

July 13, 1968: Report by Marianne McKay of attempt to talk to Jackson County Circuit Clerk, Vertis G. Ramsay.

Debbie Rand and I went to the courthouse to talk to the registrar to get some information from him. After talking to him in the hall as he was leaving the office, we went into his office to wait for him as he had told us to do. After a few minutes, a man came in and told us to come out. He asked if we were two of those "civil rights workers". We said yes and he told us to leave the courthouse. We explained that Mr. Ramsay had said we could wait in the office, so he said we could go back in, ask one of the questions that anyone in there could answer, then we could wait at the end of the hall for Mr. Ramsay to come back. While we were waiting for him, the deputy came back and told us to leave. We told him we were still waiting for Mr. Ramsay, but he said to leave anyway. We went out. I came back in and tried to get another man to let me in, but he said he had orders to let us go to the Circuit Clerk's office one by one, so we couldn't go in.