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## Summary

**Title:** Davis Collection

**Bulk Dates:** 1664-1961

**Accession Number:** 2013-24

**Creator:** Marie Ray Davis (1903-2001)

**Extent:** 3 files

**Language:** English

**Abstract:** The author's genealogical research contained within the Davis Collection was originally donated in book-form as organized by the author. The research materials are primarily comprised of transcribed sections from Frederick Parker Davis's work *Sketches of the life and character of Berryman Kenchin Davis*, which includes biographical sketches, transcribed diary entries and letters from various family members. These materials follow the family's Westward migration patterns across the United States in the 1800's. Additional items within the collection include the author's census record notes, pedigree charts and a collection of the her family group sheets. The collection notes the Davis family's migration from Wales in the early 1700's to the North Carolina and Virginia regions shortly before the outbreak of the American Revolution (1775-1783). The family's involvement in the Mexican War (1846-1848) and the United States Civil War (1861-1865) is also traced within the early sections of the collection. The author highlights several prominent surnames throughout her research, including Drury, Fitzpatrick (Fitzpatrick), Broyles, Barnes, Dalmeyer, Newhall (Newell), and Sutton. Primary locations traced within the author's genealogical research include Smith Co. and Macon Co. Tennessee, Essex Co. Massachusetts, Platte Co. Missouri, Bedford Co. Virginia and Fulton Co. Illinois.

## Administrative Information

**Provenance:** The manuscript collection of Marie Davis was donated to 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 scanning of the Davis Collection began in the Winter of 2013 and the collection's full description was completed in early 2014.

**Copyright Status: Copyright Status:** The status of copyright in the unpublished writings and genealogical research papers of Marie Davis is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States {Title 17, U.S.C.}

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## Biographical Note

Marie (Betty) Ray Davis, Mrs Clyde L Davis, served as 1st vice-president at the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in 1959 and then as president in 1960. According to membership records, Betty joined the Genealogical Forum of Oregon in October 1957, and was made an Honorary Life Member in July 1992. Marie was born on 8 August 1903 in Nebraska. She died on 12 May 2001 in Gresham, Multnomah County, Oregon.

## Scope and Content Note

The author organized her research in chronological order, following the immigration of the five original Davis brothers, Thomas, Benjamin, John, Daniel and William, beginning with their journey from Wales to North Carolina near the turn of the eighteenth century, and ending with the story of the family's eventual migration across the United States. Among the transcribed journal entries, family letters and biographical sketches, the collection also includes various notations from the author about her specific research progress with references to the original source material and repositories that she utilized in her searches.

The author's transcriptions of various biographical sketches and family letters make up the majority of the File Folder 1a. In the first several pages of this file, the author includes a general overview of the family's genealogy from the five Davis brothers in the early 1700's to more recent Davis family members in the mid 1900's. The pages that follow include transcriptions from the writings of Frederick Parker Davis, which recount the histories of the Davis, Drury and Broyles families regarding their frontier travels and later settlements, giving particular focus to Berryman Kenchin Davis (1839-1876), as well as additional transcriptions of family correspondence, obituaries and news articles. The latter half of this first section of the collection includes notated copies of various additional resources, primarily listing birth, marriage and death records.

File Folder 1b consists entirely of the author's family group sheets and corresponding research notes. The last section of the collection, File Folder 1c, contains the author's additional research notes, i.e. newspaper clippings, copied census data, as well as biographical sketch notes tracing the family lines back to the mid 1600's. This section also includes an index of the surnames studied throughout the collection as a whole.

## Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	
FILE 1a	Lineage notes, Biographical and Historical Sketches, transcribed sections from Frederick Parker Davis's <i>Sketches of the life and character of Berryman Kenchin Davis</i> (1979) (transcription attributed to Katharine C Longino). Notated copies from <i>Vol. I Haverhill, Mass. Births</i> and <i>Vol. II Newbury Deaths and Marriages</i> , a typed list of Family Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths from Boston, Massachusetts (1630-1699) <b>Surnames</b> Davis, Fittspatrick (Fitzpatrick), Broyles, Drury, Long, Spurlock, Dalmeyer, Barnes <b>Locations</b> Wales, Macon Co. and Smith Co. Tennessee, Bedford Co. Virginia, Fulton Co. Illinois, Platte Co. Missouri, Essex Co. Massachusetts <b>Dates</b> 1456-1961

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FILE 1b                      Family Group Sheets

<b>Surnames</b>	Davis, Wiggins, Pendexter, Stephens, Newhall, Woodberry
<b>Locations</b>	Delaware Co. Ohio, Ireland, Essex Co. Massachusetts
<b>Dates</b>	1664-1849

FILE 1c                      Census Record Notes (copied from papers of Ms D J Menefee of Eugene, Oregon), typed and handwritten Genealogical Research Notes and Biographical Sketches by Marie Davis, Pedigree Charts, Family Group Sheets, Newspaper clippings, Surnames Index

<b>Surnames</b>	Davis (Davies), Stewart, Anderson, Chaney, Sutton
<b>Locations</b>	Grayson Co. Virginia, Brown Co. and Williamson Co. Illinois, Delaware Co. New York, Erie Co. Pennsylvania, Polk Co. Oregon, Glamorgan Co. Wales
<b>Dates</b>	1640-1964