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**Unit Date**

1890-1980

**Language**

English .

**Creator**

Davis Coal and Coke Company

**Extent**

19.8 Linear Feet 13 record cartons, 15 in. each; 4 document cases, 5 in. each; 2 index card boxes, 12 in. each; 1 flat storage box, 1.5 in.; 6 ledgers, 1 ft. 2.25 in.; 4 map cabinet drawers, 7 in.

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## Scope and Contents

Records of the Davis Coal and Coke Company, a corporation created in the 1880s by Henry Gassaway Davis that was located in Thomas, West Virginia (WV). This collection is minimally processed.

The company was named after both the founder and the Coal and Coke Railroad that it primarily used. Later in the company's life it purchased lands and established its own mines. The company was finally dissolved in 1950. The collection includes administrative correspondence, reports, financial records, employee records, and other material.

Correspondence regards topics such as employee wages, company sales negotiations, etc. Reports include annual reports, log cut statistics, accident reports, termination files, and insurance records, among others. Also includes correspondence to and from Davis Coal and Coke on topics such as miner wages and sale negotiations; there are also log cut statistical summaries, coal tonnage reports, tax information, and many blueprints and maps of equipment, mines, and purchased properties.

Since Henry Davis had conglomerate corporate interests, these other interests continued on after the closure of the Coal and Coke Company in 1950. This very likely explains the presence of the timber (or lumber) company records that can be found with the coal and coke records in this collection.

## Keywords

Coal companies - West Virginia.

Railroads -- West Virginia

Davis Coal and Coke Company

## Description of Subordinate Components

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**Company by-laws, geological statistics, lands (Gauley), reports (coal, lumber), deeds (includes Gauley lands), correspondence, and other materials**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150496

**Unit Date** ca. 1910s-1980

**Mixed Materials** 1A (Box)

**Coal company records**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150497

**Unit Date** 1906, ca. 1940s, undated, 1921

**Mixed Materials** 1B (Box)

**Deed book of properties acquired by R. L. Telford**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150498

**Unit Date** 1906

**Folder with correspondence and financial reports for New Gauley Coal Co. and other companies**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150499

**Unit Date** ca. 1940s

**Davis Coal and Coke area calculation ledger**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150500

**Unit Date** undated

**Deed for The Gauley Company and West Virginia and Pittsburgh Railroad Company to New Gauley Coal Corporation**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150501

**Unit Date** 1921

**Log cut statistical summaries and correspondence**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150508

**Unit Date** ca. 1970s

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Log cut statistical summaries and lumber related correspondence**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150509

**Unit Date** ca. 1970s

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Coal tonnage summaries from deep mining and strip mining, and log cut statistical summaries**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150510

**Unit Date** 1960s-1970s

**Mixed Materials** 4A (Box)

**Monongahela National Forest land management plans**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150511

**Unit Date** ca. 1970s

**Mixed Materials** 4B (Box)

**Coal company annual reports, deeds, financial records, and other materials**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150512

**Unit Date** ca. 1960s-1970s

**Mixed Materials** 5 (Box)

**Coal company annual reports, Mid Allegheny Corporation bank statements**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150513

**Unit Date** ca. 1970s

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Royalty reports and coal company annual reports, Brockerhoff lease (1974)**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150514

**Unit Date** ca. 1960s-1970s

**Mixed Materials** 7 (Box)

**Annual reports, correspondence, geological statistics, royalty reports, and lease papers, among other materials**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150515

**Unit Date** ca. 1940s-1970s

**Mixed Materials** 8 (Box)

**Maps, tax return information, inventory lists, surveyor's field books (1937)**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150516

**Unit Date** 1937, ca. 1950s-1960s

**Mixed Materials** 9 (Box)

**Hinchcliff Lumber Company lumber summaries**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150517

**Unit Date** 1970

**Mixed Materials** 10 (Box)

**Davis Coal and Coke (DC and C) -- financial account journal**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150518

**Unit Date** 1951

**Mixed Materials** 11 (Box)

**DC and C -- time sheets**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150519

**Unit Date** 1930-1931

**Mixed Materials** 11 (Box)

**DC and C -- time sheets**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150520

**Unit Date** 1946, 1947

**Mixed Materials** 12 (Box)

**DC and C -- time sheets**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150521

**Unit Date** 1946

**Mixed Materials** 13 (Box)

**DC and C -- time sheets**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150522

**Unit Date** 1946

**Mixed Materials** 14 (Box)

**Index cards titled "Notice of Termination of Employment" or "Notice of Employment." Includes information such as the mine number, check number, employee name, address, termination date, reason for leaving, etc.**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150523

**Unit Date** 1919-1923

**Mixed Materials** 15 (Box)

**Index cards titled "Notice of Termination of Employment" or "Notice of Employment." Includes information such as the mine number, check number, employee name, address, termination date, reason for leaving, etc.**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150524

**Unit Date** 1919-1923

**Mixed Materials** 16 (Box)

**Correspondence regarding miners' earnings, meeting arrangements, and sale negotiations. Also includes electricity bills and small operator's manual pamphlets**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150525

**Unit Date** 1918-1972

**Mixed Materials** 17 (Box)

**Sheets of employee data including the check number, name, hours worked, hours available, work accomplished, and earnings of each employee**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150526

**Unit Date** 1937

**Mixed Materials** 18 (Box)

**Accident record ledger**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150527

**Unit Date** 1898-1917

**Mixed Materials** 18 (Box)

**Ledger 1, Relief association records**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150533

**Unit Date** ca. 1916-1930

**Mixed Materials** unboxed (Box)

**Ledger 2, Payroll records**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150536

**Unit Date** 1944, 1945

**Mixed Materials** unboxed (Box)

**Ledger 3, Check and voucher records**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150537

**Unit Date** 1950s

**Mixed Materials** unboxed (Box)

**Ledger 4, Chemical department records**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150538

**Unit Date** ca. 1910s-1930s

**Mixed Materials** unboxed (Box)

**Ledger 5, Health and accident insurance records**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** [Previous Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150539

**Unit Date** 1950s

**Mixed Materials** unboxed (Box)

**Ledger 6, Check and voucher records**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150540

**Unit Date** 1950s

**Mixed Materials** unboxed (Box)

**Oversize drawings and maps (most are for industrial facilities in PA, some for WV, and a few for Virginia and Texas; a lot of the drawings are for mining equipment, and some of them document railroad lines and other features; there are also many topographical and coal mine maps, some of these for locations in central West Virginia; the contents of the folder in drawer 15 were found grouped together)**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150546

**Unit Date** ca. 1910-1939

**Mixed Materials** Map Cabinet 10, Drawer 12 (Box)

**Oversize drawings and maps (most are for industrial facilities in PA, some for WV, and a few for Virginia and Texas; a lot of the drawings are for mining equipment, and some of them document railroad lines and other features; there are also many topographical and coal mine maps, some of these for locations in central West Virginia; the contents of the folder in drawer 15 were found grouped together)**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150547

**Unit Date** ca. 1910-1939

**Mixed Materials** Map Cabinet 10, Drawer 13 (Box)

**Oversize drawings and maps (most are for industrial facilities in PA, some for WV, and a few for Virginia and Texas; a lot of the drawings are for mining equipment, and some of them document railroad lines and other features; there are also many topographical and coal mine maps, some of these for locations in central West Virginia; the contents of the folder in drawer 15 were found grouped together)**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150548

**Unit Date** ca. 1910-1939

**Mixed Materials** Map Cabinet 10, Drawer 14 (Box)

**Oversize drawings and maps (most are for industrial facilities in PA, some for WV, and a few for Virginia and Texas; a lot of the drawings are for mining equipment, and some of them document railroad lines and other features; there are also many topographical and coal mine maps, some of these for locations in central West Virginia; the contents of the folder in drawer 15 were found grouped together)**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150549

**Unit Date** ca. 1910-1939

**Mixed Materials** Map Cabinet 10, Drawer 15 (Box)

**Oversize drawings and maps (most are for industrial facilities in PA, some for WV, and a few for Virginia and Texas; a lot of the drawings are for mining equipment, and some of them document railroad lines and other features; there are also many topographical and coal mine maps, some of these for locations in central West Virginia; the contents of the folder in drawer 15 were found grouped together)**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/150550

**Unit Date** ca. 1910-1939

**Mixed Materials** Map Cabinet 10, Drawer 16 (Box)