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**THOMAS SMITHWICK GETTYS PAPERS**

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THOMAS SMITHWICK GETTYS PAPERS

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The papers of Thomas Smithwick Gettys, Congressman and lawyer, were received by the Archives on July 22, 1976 as a gift from Thomas Smithwick Gettys.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: .50  
Approximate number of pieces: 1,000

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Scope and Content Note: **Thomas Smithwick Gettys (1912-2003) was a lawyer and U.S. Representative for the Fifth Congressional District of South Carolina. The Thomas Smithwick Gettys Papers consist of reports, resolutions, correspondence, news releases, government publications, and newspaper clippings, relating to Getty's efforts to enlarge and develop the Cowpens Battlefield Site of Cherokee County, South Carolina. Correspondents include Ernest Hollings, Donald Russell, John P. Saylor, W.S. Stuckey, Jr., Roy A. Taylor, Mark W. Clark, Wayne Aspinall, and Stewart Udall.**

Transfer of Items: None

**II**

**BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

**THOMAS SMITHWICK GETTYS**

1912	Born, Rock Hill, S.C.
1933	B.A. Erskine College, Due West, S.C.
1933-1935	Coach, Rock Hill High School
1935-1941	Principal, Central School, Rock Hill, S.C.
1941-1951	Postmaster, Rock Hill, S.C.
1954-1964	Law Practice, Gettys, McFadden and Wilkerson
1964-1974	Member of Congress

(See Who's Who in America, 1972-1973, for additional information)

### III

#### DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box(es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1-5	<b>CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATED PAPERS</b> Pertains to Getty's efforts to enlarge and develop the Cowpens National Battleground site in Cherokee, S.C. Correspondents include former Senator Ernest F. Hollings, Congressman Wayne N. Aspinall, Roy A. Taylor, W.S. Stuckey, Jr., John P. Saylor, General Mark Clarke, Judge Donald Russell, and Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior. Folder 3 contains a partial list of correspondents. In chronological order.	1966-1974, nd
1	6	<b>HOUSE BILLS AND RELATED PAPERS</b> Includes legislative history of the bill, testimony of State Representative Manning (1971) and Congressman Gettys (1972) and (1974) to the House and Senate committees, a statement by the Department of the Interior (1969) and a statement by Robert Hickman, Director of the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (nd).	1968-1974
2	7	<b>NEWS RELEASES</b> Statements to the press and to the public from both Getty's Washington and district offices concerning the progress of the Cowpens legislation. In chronological order.	1966-1972
2	8	<b>NEWS CLIPPINGS</b> Pertain to the beginning efforts in 1966 and later efforts in 1971 and 1972 to expand Cowpens Battleground site. In chronological order.	1966-1972
2	9-11	<b>PUBLICATIONS</b> Includes Congressional Records of January 31, and June 1972 as well as a copy of "The Battle of Cowpens", all published by the Department of the Interior. In chronological order.	1967-1972