

2-16-2010

Davis Family Collection, 1864-1935 (MSS 307)

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](#)

Recommended Citation

Folklife Archives, Manuscripts &, "Davis Family Collection, 1864-1935 (MSS 307)" (2010). *MSS Finding Aids*. Paper 1239.
http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_mss_fin_aid/1239

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 307 DAVIS Family Collection, 1864-1935

½ box. 8 folders. 119 items. 1864-1935. Originals.

2010.27.16

COLLECTION NOTE

The material in this collection relates to the Davis and Blaydes families of Metcalfe County, Kentucky. The bulk of the collection consists of letters and cards sent to Mary Elizabeth (Blaydes) Davis from 1918 to 1935. She was born ca. 1856, the daughter of James Madison Blaydes and Elizabeth (Carr) Blaydes, native Virginians who later moved to Kentucky. Mary married another Virginian, Civil War veteran Richard O. Davis, on 27 December 1874. Mary E. Davis's chief correspondent was her cousin George W. Young of New York City. From 1929 to 1934 he and his daughter Grace wrote of their life in the city, their desire to visit and remain close to family members in Kentucky, and the effects of the Depression. Also included are miscellaneous letters to and from various members of the Blaydes family from 1864 to 1893. The majority of the collection's business papers concern Mary E. Davis's Confederate widow's pension and receipts for taxes paid on her land in the East Fork community of Metcalfe County. Mary died 12 September 1936.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	DAVIS Family Collection	1864-1935	119 items
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Chiefly letters to Mrs. Mary E. Davis from George W. Young and Grace (Young) Sutherland	1918-1934	59 items
Folder 3	Chiefly Christmas cards to Mrs. Mary E. Davis	1918?-1935	11 items

Folder 4	Papers related to Confederate widow's pension for Mrs. Mary E. Davis	1912-1932	5 items
Folder 5	Metcalf County, Kentucky tax receipts of Mrs. Mary E. Davis	1910-1933	14 items
Folder 6	Miscellaneous papers of Richard O. Davis	1874-1906	14 items
Folder 7	Miscellaneous papers of the Blaydes family	1864-1893	11 items
Folder 8	Miscellaneous items	1924-1927	4 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

MSS DAVIS Family Collection 1864-1935
307

Chiefly letters and cards to Mary Elizabeth (Blaydes) Davis; also business papers of Mary and her husband Richard O. Davis of Metcalfe County, Kentucky.

½ box. 8 folders. 119 items. Originals.
2010.27.16

SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Blaydes family – Relating to F6, 7
Carr family – Relating to F7
Christmas cards, 1928-1935 F3
Davis, Mary Elizabeth (Blaydes), 1856-1936 – Letters to F2, 3, 4
Davis, Mary Elizabeth (Blaydes), 1856-1936 – Relating to F5
Davis, Richard O. – Relating to F4, 6
Depressions – 1929 and after – New York City – Comments about F2
Florida – Travel and description, 1883 F7
Goebel, William, 1856-1900 – Mentioned F6
Kerr, Susan Elmira (Keen) F7
Letterheads – Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen F2
Letterheads – Central Kentucky Lunatic Asylum, 1893 F7
Lindsey Wilson Junior College, 1924 – Relating to F8
Military pensions – Civil War, 1861-1865 F4
Motion pictures – Relating to, 1929 F2
Post cards – New York City, pre-1931 F8

Red Cross – World War I, 1914-1918 – Relating to F3
 Sutherland, Grace (Young) F2, 3
 Sutherland, Grace (Young) – Photos F8
 Sutherland, Kenneth – Photos F8
 Sutherland, Kenneth – Relating to F2
 Tax receipts – Metcalfe County, 1890 -1933 F5, 6
 Tobacco – Trade – Louisville, 1884 F7
 World War I, 1914-1918 – Post cards F3
 Young, Charlie – Photos F8
 Young, Charlie – Relating to F2
 Young, George W., d. 1934 F2, 3, 6
 Young, George W., d. 1934 – Photos F8

Lile/Jeffrey 02/16/2010