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Abstract

Papers of John J. Davis, a lawyer and politician from Clarksburg, West Virginia. This collection contains correspondence, account books, photographs, essays, speeches, and other material. Also included in this collection are writings of Davis' granddaughter, Julia McDonald Davis. There are also artifacts, including a school slate and three leather billfolds. Please see "Scope and Contents" for further detail.

Creator

Davis, John J. (John James), 1835-1916

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Scope and Contents

Davis was a Clarksburg lawyer and a prominent West Virginia Democratic politician who served in the House of Delegates, 1873-1877.

The collection includes Davis' correspondence while a student at Judge John W. Brookenbaugh's law school in Lexington, Va.; letters from his aunt, Margaret Steen, a Mississippi school, 1848-1861 (these letters are a revealing social commentary on the Old South); letters of Emma Davis to her mother, Mrs. John J., 1871-1904; correspondence from Davis' brother Rezin C., a Louisville lawyer and judge, 1871-1910; and letters from Julia T. McDonald to Davis' son, John W., 1897-1900.

Other papers are the records of the Clarksburg and Philippi Turnpike, 1850-1860; account books and estate papers of Davis' father, John, a Clarksburg saddle-maker; Davis' school and legal account books; clipping scrapbooks, 1861-1896; family photographs; Davis' manuscript essays and addresses; broadsides, newspapers, and printed speeches; and the writings of Julia Davis (daughter of John W.), including a manuscript of a published novel.

Subjects covered include: Know-Nothings in Clarksburg, 1855; the Virginia Legislature, 1860; John S. Carlile's financial affairs, 1869; the Virginia Springs in the 1850's; Woodburn Seminary; secession sentiment in Morgantown, 1861; Presbyterian Church in Clarksburg; Bourbon politics in W. Va.; and Kentucky and the Presidential elections, 1896-1908.

Correspondents include: John Taylor Bird, John S. Hoffman, John W. Davis, George W. Atkinson, Daniel B. Lucas, Francis J. Brooke, Granville D. Hall, Jacob B. Blair, John J. Jacobs, and O. G. Schefield.

This collection also contains several artifacts, including three leather billfolds, two of which belonged to John J. Davis and a school slate (or book slate) that belonged to John J. Davis. Davis carved his name into the slate in several places and also carved the name of his hometown of Clarksburg, W. Va. into the frame of the slate.

Related A&M Collections

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Keywords

Clarksburg (W. Va.)
Mississippi
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Clarksburg and Philippi Turnpike.
Confederate States of America - secession crisis.
Elections
Genealogy
Know-Nothingism.
Lawyers - letters and papers.
Lincoln-Douglas debates
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)
Turnpikes. SEE ALSO Roads.
Statehood politics -- West Virginia
Morgantown (W. Va.) -- History
Secession
Lexington, V.A.
Virginia Springs
Presidential Elections, 1896-1908
Philippi Turnpike Company
Woodburn Female Seminary (Morgantown, W. Va.)
Atkinson, Geo. W. (George Wesley), 1845-1925
Blair, Jacob B., 1821-1901
Carlile, John S. (John Snyder), 1817-1878
Davis, John J. (John James), 1835-1916
Davis, John W. (John William), 1873-1955
Davis, John.
Davis, Julia, 1900-1993
Davis, Rezin C.
Hall, Granville Davisson, 1837-1934
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Lucas, Daniel B.
Steen, Margaret.
Davis family

Description of Subordinate Components

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General Correspondence

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/191135

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General Correspondence

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Unit Date 1910-1916

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Letters of Julia and John Steen Brown to Mary Berkshire

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Unit Date 1855-1858

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Letters of Margaret Steen to John J. Davis

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Unit Date 1848-1880

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Correspondence between John J. Davis and Benjamin Wilson

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Correspondence of Emma Davis

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Unit Date 1871-1904

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Letters to John J. Davis from Rezin C. Davis

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Unit Date 1871-1916

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Correspondence of Julia McDonald Davis

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Unit Date 1894-1900

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Miscellaneous letters

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John Davis Estate papers

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John Davis Estate papers

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Legal papers - Turkey Run Farm

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Papers on the construction of John Davis residence

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Unit Date 1874

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Lot Bowen Mining Company stock certificate

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Unit Date 1881

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Tax receipts

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Miscellaneous papers

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Clarksburg and Philippi Turnpike Company

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Unit Date 1850-1860

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Essays and Speeches of John Davis

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Unit Date undated

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Essays and Speeches of John Davis

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Unit Date undated

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Essays and Speeches of John Davis

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Unit Date undated

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Newspaper clippings

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Newspapers

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Unit Date undated

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Family photographs

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Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

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Speeches, broadsides, etc.

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Account Books

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Notes from lecture

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Miscellaneous accounts and diaries

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Clipping Scrapbook

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Unit Date 1875-1895

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Clipping Scrapbook

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Unit Date 1874-1894

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Clipping Scrapbook

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Unit Date 1871-1873

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Clipping Scrapbook

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Unit Date 1861-1896

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Writing of Julia Davis (play, short stories, and novel)

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Unit Date undated

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Leather Billfold

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Book Slate

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