

1-26-2010

Davis, Martha Anne, 1936-2010 (MSS 303)

Manuscripts & Folklife Archives
Western Kentucky University, mssfa@wku.edu

Follow this and additional works at: http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_mss_fin_aid



Part of the [United States History Commons](#), and the [Women's History Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Folklife Archives, Manuscripts &, "Davis, Martha Anne, 1936-2010 (MSS 303)" (2010). *MSS Finding Aids*. Paper 1170.
http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_mss_fin_aid/1170

This Finding Aid is brought to you for free and open access by TopSCHOLAR®. It has been accepted for inclusion in MSS Finding Aids by an authorized administrator of TopSCHOLAR®. For more information, please contact topscholar@wku.edu.

Manuscripts & Folklife Archives
 Department of Library Special Collections
 Kentucky Library & Museum
 Western Kentucky University
 Bowling Green, KY 42101-1092

Descriptive Inventory

MSS 303 DAVIS, Martha Anne, 1936-2010

½ box. 4 folders. 6 items. 2000. Photocopies, photographs.

2000.91.1

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Martha Anne Davis was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the daughter of William and Catherine (Jenkins) Davis. She graduated from Bowling Green High School and was a life-long member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, where she served for a period as organist. Davis played the drums for several years in the Community Concert Band and could also play the piano. Her mother died in 1959, and Martha Anne used writing to deal with her grief; she noted "from the pain of secrecy came the pleasure of poetry and other journalistic ventures." In 1989 she was appointed editor of the Wishing Well Club newsletter, a position she held until she began producing her own comedy show on local access cable television.

Her first experience with local access television came when she was spotlighted on Galen Smith's "UpSouth," a show emphasizing Southern Catholic writers which was produced in Bowling Green. Martha's show, "2 Funny," first appeared on 9 April 1991. She taped one show monthly which would then air every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. The show contained comedic skits, monologues, musical numbers and discussions about current events. Her older brother Hugh Davis was the announcer for the show and often appeared in segments. Her July shows were always patriotic in nature and were solemn observations of the sacrifices made by military personnel. Her entertainment avocation ended with the final "2 Funny" show airing on 24 April 2001.

Miss Davis was a Kentucky Colonel and received the key to the City of Bowling Green twice. She billed herself as "The Girl With the Grin," and she helped many people grin along with her. She died on 13 January 2010 and was interred in Bowling Green's St. Joseph Cemetery.

COLLECTION NOTE

The collection consists of a typescript of Miss Davis's autobiographical writings and musings, generally written as poetry, which she titled "This Is Me." The collection also contains proverbs or whimsical snippets focusing on word play. These writings were collected into three small notebooks (vols. 1-3); each piece, no matter how short, was titled, and a title index can be found in folder 1. The volumes were removed from the paper folders and placed in acid-free folders. The collection also contains four photographs of Davis and a copy of her business card.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Name	Dates	6 items
Folder 1	Inventory, biographical information, index	2000	3 items
Folder 2	"This is Me," Volume 1	2000	1 item
Folder 3	"This is Me," Volume 2	2000	1 item
Folder 4	"This is Me," Volume 3	2000	1 item

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

MSS DAVIS, Martha Anne,
303 1937-2010

Three volumes of autobiographical musings, generally in poetic form, related to the life of Davis, the producer of a comedy show titled "2 Funny" which aired on local access cable television in Bowling Green, Kentucky from 1991 to 2001. A title index to the writings is available, as well as one of Davis's business cards.

1/2 box. 4 folders. 6 items. Photocopies.
2000.91.1

SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Authors
Davis, Hugh, 1934-1998 – Relating to
Humor
Poetry

Jeffrey 01/26/2010