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Davis Family Collection, 1864-1935 (MSS 307)

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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.

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