

# Kirby Collection 2012-57

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## Summary

**Title:** Kirby Collection

**Accession Number:** 2012-57

**Creator:** Nellie M. (Davis) Kirby (1900-1976)

**Extent:** 29 Files

**Language:** English

**Abstract:** The files contain research compiled by Nellie Kirby. The notes were taken from newspapers, deeds, cemetery records, church records, and court documents. There are a few family group sheets and pedigree charts. Many files contain correspondence related to the research. The most prominent surnames are Davis and Kirby. The most common locations are North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia.

## Administrative Information

**Provenance:** The genealogical collection of Nellie Kirby was acquired by the Genealogical Forum of Oregon before 2012.

**Retention and Access:** Scanned images of the collection are currently retained by the GFO Manuscripts Committee in three separate digital storage locations and can be accessed at the GFO library or by contacting [manuscripts@gfo.org](mailto:manuscripts@gfo.org).

**Processing History:** Processing and description of the Kirby Collection was completed in the fall of 2020.

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## Biographical Note

Nellie Martha Davis Kirby was born on 13 June 1900 in La Grande, Union County, Oregon. She was married to Walter Scott Kirby on 21 October 1929. For a time, the couple lived in California. They returned to Oregon in the late 1930s and eventually settled in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. She joined the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in 1951 and served as the editor of *The Bulletin* for several years. Nellie died on 5 May 1976. She is buried in Hillcrest Cemetery in La Grande.

## Finding Aid

File	Description	Prominent Surnames	Locations	Pages
1	Correspondence, research notes	Alldrige, Anthony, Barton, Boone, Bowen, Finch, Harman, Crockwell, Burnet, Caples	North Carolina, Missouri, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Tennessee	60
2	Research notes from lineage books	Carter, Davis	Virginia, Kentucky	10
3	Correspondence, research notes	Clark, Clayton, Cocke, McKinstry, Coppedge, Copley, Cope	Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, Indiana	23
4	Correspondence, research notes, copies of deeds, probate, and other records	Davis, DeVall, Duval	Kentucky, Ohio, Missouri, New Jersey, Tennessee	243
5	Correspondence, research notes	Davis		363
6	Correspondence, research notes, newspaper clippings, photos	Davis	Kentucky, Missouri, Indiana	48
7	Correspondence, research notes	Davis, Robinson	Tennessee, Texas, North Carolina	33
8	Correspondence, research notes, Bible, and probate transcriptions	Davis, Kirby	Ohio	47
9	Research notes	Davis	Tennessee	5
10	Research notes	Davis	Ohio	22
11	Research notes, transcriptions of church records	Davis, De Vol, Pickens	Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Tennessee, Maryland	99
12	Research notes	Deckard, Denning, Denny, Duvali, Devol, Doggett	Illinois, Maryland, Virginia	9
13	Research notes	Duvall, De Vol, Howard, Miller, Mercer, Davis	Ohio, Oregon	65
14	Research notes, correspondence	Edney, Wilson, Sutherland, Davis	Tennessee	19
15	Research notes, correspondence, newspaper clippings, pedigree chart	Stites, Ludlow, McKinstry, Davis, Williamson, Forgy, Shirley, Powell, Francis, Jones, Gammill, Garretson	New Jersey, Louisiana, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi	20

<b>16</b>	"Gipsy Life and Gipsy Lore in the Pennsylvania Mountains" by Henry W. Shoemaker			17
<b>17</b>	Research notes from probate, Bible and other records, biographical sketches	Gooch, Shinn, Williamson, Hannah, Hanna, Mitchell, Craig, Strayhorn, Kimsey	Virginia, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, North Carolina	74
<b>18</b>	Correspondence, research notes, excerpts from Holt newsletters	Holt	England, Pennsylvania, North Carolina	115
<b>19</b>	Research notes, correspondence, biographical sketches	Kirby, Butler	Tennessee, Missouri, Georgia, Connecticut	125
<b>20</b>	Correspondence, research notes, biographical sketches, family group sheets, pedigree charts	Kirby, Kibbe	Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky	40
<b>21</b>	Biographical notes, research notes, correspondence	Kirby	Virginia, Kentucky	25
<b>22</b>	Biographical notes, research notes, correspondence, land notes, family narrative, pedigree chart	Kirby, Kerby, Davis, Deckerd, Henderson	North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland, Tennessee, Pennsylvania	73
<b>23</b>	Family groups, pedigrees, biographical notes, correspondence	Mitchell, LeMay, Terrell, Davis	Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky	82
<b>24</b>	Pedigrees, descendant reports, biography, correspondence	Kyle, Hess, Lewis, McAdams, McBride, McKinstry, Payne	Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Pennsylvania	67
<b>25</b>	Correspondence, biographical notes, family group, Duke University map part of original Peeler plantation	Peeler, Osman	Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Texas	64
<b>26</b>	Correspondence, biographical notes, pedigree chart	Perkins, Burdge, Powell, Prewitt, Quick, Redwine, Reagon, Rice	Tennessee, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oregon	95
<b>27</b>	Correspondence, family group, pedigrees, misc. birth, death records	Terrell, Thompson, Trimble, Van Hook, Williamson, Shew, Boster, Stewart	Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, Iowa, South Carolina, Indiana, Pennsylvania	117

<b>28</b>	Family records, correspondence, probate, inventory, Quaker and Welsh Baptist entries	John family	Pennsylvania, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio	127
<b>29</b>	Seventh Day Baptist records	Davis, Sharpless	New Jersey, Virginia, Connecticut	8
<b>30</b>	Correspondence, research notes,	Quick, Terrell,	Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma	67