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## Williamson (Ernest R.) Papers

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	North Carolina Collection Archives
<b>Creator:</b>	Williamson, Ernest R.
<b>Source:</b>	Stephenson, Carol Williamson
<b>Title:</b>	Ernest R. Williamson papers
<b>ID:</b>	NCC.0195
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1948-1956
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	undated
<b>Physical Description:</b>	.75 Linear Feet (6 folders)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

[Item, folder, and box information], Ernest R. Williamson papers (NCC.0195), North Carolina Collection, Durham County Library, NC.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Ernest R. "Sparky" Williamson was born in 1907 in Johnston County, NC, and spent much of his childhood in a Methodist orphanage in Raleigh. His father passed away in a sawmill accident when he was about five years old, and his mother died of natural causes around three years later. He lived with an aunt for a time before going to the orphanage. There he met his wife, Lina Wilson. Williamson attended to Duke University for two years. He worked at the Durham post office until 1948 when he went into organized labor full time. Williamson was deeply involved with the labor movement in North Carolina, holding various positions with the AFL-CIO and editing the Durham Labor Journal. He was also secretary of the Durham County Democratic Party and served on the Durham City Council, then became executive secretary of the Durham County Board of Elections until his retirement. Williamson passed away in 1973.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection documents E. R. Williamson's life and work, including speeches made during his congressional campaign, writings, folders of campaign notes and clippings, and photographs. The bulk of the collection documents his run to represent North Carolina's Sixth District in Congress in 1950.

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## Arrangement

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Folders are arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Political campaigns -- North Carolina
- Durham County (N.C.) -- Politics and government
- Labor Unions -- North Carolina
- Labor Leaders -- North Carolina
- Williamson, Ernest R.
- Stephenson, Carol Williamson

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Labor organizing work, 1948, undated	box 2 - Small Collections folder 9
Durham city and county work, 1949-1953, undated	box 2 - Small Collections folder 10
Congressional campaign materials, 1950, undated	box 2 - Small Collections folder 11-13
Biographical and miscellaneous materials, 1953-1956, undated	

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box 2 - Small    folder 14  
Collections