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THOMAS SMITHWICK GETTYS PAPERS

1966-1974
2 Boxes, 11 Folders
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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
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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)
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