# DAVIS FAMILY
PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1884–2002

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 photograph folder, 1 color photograph folder, 1 manuscript folder

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1884–2002

PROVENANCE: Merle Davis Rook, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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NOTES:
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Elnathan Carey Davis was born in 1864 in Indiana, though he would later move to Oklahoma. He married Mary E. Kellum in 1884 and the couple had eight children: Elmer, Will, Frank, Richard (Dick), Alma, Essie, Bessie, and Lillie. Elnathan ran a freighter office in Custer, Oklahoma. He died in 1934, just a few years after his wife Mary who died in 1927.

Richard Davis (1896–1973) grew up to become a blacksmith. He married Elsie Anna Branham (b. 1901) on 31 December 1918. They had two daughters: Neva Marie (b. 1920) and Alma Merle (b. 1923).

Sources:

Materials in collection.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains photographs of the Davis family. The majority of the photographs show Richard "Dick" Davis, Elnathan Carey Davis, Alma Davis, Merle Davis, and the twins, Essie and Bessie Davis. There is also a copy of the marriage license for Elnathan Davis and Mary Kellum in addition to several obituaries of Davis family members, and a handwritten family tree list.
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