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Scope and Contents

This collection contains personal and business correspondence, an assortment of holiday and greeting cards (1930s-1940s), account books, family photographs, a range of printed matter, including travel guides and ephemera from the family of R. E. (Robert Edmund) and his wife Gunhild A. Davidson of the Bell's Valley and Goshen communities of Rockbridge County, Virginia.

Correspondence, primarily 1917-1949, includes letters from R. E. Davidson to Gunhild Vang (Davidson) during their courtship; letters to Helen M. Davidson (daughter) and her letters to home while at Madison College; letters from Sam M. Davidson (son) to his family while in service in the United States Army's 57th Coastal Artillery Regiment during the Second World War and posted from Camp Pendleton, Virginia, California, and Hawaii. During his war service in Hawaii, Sam M. Davidson was engaged and married to his first wife Lorraine (Mendonca) Davidson and they had two children. A number of Lorraine Davidson's letters to her in-laws are also included.

The collection includes school related ephemera from Madison College and Goshen High School (Va.), two student papers about the town of Goshen, Virginia, printed advertisements, records of Sam M. Davidson's post-Second World War training and graduation from the Honolulu Police Academy, and various papers and account books (1877-1922) of S. M. (Samuel Miller) Davidson and Lula K. (Wallace) Davidson (parents of R. E. Davidson). Also of note is a family photograph album (1867-1910) consisting of cartes de visite and cabinet cards, some identified, many by Staunton, Virginia and vicinity photographers. Within the album are ten photographs of Staunton Military Academy cadets (circa 1880-1890). Loose photographs include a candid shot of people and the Natural Bridge, a cabinet photograph of a staged studio scene of girls of the Wesleyan Female Institute (circa 1885-95) formerly of Staunton, Virginia.

Keywords

Virginia--Rockbridge County--Bell's Valley

World War (1939-1945)

Hawaii

Photograph albums

Maps

Virginia -- Goshen

Correspondence

Photographs

Davidson, S. M. (Samuel Miller), 1855-1927

Davidson, Lula K. , 1866-1958

Davidson, R. E. (Robert Edmund), 1885-1958

Davidson, Gunhild A., 1896-1960

Goshen High School (Goshen, Virginia)

Honolulu (Hawaii). Police Department

James Madison University

Wallace family

Davidson, Lorraine

Description of Subordinate Components

S. M. Davidson business papers and miscellaneous

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23498

Unit Date 1877-1908

Mixed Materials [135101013592725] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes Amherst County tax receipts for S. M. Davidson (1876-1884) letters to S.M. Davidson. Letterheads include "Valley Railroad Company" and "Richmond and Danville Railroad Company"

Letter to Lula K. Davidson and R. E. Davidson business related papers

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23499

Unit Date 1900-1930

Mixed Materials [135101013592725] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes R. E. Davidson's First World War draft registration cards and letter to Lula K. Davidson (1907) from a doctor concerned with her son Robert Jr.'s case of "grippe" or influenza.

S. M. and R. E. Davidson railroad tickets and freight receipts

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23500

Unit Date 1873-1928

Mixed Materials [135101013592725] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes Chesapeake and Ohio (C and O) railroad tickets and a C and O conductor's receipt document (1873).

Lula K. Davidson composition books from Augusta Female Academy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23501

Unit Date 1884

Mixed Materials [135101013592725] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Lula K. Davidson composition books from Augusta Female Academy

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23502

Unit Date 1884

Mixed Materials [135101013592725] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Gunhild Vang school notebooks

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23503

Unit Date 1900-1920

Mixed Materials [135101013592725] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Contents include Gunhild Vang's minutes (1914-1915) of the "Busy Bee Society" - a sewing group of the girls of the German Lutheran Church of Farmville, Virginia (now St. John's Lutheran Church); and Gunhild Vang's school notebooks as a student at the State Female Normal School in Farmville, Virginia.

Letters to and papers of Gunhild Vang

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23504

Unit Date 1915-1917

Mixed Materials [135101013592725] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Gunhild Vang account book and bank checks

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23505

Unit Date 1916-1917

Mixed Materials [135101013592725] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Letters, R. E. Davidson to Gunhild Vang

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23506

Unit Date 1917, January-May 13

Mixed Materials [135101013592725] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Letters, R. E. Davidson to Gunhild Vang

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23507

Unit Date 1917, May 17-May 30

Mixed Materials [135101013592725] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Letters, R. E. Davidson to Gunhild Vang

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23508

Unit Date 1917, June

Mixed Materials [135101013592725] 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Letters, R. E. Davidson to Gunhild Vang

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23509

Unit Date 1917, July

Mixed Materials [35101013592840] 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Letters, R. E. Davidson to Gunhild Vang

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23510

Unit Date 1917, August

Mixed Materials [35101013592840] 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Letters, R. E. Davidson to Gunhild Vang

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23511

Unit Date 1917, September

Mixed Materials [35101013592840] 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Letters, R. E. Davidson to Gunhild (Vang) Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23512

Unit Date 1918-1938

Mixed Materials [35101013592840] 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Letters, R. E. Davidson to Gunhild (Vang) Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23513

Unit Date 1940, August-September

Mixed Materials [35101013592840] 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Letters to Gunhild (Vang) Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23514

Unit Date 1940

Mixed Materials [35101013592840] 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Letters to Gunhild (Vang) Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23515

Unit Date 1940

Mixed Materials [35101013592840] 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Letters to Gunhild (Vang) Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23516

Unit Date 1940

Mixed Materials [35101013592840] 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Letters to Gunhild (Vang) Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23517

Unit Date 1940

Mixed Materials [35101013592253] 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Letters to Gunhild (Vang) Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23518

Unit Date 1940

Mixed Materials [35101013592253] 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Letters to Gunhild and/or R. E. Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23519

Unit Date 1942-1944

Mixed Materials [35101013592253] 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Letters to Gunhild Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23521

Unit Date 1946

Mixed Materials [35101013592253] 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Letters to Gunhild and/or R. E. Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23520

Unit Date 1944

Mixed Materials [35101013592253] 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Letters to Gunhild Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23522

Unit Date 1947

Mixed Materials [35101013592253] 3 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Letters to Gunhild Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23523

Unit Date 1947

Mixed Materials [35101013592253] 3 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Letters to Gunhild Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23524

Unit Date 1947

Mixed Materials [35101013592253] 3 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Letters to Gunhild Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23525

Unit Date 1947

Mixed Materials [35101013592253] 3 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Letters to Gunhild Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23526

Unit Date 1948-1949

Mixed Materials [35101013592253] 3 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Undated letters to and loose papers of Gunhild Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23527

Mixed Materials [35101013592253] 3 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Holiday and greeting cards to Davidson family

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23528

Unit Date 1930-1950

Mixed Materials [35101013592378] 4 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Holiday and greeting cards to Davidson family

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23529

Unit Date 1930-1950

Mixed Materials [35101013592378] 4 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Holiday and greeting cards to Davidson family

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23530

Unit Date 1930-1950

Mixed Materials [35101013592378] 4 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Holiday and greeting cards to Davidson family

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23531

Unit Date 1930-1950

Mixed Materials [35101013592378] 4 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Goshen High School material

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23532

Unit Date 1930-1940

Mixed Materials [35101013592378] 4 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Goshen High School student papers

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23533

Unit Date 1930-1940

Mixed Materials [35101013592378] 4 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Helen M. Davidson loose papers

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23534

Unit Date 1930-1950

Mixed Materials [35101013592378] 4 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Miscellaneous papers of Helen M. Davidson during her time at Madison College in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Includes clippings, ephemera, drawings, including a pen and ink sketch of comic strip character "Tillie the Toiler" from a friend, Bettie J. Moore. Also included is a document and guide written in Braille.

Keywords

Braille

Letters, Helen M. Davidson to family

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23535

Unit Date 1939-1940

Mixed Materials [35101013592378] 4 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder includes photographs of Helen M. Davidson.

Letters to Helen M. Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23536

Unit Date 1941-1944

Mixed Materials [35101013592378] 4 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Letters to Helen M. Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23537

Unit Date 1937-1938

Mixed Materials [35101013592378] 4 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Letters to Helen M. Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23538

Unit Date 1939, January-March

Mixed Materials [35101013592378] 4 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Letters to Helen M. Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23539

Unit Date 1939, March-May

Mixed Materials [35101013592378] 4 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Letters to Helen M. Davidson from William M. Ramsey

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23540

Unit Date 1941, May-November

Mixed Materials [35101013592378] 4 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Letters to Helen M. Davidson from William M. Ramsey

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23541

Unit Date 1941, November-1942, April

Mixed Materials [535101013592493] 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Letters to Helen M. Davidson from William M. Ramsey

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23542

Unit Date 1942, May-November

Mixed Materials [535101013592493] 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Letters to Helen M. Davidson from Frank A. Johnson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23543

Unit Date 1942-1943

Mixed Materials [535101013592493] 5 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Undated letters to Helen M. Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23544

Mixed Materials [535101013592493] 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Letters to R. E. and Gunhild Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23545

Unit Date 1938-1940-08

Mixed Materials [535101013592493] 5 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Letters to R. E. and Gunhild Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23546

Unit Date 1940

Mixed Materials [535101013592493] 5 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Letters to R. E. and Gunhild Davidson (parents) from Sam M. and Lorraine Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23547

Unit Date 1941, January-March

Mixed Materials [535101013592493] 5 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Letters to R. E. and Gunhild Davidson (parents) from Sam M. and Lorraine Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23548

Unit Date 1941, April-May

Mixed Materials [535101013592493] 5 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Letters to R. E. and Gunhild Davidson (parents) from Sam M. and Lorraine Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23549

Unit Date 1941, June-September

Mixed Materials [535101013592493] 5 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Letters to R. E. and Gunhild Davidson (parents) from Sam M. and Lorraine Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23550

Unit Date 1941, October-December

Mixed Materials [535101013592493] 5 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Letters to R. E. and Gunhild Davidson (parents) from Sam M. and Lorraine Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23551

Unit Date 1942, January-October

Mixed Materials [35101013592618] 6 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Letters to R. E. and Gunhild Davidson (parents) from Sam M. and Lorraine Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23552

Unit Date 1943, January-December

Mixed Materials [35101013592618] 6 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Letters to R. E. and Gunhild Davidson (parents) from Sam M. and Lorraine Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23553

Unit Date 1943-1944

Mixed Materials [35101013592618] 6 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Letters to R. E. and Gunhild Davidson (parents) from Sam M. and Lorraine Davidson

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23554

Unit Date 1945, April-May

Mixed Materials [35101013592618] 6 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Newspaper (complete), Honolulu Star, Sam M. Davidson and Lorraine Mendonca portrait photographs

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23555

Unit Date 1942, May 18

Mixed Materials [35101013592618] 6 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder also includes portrait photographs of Sam M. Davidson in his military dress uniform and his wife Lorraine (Mendonca) Davidson. The newspaper includes their marriage announcement.

Souvenir photographs of Hawaii and Honolulu Police Department materials

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23556

Unit Date circa 1940s, 1948-1949

Mixed Materials [35101013592618] 6 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains a souvenir collection of small "snapshots" of Hawaii, an outdoor photograph of the Honolulu Police Department in formation titled, "Honolulu's Finest 3-30-1949", a photo of four police officers in uniform including Sam M. Davidson, and a Second World War era colorful patriotic handbill with "There is a man from this family in the Navy."

Second World War ration booklets, Davidson family

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23557

Unit Date circa 1941-1945

Mixed Materials [35101013592618] 6 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Printed ephemera and advertising

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23558

Unit Date circa 1900-1941

Mixed Materials [35101013592618] 6 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Folder includes a "Clark's Spool Cotton" advertisement card with San Francisco, Ca. bay scene; ink blotters advertisements for State Farm Insurance; cards for a funeral procession "Carriage List" (blank), a "White Star Mills" (Staunton, Va.) envelope, a St. Augustine, Florida travel brochure (1930s-40s).

Lynchburg Opera House advertisement for "Lew Dockstader's Minstrels" show

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23559

Unit Date 1893, April 7

Mixed Materials [35101013592618] 6 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Travel publications and maps,

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23560

Unit Date 1904, 1905, 1909

Mixed Materials [35101013592618] 6 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Includes a pocket map of California, a guidebook to the city and county of Los Angeles, Ca., and "Summer Tours by Sea" - guidebook of cruise routes of the "Merchants and Miner's Transportation Company"

William H. Taft celluloid political pin - "Virginia State Republican Excursion

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23561

Unit Date 1908, August 21

Mixed Materials [35101013592733] 7 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

The excursion was to Hot Springs, Virginia.

Keywords

Campaign buttons

Printed matter - "Virginia State Teachers Quarterly - Annual Proceedings, 1916"; a parenting guide titled, "The Child;" "The story of the Natural Bridge;" The Palmer Method of Business Writing"

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23562

Unit Date 1905-1914

Mixed Materials [35101013592733] 7 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Chemistry notebook of Hilda Coffey (Goshen High School)

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23563

Unit Date 1937

Mixed Materials [35101013592733] 7 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Three theater related publications

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23564

Unit Date circa 1917

Mixed Materials [35101013592733] 7 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Printed matter - four titles on needlework, crochet lessons, and spiderweb hats

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23565

Unit Date 1909-1918

Mixed Materials [35101013592733] 7 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Clothing patterns

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23566

Unit Date 1910-1935

Mixed Materials [35101013592733] 7 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

S. M. Davidson account book with business related content, Biblical quotes, and musings, occasional daybook-like entries.

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23567

Unit Date 1920-1922

Mixed Materials [35101013592733] 7 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Lula K. Davidson account book for sewing projects and expenditures

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23568

Unit Date 1876, 1888-1889

Mixed Materials [35101013592733] 7 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

R. N. Wallace account book for masonry and farming

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23569

Unit Date 1876-1882

Mixed Materials [35101013592733] 7 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Creator Wallace, R. N. (Russel Newman), 1816-1894

Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23570

Unit Date circa 1880-1920

Graphic Materials [35101013592857] 8 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23571

Unit Date circa 1880-1940

Graphic Materials [35101013592857] 8 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Photograph Album

Unit ID /repositories/5/archival_objects/23572

Unit Date circa 1868-1900

Graphic Materials [35101013592857] 8 (box)

Container 1 (volume)