MARY E. DAVIS
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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half size box of photographs, 1 OVB photograph, 6 tintypes, 4 folders of manuscripts

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1860s-1951

PROVENANCE: Maureen Grannan, Indianapolis, IN

RESTRICTIONS: None

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RELATED HOLDINGS:

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NOTES:
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Davis family were residents of Jeffersonville, Indiana. Thomas Davis, a tax collector, and his wife Anna had three children, Jesse, Elizabeth (Bessie), and Mary. Jesse Davis (1888-1938) was at one time employed as a manager at Western Union Telegraph Company, served in World War I, and was killed fighting in the Spanish Civil War. Elizabeth Louise Davis (1889-1950) graduated from Indiana University, and began her teaching career in Jeffersonville. She later moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where she began teaching Latin at Emmerich Manual Training High School in 1916. Later, she served as the Head of the Language Department and as Director of Visual Education until her retirement in 1949. Nothing is really known about Mary E. Davis (1893-1980).

Sources:
Materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains photographs, tintypes and manuscript materials belonging to members of the Davis and Deuser families of Indianapolis, Indiana. The majority of photographs and the tintypes are unidentified, but are most likely portraits of relatives of the Davis and Deuser families. The identified photographs are of siblings Mary, Elizabeth, and Jesse Davis. There is also a folder of portraits and a snapshot of a theatre, all of which relate to John A. Victor, who, according to a note on the envelope containing the photographs, brought Vaudeville acts to Indianapolis. It is unclear if he was related to the Davis family in some way.

There are also four folders of manuscripts in the collection. There is a small booklet, which was a souvenir from China, as the Davis siblings’ aunt, Florence Davis Curtis, was a missionary there. There are also personal items that belonged to Mary Davis and her sister Elizabeth, such as handwritten notes, a notebook, and notecards decorated with exotic birds. Finally, there are a variety of examples of letterhead from various steamboat/transportation companies.
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