

## 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, 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; Robert Ramspeck Collection, DeKalb History Center Archives.

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**Size:** One manuscript box.

**Biographical Sketch of Robert Ramspeck:** 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 one folder of newspaper clippings dealing with the 1929 Congressional race between Robert Ramspeck and Hooper Alexander. The clipping collection is extensive, revealing major issues and arguments by both candidates. The next two folders contain a variety of newspaper clippings from other elections and other miscellaneous topics. The fourth folder contains two issues of the *Congressional Record* dated December 17, 1945 and December 19, 1945.

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

Main Entry: Ramspeck, Robert

Subject/Added Entries:        Alexander, Hooper  
   Smith, Al  
   *Congressional Record*

**Inventory of document box 1:**

Folder 1        Newspaper clippings, 1929  
Folder 2        Newspaper clippings, 1928  
Folder 3        Newspaper clippings, 1928  
Folder 4        *Congressional Record*, 1929