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**SUMMARY**

**Size** 323 linear feet

**Geographic locations** Louisiana and Washington, D. C.

**Inclusive dates** 1923-1985

**Bulk dates** 1951-1985

**Language** English

**Summary** Correspondence, printed material, photographs, electronic media, and memorabilia. Includes personal office files, staff files, legislative files, federal department and independent agency files, grant and project files, press files, committee files, political campaign files, and social files

**Source** Cathy S. Long

**Restriction access** House committee records are restricted for 30 years from the date of creation. (See Rules XI and XXVI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, and Senate Rules XI and XXVI 10 (a), and S. Res. 474, 96<sup>th</sup> Congress.)

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**Stack Locations** IMGWL; 3:43-55; OS:L; Vault

**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Gillis Long was born in Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana, May 4, 1923, and attended the public schools of Winnfield and Alexandria, Louisiana. After graduation Long attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, where he received a B.A., in 1949. Long also received his law degree from LSU in 1951. That same year he was admitted to practice before the State Supreme Court and then before the Supreme Court of the United States in 1954. During the Second World War Long served in the Infantry as a private and rose through the ranks to captain. Long was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He also served with the Internal Security Detachment at the Nuremberg war trials. Following the war Long returned to his legal career serving as legal counsel to the Senate Select Committee on Small Business, 1951-1952 and chief counsel to the House of Representatives Special Committee on Campaign Expenditures, 1952-1954, and 1956. In 1962 Long was elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-eighth Congress serving from January 3, 1963-January 3, 1965. His bid for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Louisiana in 1963 was unsuccessful and also in 1971. As was his bid for reelection to the House of Representatives in 1964. Long served as assistant director of the Office of Economic Opportunity from 1965-1966. He resumed the practice of law, 1970-1972, was an investment banker, and the president of the board of commissioners of the Louisiana Deep Draft Harbor and Terminal Authority, 1972. Long was reelected to the House of Representatives for the Ninety-third Congress and to the six succeeding Congresses serving from January 3, 1973, until his death in Washington, D.C., on January 20, 1985.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Gillis W. Long Collection dates from 1923-1985 with the bulk of the collection covering 1951-1985. The collection includes correspondence, printed material, photographs, several forms of audio-visual media, and memorabilia. It is divided into five series. The Long Family Series consist of materials about Long's famous relatives as well as his immediate family. The Early Years Series consists of items dating before his election to Congress. The U. S. House of Representatives Series includes Long's personal and legislative files. The Political Series consists of his campaign files and state and national political files. The Social Series consists of Mardi Gras files and memorabilia. For a more detailed description of the contents of each series see the Series, Sub-Series Description. [See container list for detailed folder contents](#)

**LIST OF SERIES AND SUBSERIES**

- I. Long Family Series
  - A. Long Family Papers
  
- II. Early Years Series
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  - B. Personal Correspondence
  - C. Personal Schedule
  - D. Louisiana State University Papers
  - E. World War II Papers
  
- III. U. S. House of Representatives Series
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- A. Congressional Campaign Files
  - B. Gubernatorial Campaign Files
  - C. Louisiana Political Files
  - D. National Political Files
  - E. Public Opinion Polls
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- V. Social Series
    - A. Mardi Gras
    - B. Memorabilia

## **SERIES AND SUBSERIES DESCRIPTIONS**

### **I. Long Family Series**

**A. Long Family Papers**-consists mainly of printed material relating to Earl K. Long, Huey P. Long, and Russell B. Long. Also includes articles discussing the Long legacy, an introduction of Gillis Long's immediate family, and the will of James L. Long and Daughters of the American Revolution credentials. (Items donated by Floyd and George)

**II. Early Years Series** covers the years before Long was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1962 and the years between his defeat in 1964 and his reelection in 1972.

**A. Personal Business Files**-restricted files consisting mainly of files from Long's personal business career as a lawyer, specializing in administrative, corporate, and financial law, and as an investment banker. The files cover Long's involvement with several companies as well as his own personal business speculations. Included are files from his own law office, Long and Hamm, filed as Alexandria Office and containing mainly correspondence and printed material relating to lawsuits, office administration, and campaigns. General files include correspondence and printed material relating to business opportunities in several areas including real estate and oil leases. Also includes some campaign references. The files relating to Robert A. Maheu Associates and its successor Maheu and King Associates also include files relating to Maheu's employer Howard Hughes. These files are combined regardless of company and filed alphabetically by project. Files relating to Kohlmeyer & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, reflect Long's service as a special consultant in corporate and financial matters. A few files from Long's Washington D.C. Office relating to his work with Brookhart, Dorsey, and Callahan, law offices, complete the sub-series. The files are arranged alphabetically by company and then alphabetically by project. The material was re-folded exactly as Long had it.

**B. Personal Correspondence**-consists mainly of correspondence from family, friends, business associates, former House colleagues, and former constituents covering a variety of state and national issues. Includes birthday and Christmas wishes, personal trips and schedules, and the last wills and testaments of Gillis and Cathy Long. Also includes material from aspects of Gillis' career outside elected office. Including papers from his time as counsel to the Special Committee on Campaign Expenditures and from his work with the Office of Economic Opportunity and the National Committee on Urban Growth.

Materials are filed chronologically by year and then alphabetically within the year.



- C. Personal Schedule**-consists of calendars, daily schedules, and itineraries for Gillis and Cathy Long. A majority of the itineraries are from Long's 1971 campaign for the U.S. House of Representatives. Materials are filed chronologically by year and then alphabetically within the year.
  
- D. Louisiana State University Papers**-consists of Long's academic record from the College of Arts and Sciences and a campaign flyer from his campaign for president of the same college. Materials are filed chronologically by year and then alphabetically within the year.
  
- E. World War II Papers**-consists of Long's record of military service, commission records, awarding of bronze star, honorable discharge, military retirement records, and marriage license. Also contains materials relating to the Nuremburg war trials. Including papers, a photograph from the trials, printed items, and a poster listing the verdicts and sentences. Materials are filed chronologically by year and then alphabetically within the year.

**III. U.S. House of Representatives Series (1962-1964, 1972-1985)** Papers from Long's career as a Representative from Louisiana.

**A. House Office Files:**

**1. Personal Office Files**

- a. Administrative Files**-consists of files relating to the operation of Long's congressional office. Includes staff memos, materials relating to the operation of the House of Representatives, committee files, research files, and files of staff assistant David Roach. Materials are filed chronologically by year then alphabetically within the year. David Roach's materials were re-housed in their original order.
  
- b. Correspondence**-consists of correspondence to and from constituents, colleagues, family, and friends. Includes birthday and Christmas wishes, condolences, congratulations, joint letters, legislative correspondence, personal correspondence, and thank yous. Materials are filed chronologically by year and then alphabetically within the year.
  
- c. House Leadership Files**-consists of information from the Democratic Study Group such as fact sheets, legislative reports, special reports, and staff bulletins; caucus files; and information from the Speaker of the House and the House Majority Whip. Arranged alphabetically by subject, chronologically within subject.

- d. **Invitations Accepted**-consists of invitations to official and non-official functions accepted by Rep. Long. Materials are filed chronologically by year.
  - e. **Research Files**-background files on various topics of interest to Rep. Long. They include speeches and printed material. Materials are filed alphabetically by subject. An alphabetical list of all subjects is contained in the first box.
  - f. **Schedules and Calendars**-includes calendars; adjournment, daily, and long-range schedules; itineraries; records of appointments and guest books for the office; and trip files. All materials are in chronological order and then alphabetical order within the year.
  - g. **Telephone Logs**-records of calls received by Rep. Long's office. They include caller's name, date, time, and reason for call. Materials are filed chronologically.
  - h. **V. I. P. Correspondence**-includes letters and memos from Carl Albert; Les Aspin; James A. Baker, III; George Bush; Jimmy Carter; Geraldine A. Ferraro; Thomas S. Foley; Richard A. Gephardt; Barry M. Goldwater, Jr.; Albert Gore, Jr.; Hubert H. Humphrey; Blanche Long; John J. McKeithen; Walter F. Mondale; Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.; Donald T. Regan; Ronald Reagan; Buddy Roemer; Sargent Shriver; and Paul Simon. Arranged alphabetically and then chronologically. The items are stored in the vault.
2. **Administrative Assistants' Files**-includes the files of three members of Rep. Long's staff. They are Carson Killen, Tom Ledet, Willie Meaux, and Patti Tyson. Very little of Killen's files are included due to a conflict of political interests after Rep. Gillis Long died. Materials include correspondence, legislation, research files, and printed material. The majority of Tyson's files relate to sunset legislation, which was intended to improve Congressional review of spending, regulatory, and revenue laws. Materials are filed chronologically and then alphabetically by topic.
  3. **Legislative Assistants' Files**- files include research files; subject files; speech drafts; press releases; bills and amendments; floor statements; correspondence to and from GWL; correspondence with constituents, VIPs, and agencies; co-sponsorship memos, dear colleague and joint letters; and some committee files. Filed chronologically by year then alphabetically by subject.
  4. **Legislative Files**-

- a. **Bills Sponsored and Co-sponsored**-bills sponsored or co-sponsored by Representative Long. Includes House Resolutions, House-Joint Resolutions, House Congressional Resolutions, and Legislative Profiles. Files contain copies of bills and amendments, pages from the Congressional Record, background information, correspondence, information from lobbyists, articles and press releases, co-sponsorship memos, and staff memos. Separated by type of bill then filed chronologically by year and bill number.
  - b. **General Legislation Files**-correspondence from constituents expressing their opinions about various bills and amendments; correspondence from colleagues asking Long for support or thanking him for support of legislation; letters and telegrams from lobbyists, agencies, organizations, and businesses; petitions from individuals and groups; copies of legislation; and notes, memos, printed material and background information regarding legislation. Only the 1973-early 1974 files and a few from 1977-1981 were found here. The remaining years appear to have been dispersed into other files such as legislative assistants, department and independent agencies, etc. Files are arranged chronologically by year and then alphabetically within years.
  - c. **Legislative Initiatives**-contains correspondence, background material and research, memos, notes from meetings/strategy sessions, speeches and statements of Representative Long, testimony before committees, articles, newsletters, a printed list of bills sponsored and co-sponsored, material from hearings, and copies of legislation and the Congressional Record. Filed alphabetically by topic and kept in original order in folders. Alphabetical list available.
  - d. **Special Issues**-contains articles, background material and research, correspondence, notes and memos, copies of legislation and the Congressional Record, statements of Representative Long, fact sheets, issue briefs, and material from hearings. Filed alphabetically by subject and chronologically within the folders. Alphabetical list of issues available.
  - e. **Voting Records**-indicates how GWL voted. Includes votes from 1963-1982, the 88<sup>th</sup>-97<sup>th</sup> Congresses. Arranged chronologically.
5. **Department and Independent Agency Files**- consists of requests from Louisiana constituents for GWL's assistance in their interactions with federal departments and agencies. Files include correspondence, clippings, and printed materials. Filed chronologically by year,

alphabetically within year by department or agency, then alphabetically by issue. Papers are filed chronologically within the specific folders.

6. **State Affairs-** Includes correspondence on behalf of constituents; with organizations in Louisiana regarding issues, invitations, and projects; constituents' correspondence concerning problems with state agencies and companies; requests from constituents; joint letters of the Louisiana delegation; and printed material. Information is filed chronologically by year, alphabetically within the year, and chronologically within the specific folders.
7. **Louisiana Grants and Projects-**
  - a. **Specific-** files consist of correspondence, clippings, and printed material relating to individual grants or projects. Material is filed alphabetically by project then chronologically.
  - b. **Special Projects-** mass mailings to specific groups regarding issues of special interest to that group. Files include correspondence, clippings, and printed material.
8. **Press Files-**
  - a. **Press-** files contain transcripts of interviews, magazine and newspaper clippings, newsletters, press releases, speeches, statements, television scripts, and testimonies. Files are arranged alphabetically and chronologically.
  - b. **Biography**
  - c. **Audio and Video Mediums-** currently unprocessed. This section contains audio tapes and reel to reels; vhs, beta, ¾, and 2" video tapes; 16mm and 2" film.
  - d. **Photographs and Slides-** files contain photographs and slides from GWL's college days and Congressional career. Also included are photographs and slides of family members, constituents, office staff, and events. The categories include business trip, committee meetings, constituents, elections, events, foreign trips, groups, personal photographs, portraits, staff, Superport, travel, and VIP's. Files are arranged alphabetically and chronologically.

- B. House Committee Files-** files consist of correspondence, reports of hearings, statements by Congress members and others, copies of legislation considered by each committee, and press releases. Items are related to the Joint Economic Committee and the Committee on Rules. Contains information from the subcommittees and commissions of the Committee on Rules, which include Commission on Administrative Review, Subcommittee on the Rules and Organization of the House, and Subcommittee on the Legislative Process. Other topics are Rules Committee issues handled by Long, issues considered by the Rules Committee, legislation of special interest, and original jurisdiction. Superport photographs can be found in Box of the collection. Filed alphabetically by committee then by Congress and chronological order.

#### **IV. Political Series-**

- A. Congressional Campaign Files-** the majority of material is from Congressman Long's campaign committee Friends of Gillis Long. Included are reports of the committee; reports of the Federal Election Commission; financial and fundraising information; correspondence and memoranda; and press materials and speeches. Files are arranged chronologically
- B. Gubernatorial Campaign Files-** files contain correspondence and memoranda; campaign platforms and policy statements; press material and speeches; and notes and research of the campaign organization. Files are arranged chronologically.
- C. Louisiana Political Files-** files contain material regarding congressional, gubernatorial, and other statewide campaigns; reapportionment of congressional districts; and establishing a two-term governorship. Files are arranged chronologically.
- D. National Political Files-** files contain material regarding presidential campaigns; the Democratic Party; and the Committee For A Democratic Consensus. Files are arranged chronologically.
- E. Public Opinion Polls-** public opinion polls conducted for either congressional or gubernatorial campaigns. Files are arranged chronologically.

#### **V. Social Series-**

- A. Mardi Gras-** materials include invitations to, acceptances and regrets for the annual Mardi Gras celebration held in Washington, D. C., other

correspondence, lists of attendees and members of the Krewe of Louisianians, programs, financial records, reservations, and information on arrangements. There are also photographs and other memorabilia. Files are arranged chronologically and then alphabetically.

**B. Memorabilia- currently unprocessed.**

**Scrapbooks (34:2-7)** 30 volumes – 1 is in extremely bad shape

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