**Descriptive Summary**

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<td>Papers of Georgia politician and governor Melvin E. Thompson, including thirty-three scrapbooks, loose clippings, campaign speeches, platform, and press releases.</td>
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**Administrative Information**

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Gift, 1964, with subsequent additions.

**Citation**

[after identification of item(s)], M.E. Thompson papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

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Collection Description

Biographical Note
M.E. Thompson (1903-1980) was born in Jenkins County, Georgia. He held various positions in public school education and in politics, including acting governor of Georgia from 1947-1948.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of papers of M.E. Thompson from 1946-1954. The papers include thirty-three scrapbooks (1946-1948) of photographs and clippings which document Thompson's term as Georgia's acting governor; loose clippings (1946-1950) relating to his life in politics; and campaign speeches, platform, and press releases pertaining to Thompson's 1954 gubernatorial campaign.

Arrangement Note
Arranged by reord type.
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Campaign materials

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Collected material

[purported masters thesis from Emory University although there is no record in  
the Graduate School or Registrar's Office of Mr. Sanders having been awarded  
an M.A. from Emory]

Newspapers clippings

2 1 April 25-December 29, 1946
2 2 January 1-March 19, 1947
2 3 March 20, 1947
2 4 March 21-April 31, 1947
2 5 April 2-May 29, 1947
2 6 June 12-September 28, 1947
2 7 October 8-December 29, 1947
2 8 1947-unsorted
2 9 January 4-July 31, 1948
2 10 August 1-September 30, 1948
2 11 October 7-December 25, 1948
2 12 1949
2 13 January 2-May 11, 1950
2 14 May 12-August 31, 1950
2 15 1951-1953
2 16 1954
2 17 1955-1956
2 18 1957-1974
2 19 n.d.

Scrapbooks

OBV1 Office of Price Stabilization, 1944
OBV2    Political, 1946
OBV3    Political, 1947
OBV4    Political, State Reports, Tax Commissioner, Herman Talmadge, February 1947
OBV5    Gov. Thompson, Herman Talmadge, March 20, 1947
OBV6    Gov. Thompson, State Depts., Herman Talmadge, April 1947
OBV7    Gov. Thompson, State Depts., Herman Talmadge, May 1947
OBV8    State Depts., June-July 1947
OBV9    Political, June-August, 1947
OBV10   Gov. Thompson, June-October 1947
OBV11   State Depts., August 1947
OBV12   State Depts., September 1947
OBV13   Political, September-October 1947
OBV14   Gov. Thompson, November-December 1947
OBV15   Political, November-December 1947
OBV16   State Depts., November-December 1947
OBV17   Gov. Thompson "memorial to a gallant fight," 1948
OBV18   State Depts., January-February 1948
OBV19   Governor, January-March 1948
OBV20   Political, January-March 1948
OBV21   State Depts., March 1948
OBV22   Political, April-May 1948
OBV23   State Depts., April-May 1948
OBV24   State Depts., June 1948
OBV25   Political, June-July 12, 1948
OBV26   Political, July 13-31, 1948
OBV27   State Depts., July 1948
OBV28   State Depts., August 1948
OBV29   Political, August 1-21, 1948
OBV30   Political, August 22-31, 1948
OBV31   Political, September 1-15, 1948
OBV32   State Depts., September 1-3; Politics, September 16-30
OBV33   State Depts., September 1-3, 1948