

**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**

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**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**

Arranged by reord type.

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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

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|---|---|--|
| 1 | 7 | "The Georgia Gubernatorial Controversy of 1947," by James B. Sanders.<br>[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 |
|------|-------------------------------------|

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| 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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