

**THOMPSON, M. E. (MELVIN ERNEST), 1903-1980.**  
**M.E. Thompson papers, 1946-1954**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Thompson, M. E. (Melvin Ernest), 1903-1980.  
**Title:** M.E. Thompson papers, 1946-1954  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 439  
**Extent:** 1 linear ft. (2 boxes) and 33 oversized bound volumes (OBV)  
**Abstract:** Papers of Georgia politician and governor Melvin E. Thompson, including thirty-three scrapbooks, loose clippings, campaign speeches, platform, and press releases.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Administrative Information**

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**Source**

Gift, 1964, with subsequent additions.

**Citation**

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**Processing**

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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**

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## Container List

### Campaign materials

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Contracts-Campaign
1	2	Platform
1	3	Press releases, July-September 1954
1	4	Speeches, 1953
1	5	Speeches, January-February 1954
1	6	Speeches, July-September 1954

### Collected material

1	7	"The Georgia Gubernatorial Controversy of 1947," by James B. Sanders. [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]
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### 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
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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

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