

George B. Hooks papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Hooks, George B.
Title:	George B. Hooks papers
Dates:	1958-2008
Extent:	26.1 cubic feet (26 boxes, 1 roll)
Identification:	MS 1783

Biographical/Historical Note

George B. Hooks is a sixth-generation native of Sumter County, Georgia. He graduated from Americus High School and earned a BA degree from Auburn University. He also holds an honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) degree from Mercer University.

Hooks was first elected to the Georgia state Senate from South Georgia's 14th District in 1990 and is one of the Senate's most influential members. A Democrat, Hooks is a member of the Senate Economic Development, Rules, Natural Resources and the Environment, and the Appropriations Committee of which he served as chairman from 1993-2003. Senator Hooks is a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC). He also serves on the Legislative Management Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the Fiscal Oversight and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

While in the Senate, Hooks was responsible for the redesign of the Georgia state flag which omits the rebel cross prominent in the 1956 and 2001 flag. Politicians believed the rebel cross' association with slavery offended citizens and was hurting business in Georgia. In 2003, on the topic of the new flag, Hooks stated, "This gives the people a flag based on history, but yet looking to the future."

Hooks also served five terms in the state House of Representatives from 1980-90 where he was assistant administration floor leader for former Governor Joe Frank Harris and was responsible for sponsoring and working for passage of the Governor's legislative proposals.

Among Hooks' many honors, he was named an Outstanding Young Man of America in 1979 by the State Chamber of Commerce and was selected for Leadership Georgia in 1982. He has been honored as the Legislator of the Year by many organizations including the Georgia Public Health Association. Hooks received the "Legislative Service Award" for 1991 from both the Georgia Municipal Association and the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia. In both 1997 and 1998, he was honored with the "Speak Up for a Child" award. In 1997, Senator Hooks was recognized for his support to the Georgia Council for the Hearing Impaired and the Georgia Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf.

Hooks is a member and former director of the Rotary Club, the Americus-Sumter County Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Eagle Scout Board of Review of the Boy Scouts of America. Hooks has two children, Bardin and Mary Ann and currently owns an insurance and real estate firm in Americus, Georgia.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains awards, campaign materials, certificates, clippings, correspondence, financial and fundraising records, grant records, membership cards, news releases, photographs, speeches, voting materials, and writings. Also included in the collection are files on the 2001 and 2003 Georgia State flag redesign.

The following artifacts were removed and cataloged in the artifacts collection: US flag used at official state funeral ceremony of Senator Herman E. Talmadge (2002); Last GA state flag (1956-2001 design) to fly over any building in the

State Capitol Complex (retired 2001); "Temporary" GA state flag (2001-2003 design); "Authentic Piece of Plains High School Handcrafted and Personally Signed by Jimmy Carter (1991); Piece of the lower left wing spar of Charles A. Lindbergh's first aeroplane.

Boxes 1-10 and the artifacts were originally stored in Americus, Georgia; boxes 11-26 were originally stored at Hooks' office at the state capitol in Atlanta, Georgia.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 26 boxes and 1 roll:

Box 1: Correspondence, House of Representatives files, and campaign materials, 1981-1992

Box 2: Campaign and financial materials, 1984-1996

Box 3: Campaign and fundraising materials, 1990-1995

Box 4: Appropriations Act summaries, awards, clippings, correspondence, and GA flag files, 1980-2003

Box 5: Campaign and financial files (1993-2002) and panoramic photographs of senate (2003, 2005), 1993-2005

Box 6: Campaign, financial, and fundraising files, 1992-2005

Boxes 7-8: Clippings and news releases, 1958-2006

Box 9: Clippings, photographs (includes Herman Talmadge funeral), speeches, and writings, 1970s-2003

Box 10: Calendars, certificates, clippings, correspondence, membership cards, Senate booklets, subject files, 1980s-2006

Box 11: Annexation, appropriations, compensation, constituents, grant request, NET, RDC, and reapportionment files, 1993-1997

Box 12: AM reports, appropriations, BROCC, budget, constituent, legislative, and study committee files, 1996-1998

Box 13: Appropriations, constituent, budget, general correspondence, and recommendation files, 1995-1997

Box 14: Legislative, subcommittee, and subject files, 1996-1998

Box 15: BROCC, budget, campaign, legislative, project, and speech files, 1999-2003

Box 16: AM reports, BROCC, budget, green door, flood, legislative, and recommendation files, 1995-1997

Box 17: Senate Appropriations budget files, 1994-1997

Box 18: Senate Appropriations budget, campaign. photographs, speeches, and voting files, 1995-2002

Box 19: Senate Appropriations budget, constituent, and grant files, 1997-2000

Box 20: Senate Appropriations budget, election results, and legislative files, 1994-2002

Box 21: Senate Appropriates budget and BROCC files, 1994-1995

Box 22: Senate Appropriations budget, BROCC, clippings, flag, legislative, and speech files, 2000-2008

Box 23: Senate Appropriations budget, correspondence, and miscellaneous information files, 2002-2008

Box 24: Appropriates Committee, BROCC, budget request, constituent, and recommendation files, 1999

Box 25: Budget inquiries, legislative inquiries, appointments, pages, constituent and general, correspondence, "Year 2000", 1/2K project, grant requests, 1998

Box 26: Appropriations Committee, budget inquiries, pages, general correspondence, grant requests, BROCC, and recommendations, 1998-2000

Rolled documents: Members of the Senate (includes images) 1997-1998 term, 1999-2000 term, 2001-2002 term, 2003-2004 term, and 2005-2006 term.

Index Terms

Certificates.
Clippings (information artifacts)
Financial records.
Flags--Georgia.
Forms (documents)
Georgia--Appropriations and expenditures.
Georgia--Politics and government.
Georgia. General Assembly. Senate.
Hooks, George B.
Letters (correspondence)
Political campaigns--Georgia.
Reports.
Speeches (documents)
Talmadge, Herman E., (Herman Eugene), 1913-2002.

Administrative Information

Processing Information

This collection is processed at the Basic Level (or collection level). There is no detailed inventory for this collection as it is not fully processed. To request that this collection be added to our priority list of collections to be fully processed as staffing and funding allow, please contact the Library and Archives staff.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research.
