

DeKalb History Center

Robert Ramspeck Collection

Scope and content: The Robert Ramspeck Collection contains newspaper clippings dealing with the 1929 Fifth District Congressional election. The clippings describe the issues of the race and contain editorials and ad campaign letters from the candidates. There are several folders with various other newspaper clippings and two *Congressional Records* from December 1945.

Provenance: Gift of Judge Thomas L. Camp, 1981. Accession # 1981.105.

Access: Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Reproductions of photographs and permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the Archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citations should be made as follows:

Description of specific item; the Robert Rampseck Collection, DeKalb History Center Archives.

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Size: Six folders.

Biographical Sketch of the Robert Rampseck: Robert Ramspeck was born on September 5, 1890 in Decatur, GA. He attended school from 1899-1907 but was forced to work his way through school as a janitor at the Donald Fraser School for Boys. In 1907, the clerk of the Superior Court hired him, a position he held until 1911. In 1911, he went to Washington, DC to work for Congressman William Schley Howard. He held several positions for the next fifteen years, including insurance sales and law student at the Atlanta Law School. From 1922 to 1926 Ramspeck was the Solicitor of the City Court. In 1928, he was elected Representative of the Georgia House and in 1929 he assumed the seat in the U.S. House vacated by Congressman Leslie Steele's death after an interesting race involving Hooper Alexander and Colonel Palmer.

Description: The Robert Ramspeck Collection contains newspaper clippings dealing with the 1929 Fifth District Congressional election between Robert Rampseck and Hooper Alexander and the articles discuss the major issues and arguments by both candidates. The newspaper clippings describe the issues of the race and contain editorials and ad campaign letters from the candidates. There are several folders with various other newspaper clippings and two *Congressional Records* from December 1945.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main entries: Ramspeck, Robert (1890-1972)

Subject/Added entries: Steele, Leslie J.
 Alexander, Hooper
 Smith, Al
 U.S. House of Representatives
 Georgia House of Representatives
 DeKalb County (Ga.)
 Decatur (Ga.)
 Air Transport Association

Folder	Contents	Dates
1	1929 Election articles – Access copies	1929
2	1929 Election articles – originals	1929
3	Al Smith campaign issues	1928
4	Congressional Record - Senate 79th Congress, First Session, Vol. 91, Nos. 224 and 226,	Dec 1945
5	Miscellaneous Newspaper clippings	1928
6	Photographs	