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Creator

Davis, Julia, 1900-1993

Extent

1.75 Linear Feet Summary: 1 ft. 8 3/4 in. (4 document cases, 5 in. each); (4 folders, 3/4 in. total)

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Scope and Contents

Correspondence, manuscripts, class notes and other papers of Julia McDonald Davis (1900-1993), an author and daughter of lawyer and statesman John W. Davis. Includes correspondence of Julia Davis; manuscripts of her work; her notes; correspondence of John W. Davis; and additional newspaper clippings, postcards, photographs, ephemera, and other material. Subjects of Julia Davis's correspondence and notes include a biographical sketch of E.H. McDonald, Miss Davis's grandfather; business letters; reminiscences of the Civil War; and memoirs of Colonel A.W. McDonald. Subjects of John W. Davis's correspondence include family matters, political and business matters, and information about his trips. Correspondents include John W. Davis, William L. Wilson, and Julia McDonald (probably Julia Davis's mother).

Separated Materials

Some photographs have been transferred to Photographs Collection (see series 5, box 5, folder 14 for photocopies).

Transferred to Map Cabinet 2, A-Z:

1884 Broadside Democratic Party Platform and Campaign poster (with a map of U.S. showing lands given away to railroad companies).

Two oversize photographs of John W. Davis.

Keywords

Authors -- Letters and papers

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Genealogy

Women's history -- 1850-1899

Women's history -- 1900-1929

Women's history -- 1929-1950

Women's history -- 1951-present

Davis, John W. (John William), 1873-1955

Davis, Julia, 1900-1993

McDonald, A. W. (Angus William), 1799-1864

McDonald, E.H.

McDonald, Julia.

Wilson, William Lyne, 1843-1900

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1. Correspondence (box 1)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180385

Unit Date 1866-1940

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1-3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

This series includes letters from Julia McDonald (1866-1888) containing family news; a biographical sketch of the family of Julia Davis, especially that of her grandfather, E. H. McDonald; a letter from Kenneth McDonald to Julia Davis containing reminiscences and stories of the Civil War; royalty statements for some of Davis's stories (1931-1940); and business letters (1931-1936).

Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180390

Unit Date 1866-1932

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

E.P. Dutton and Company, Incorporated -- Royalty Statements of Julia Davis

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180391

Unit Date 1931-1940

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

E.P. Dutton and Company, Incorporated -- Julia Davis Letters

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180392

Unit Date 1931-1936

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Series 2. Typed Manuscripts of Julia Davis's Works (boxes 1-2)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180386

Unit Date 1928-1963, undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4-7 (Folder)

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1a-2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

This series includes various typed drafts of works by Julia McDonald Davis, including A Valley and a Song: The Story of the Shenandoah River, The Shenandoah River, and assorted articles.

"The Young Object to Being Called Serious-Minded" by Julia Davis

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180393

Unit Date 1928

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

The Anvil: The Trial of John Brown by Julia Davis (play) [editions from productions in New York and Charleston]

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180394

Unit Date 1961

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Manuscript of A Valley and A Song: The Story of the Shenandoah by Julia Davis [1 of 2]

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180395

Unit Date 1963

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6a (Folder)

Manuscript of A Valley and A Song: The Story of the Shenandoah by Julia Davis [2 of 2]

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180396

Unit Date 1963

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6b (Folder)

Fourteen Chapter Work (Chapter 1: "England is Still There")

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180397

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

"They'll Send Me Back" by Julia Davis

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180398

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

The Shenandoah River by Julia Davis [1 of 3]

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180399

Unit Date 1945

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1a (Folder)

The Shenandoah River by Julia Davis [2 of 3]

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180400

Unit Date 1945

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1b (Folder)

The Shenandoah River by Julia Davis [3 of 3]

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180401

Unit Date 1945

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Series 3. Collected Notes of Julia Davis (box 2)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180387

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3-7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

This series includes class notes of Ms. Davis; memoirs of Colonel A. W. McDonald; notes on the trial of John Brown in 1859; a notebook of poems collected by Emma Davis; and a memorial of Angus MacDonald by the West Virginia Bar Association.

College class notes

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180402

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

"Memoir of Colonel A.W. McDonald"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180403

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Notes on the trial of John Brown

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180404

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Notes from diaries detailing the Lewis and Clark Expedition (also includes a miniature psalm book)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180405

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Emma Davis elocution book and typescript memorial of Angus MacDonald by the West Virginia Bar Association

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180406

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Series 4. John W. Davis Correspondence (box 3)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180388

Unit Date 1899, 1923-1925, 1953-1954

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 1-2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

This series includes a letter from William L. Wilson to John A. Preston, trying to persuade "Davis" to accept law professorship at Washington and Lee University (1899) and a newspaper clipping of John W. Davis's reminiscences at age 81 (1954). Subjects of the 1920s letters include John W. Davis's trip to London to attend an American Bar Association meeting, his legal work in Washington D. C., oil investigations in Washington ruining McAdoo's chances for the Presidential nomination, the political "mess" at Washington, comments on the coming Democratic Convention (all 1924); information on trips to Canada, England, and France made by John W. Davis (1925); and family matters (1924-1925).

John W. Davis correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180407

Unit Date 1899, 1953-1954

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

John W. Davis correspondence (mostly to Julia Davis)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180408

Unit Date ca. 1923-1925

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Series 5. Miscellaneous (boxes 3-5)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180389

Unit Date ca. 1884, 1900-1958, undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 3-8 (Folder)

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Scope and Contents

This series includes newspaper and magazine clippings regarding the Davis family, including: a biographical sketch of the life of John J. Davis; Harrison County Bar Association memorial to J. J. Davis; Will Rogers column regarding West Virginia; death of Dr. J. J. Richardson (personal physician to Taft, Teddy Roosevelt, J. W. Davis); text of J. W. Davis's attack on the New Deal; copy of a speech made by John J. Davis in 1898 election; pictures; articles on Emma K. Davis's activities as a reporter and as a member of the criminal court committee inspecting the Harrison County Jail; and frontier nursing service activities. Also includes photographs of the family; scrapbooks of postcards, newspaper clippings, ephemera, and other material; and copies of Julia Davis's book reviews and advertisements.

John J. Davis newspaper clippings (includes biographical sketch of the life of John J. Davis, Harrison County Bar Association memorial to J.J. Davis)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180409

Unit Date ca. 1910-1920

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

John W. Davis newspaper and magazine clippings (includes Will Rogers column regarding West Virginia; death of Dr. J.J. Richardson [personal physician to Taft, Teddy Roosevelt, J.W. Davis]; text of J.W. Davis's attack on the New Deal; copy of a speech made by John J. Davis in 1898 election)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180410

Unit Date ca. 1913-1958

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Newspaper clippings on Emma K. and Julia Davis (includes articles on Emma K. Davis's activities as a reporter and as a member of the criminal court committee inspecting the Harrison County Jail; frontier nursing service activities)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180411

Unit Date ca. 1934, undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Photographs of J.W. Davis and family, calling cards (includes prints and a cabinet card)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180412

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Photographs, drawings, and miscellaneous

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180413

Unit Date ca. 1884, undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Miscellaneous drawings, notes, and pamphlets

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180414

Unit Date 1952, undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scrapbook postcard collection (images include landmarks of West Virginia, Maryland, Washington D.C., and many other locations)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180415

Unit Date ca. 1900-1912

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Annual Report of the West Virginia Bar Association, Including Proceedings of the Seventieth Meeting Being the Sixty-Eighth Annual Meeting (includes tribute speech on J.W. Davis)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180416

Unit Date 1954

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

"School Days" scrapbook of Julia McDonald Davis (includes manuscript writing, correspondence, photographs, clippings, ephemera)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180417

Unit Date ca. 1904-1915

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Newspaper clippings scrapbook

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180418

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

John W. Davis New York University honorary law degree (includes photographs)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180419

Unit Date 1951

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scrapbook postcard collection

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180420

Unit Date ca. 1900-1912

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Photostat copies of Julia Davis's book reviews and advertisements

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180421

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Portrait photographs of John W. Davis

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180422

Unit Date 1955, undated

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Portrait photograph of John J. Davis

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180423

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Copies of photographs transferred to Photographs Collection

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/180424

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)