjorie Thurman's papers are court and financial documents that were given along with Thurman's papers in 2014. These documents consists of bankruptcy statements and documents, applicant files, and legal agreements filed in the Atlanta area from 1914-1924 that do not relate to Marjorie Thurman.

### **Arrangement Note**

Organized alphabetically by series.

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## Container List

### Campaign Files

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Governor Carl Sanders re-election campaign (1 of 2), 1964-1967
1	2	Governor Carl Sanders re-election campaign (2 of 2), 1964-1967
1	3	Johnson-Humphrey Presidential campaign, 1964
1	4	"Kennedy's Caravans," 1960

### Democratic Party Conferences

1	5	Campaign Conference for Democratic Women, 1962, 1964
1	6	Georgia Delegation Democratic Women's Conference, 1965 May
1	7	Georgia Delegation Democratic Women's Conference, undated

### Correspondence

1	8	Citizens Research Foundation, 1971
1	9	Democratic National Committee, 1963-1964
1	10	Democratic Women's Conference, 1963-1971
1	11	Democratic Women's Conference, undated
1	12	Equal Rights amendment, 1971
1	13	General, 1963-1965
1	14	General, 1970-1971 June
1	15	General, 1971 July-December, undated
1	16	Sample letter, Democratic Party of Georgia, 1965 June 3
1	17	U.S. Presidential election, 1964
1	18	"Volunteers for Stuckey," 1971

### Georgia Democratic Party Files

2	1	Correspondence, 1964-1965, undated
2	2	Democratic National Committee, 1971
2	3	Democratic National Convention, 1964
2	4	Newsletters and printed material, 1962-1970
2	5	State rosters (1 of 2), 1965, undated
2	6	State rosters (2 of 2), 1965, undated

### Personal Material

2	7	Biographical sketches, 1971 May 28, undated
2	8	Notes and receipts, 1963-1970, undated
2	9	Printed material, 1966-1978
2	10	Stationery, 1978

2 11 The Brief Book, 1949

### **Photographs**

2 12 Unidentified, undated

### **Rosters**

2 13 Business and Professional Women's Club of Atlanta, Inc., 1963-1964  
 2 14 County Democratic Executive Committee, 1960  
 3 1 "Democratic Committee lists," 1963  
 3 2 "Democratic Committee lists," undated  
 3 3 Democratic National Committee members, 1963 January 13  
 3 4 Democratic State Chairmen, 1963 January 10, undated  
 3 5 Elected officials of DeKalb, Rockdale counties, undated  
 3 6 Georgia Official Directory of State and County Officers, 1971 April  
 3 7 Georgia State Democratic Executive Committee, 1966-1971, undated  
 3 8 Other rosters, 1962-1970, undated  
 3 9 Political directory of Atlanta and Fulton county, 1970  
 3 10 "Women active in the 1964 campaign," 1964, undated  
 3 11 Young Democratic Clubs of America, 1962-1965

### **Court and Financial Documents**

4 1 Blank documents, undated  
 4 2 Bankruptcy applicant files, 1917  
 4 3 Bankrupt's petition for discharge (1 of 2), 1915-1919  
 4 4 Bankrupt's petition for discharge (2 of 2), 1915-1919  
 4 5 Clippings, undated  
 4 6 Green Investment Company agreement, 1919  
 4 7 Holograph notes and fragments, undated  
 4 8 Municipal court statements, 1914-1924  
 4 9 Salary Investment Company files, 1916-1917  
 4 10 Salary Investment Company ledger sheets, undated

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