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**PERRY G. DAVIS  
COLLECTION, 1892–1916; N.D.**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 1 manuscript folder; 1 photograph folder

**COLLECTION DATES:** 1892–1916; n.d.

**PROVENANCE:** Julia Helen Smith, Fort Wayne, Indiana, December, 1988

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**RELATED HOLDINGS:**

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**NOTES:**

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Perry G. Davis (1876–1949) was born in Idaville, White County, Indiana. He worked as a printer for most of his life, and owned shops in Frankfort, Clinton County, and West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County. He also worked for the *Anderson Democrat*, in Madison County. In 1897, he married Ida Belle Thompson (1873–1961), and they produced four children.

The donor, Julia Helen Smith (1898–1994), was born Julia Helen Davis in Kirclin, Clinton County, Indiana. She attended Frankfort High School and worked as a clerk for the railroad. In August 1919, she married Hansel Y. Smith (1897–1972), and they had one child. The couple originally lived in Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, but moved to Fort Wayne, Allen County, in the 1930s

Sources:

*Ancestry, Library Edition*, accessed 25 September 2019

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Most items focus on the printing career of Perry Davis, the donor's father. Included are items from the firm of Perry the Printer of Frankfort, Clinton County, and West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County, Indiana. Additional items include correspondence between the Indiana Novelty Company of Frankfort and the E. D. Leadbeater and Sons wholesale drug company of Alexandria, Virginia. Other materials contained are Davis' apprentice membership card in the typographical union in Anderson, Madison County, 1892 and a letter of recommendation for his employment for the Anderson *Democrat*. There is also a photograph of a group of women sitting on the ground playing a card game in Otterbein around 1895 including future wife, Ida Belle Thompson.

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