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## Abstract

Papers of John J. Davis, a lawyer and politician from Clarksburg, West Virginia. This collection contains correspondence, account books, photographs, essays, speeches, and other material. Also included in this collection are writings of Davis' granddaughter, Julia McDonald Davis. There are also artifacts, including a school slate and three leather billfolds. Please see "Scope and Contents" for further detail.

## Creator

Davis, John J. (John James), 1835-1916

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3.9 Linear Feet 3 ft. 10 1/2 in. (8 document cases, 5 in. each); (1 document case, 2 1/2 in.); (1 flat storage box, 4 in.)

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# Scope and Contents

Davis was a Clarksburg lawyer and a prominent West Virginia Democratic politician who served in the House of Delegates, 1873-1877.

The collection includes Davis' correspondence while a student at Judge John W. Brookenbaugh's law school in Lexington, Va.; letters from his aunt, Margaret Steen, a Mississippi school, 1848-1861 (these letters are a revealing social commentary on the Old South); letters of Emma Davis to her mother, Mrs. John J., 1871-1904; correspondence from Davis' brother Rezin C., a Louisville lawyer and judge, 1871-1910; and letters from Julia T. McDonald to Davis' son, John W., 1897-1900.

Other papers are the records of the Clarksburg and Philippi Turnpike, 1850-1860; account books and estate papers of Davis' father, John, a Clarksburg saddle-maker; Davis' school and legal account books; clipping scrapbooks, 1861-1896; family photographs; Davis' manuscript essays and addresses; broadsides, newspapers, and printed speeches; and the writings of Julia Davis (daughter of John W.), including a manuscript of a published novel.

Subjects covered include: Know-Nothings in Clarksburg, 1855; the Virginia Legislature, 1860; John S. Carlile's financial affairs, 1869; the Virginia Springs in the 1850's; Woodburn Seminary; secession sentiment in Morgantown, 1861; Presbyterian Church in Clarksburg; Bourbon politics in W. Va.; and Kentucky and the Presidential elections, 1896-1908.

Correspondents include: John Taylor Bird, John S. Hoffman, John W. Davis, George W. Atkinson, Daniel B. Lucas, Francis J. Brooke, Granville D. Hall, Jacob B. Blair, John J. Jacobs, and O. G. Schefield.

This collection also contains several artifacts, including three leather billfolds, two of which belonged to John J. Davis and a school slate (or book slate) that belonged to John J. Davis. Davis carved his name into the slate in several places and also carved the name of his hometown of Clarksburg, W. Va. into the frame of the slate.

# Related A&M Collections

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# Keywords

Clarksburg (W. Va.)  
Mississippi  
Account books  
Bourbon politics.  
Churches -- Presbyterian  
Clarksburg and Philippi Turnpike.  
Confederate States of America - secession crisis.  
Elections  
Genealogy  
Know-Nothingism.  
Lawyers - letters and papers.  
Lincoln-Douglas debates  
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)  
Turnpikes. SEE ALSO Roads.  
Statehood politics -- West Virginia  
Morgantown (W. Va.) -- History  
Secession  
Lexington, V.A.  
Virginia Springs  
Presidential Elections, 1896-1908  
Philippi Turnpike Company  
Woodburn Female Seminary (Morgantown, W. Va.)  
Atkinson, Geo. W. (George Wesley), 1845-1925  
Blair, Jacob B., 1821-1901  
Carlile, John S. (John Snyder), 1817-1878  
Davis, John J. (John James), 1835-1916  
Davis, John W. (John William), 1873-1955  
Davis, John.  
Davis, Julia, 1900-1993  
Davis, Rezin C.  
Hall, Granville Davisson, 1837-1934  
Jacob, John J.  
Lucas, Daniel B.  
Steen, Margaret.  
Davis family

## Description of Subordinate Components

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**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

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**Unit Date** 1829-1840

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**Letters of Margaret Steen to John J. Davis**

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**Unit Date** 1848-1880

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**Correspondence between John J. Davis and Benjamin Wilson**

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**Unit Date** 1872-1873

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**Correspondence of Emma Davis**

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

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/191143

**Unit Date** 1871-1904

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Letters to John J. Davis from Rezin C. Davis**

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

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/191144

**Unit Date** 1871-1916

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

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**Correspondence of Julia McDonald Davis**

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

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/191145

**Unit Date** 1894-1900

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Miscellaneous letters**

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**Unit Date** 1824-1913

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Business and Legal papers**

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**Unit Date** 1824-1909

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/191148

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

### **John Davis Estate papers**

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**Unit Date** undated

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**Container** 4 (Folder)

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**Unit Date** 1874

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**Container** 5 (Folder)

### **Lot Bowen Mining Company stock certificate**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/191152

**Unit Date** 1881

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

### **Tax receipts**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/191153

**Unit Date** 1863-1913

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

### **Miscellaneous papers**

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**Unit Date** undated

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**Unit Date** undated

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**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 5 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

### **Account Books**

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**Unit Date** 1857-1863

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

### **Ledger**

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**Unit Date** 1856-1884

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

### **Legal Account book**

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

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/191172

**Unit Date** 1855-1865

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

### **Notes from lecture**

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

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**Unit Date** undated

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**Unit Date** 1861-1896

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**Mixed Materials** 8 (Box)

**Clipping Scrapbook**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/191157

**Unit Date** 1875-1895

**Mixed Materials** 7 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Clipping Scrapbook**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/191158

**Unit Date** 1874-1894

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**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Clipping Scrapbook**

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**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/191159

**Unit Date** 1871-1873

**Mixed Materials** 7 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Clipping Scrapbook**

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

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/191160

**Unit Date** 1861-1896

**Mixed Materials** 8 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Writing of Julia Davis (play, short stories, and novel)**

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

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/191161

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 8 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Series 5. Miscellaneous (Boxes 8A-9)**

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**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 8A (Box)

**Mixed Materials** 9 (Box)

**Leather Billfold**

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

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/191155

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 8A (Box)

**Book Slate**

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

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/191156

**Mixed Materials** 9 (Box)