

# Guide to the Charles H. S. Davis Papers

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**CREATOR:** Davis, Charles Henry Stanley, 1840-1917

**TITLE:** Charles H. S. Davis papers

**DATES:** 1855-1920

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear foot

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, writings, and genealogical materials relating to the Davis and Harris families. The correspondence and writings reflect Davis' avocational activities as editor of *Biblia*, a journal of Oriental archeology, his interest in local Connecticut history, and his research into his wife's and his own family history.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Emily H. Hall, 1948.

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The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Charles H. S. Davis was a physician. He was a resident of Meriden, Connecticut, a member of the Connecticut legislature (1873, 1885, 1886), the author of numerous books on medicine and Oriental studies, and the editor of *Biblia* from 1887-.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of correspondence and other papers of Charles H.S. Davis and his wife, Caroline E. (Harris) Davis, much of it undated. The first half of the collection contains a small number of incoming letters dealing in the main with Davis' writings and with publications which he edited, and a larger number of writings by Davis. These include a notebook, short essays and speeches, and one longer manuscript. Several of the writings deal with political matters; others discuss medicine and ancient history. There are, in addition, essays written by others and sent to Davis for publication in *Biblia*.

The second half of the collection, except for one letter from Caroline to Charles (1872 Jun 17), is devoted to the history of the Davis and Harris families and consists in part of materials relating to *The Davis Family Record*, a monthly journal edited by Davis in 1867 and 1868. Included are letters addressed to both Charles and Caroline, six notebooks concerned mostly with the Harris family, loose notes, and printed material.

These papers were donated to Yale University in 1948 by Emily H. Hall.

## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	General correspondence	1877-1920, undated
Writings		
b. 1, f. 2	Notebook	[ca. 1855-65]
b. 1, f. 3 - 5	Essays and Speeches	[1884?]-1912, undated
b. 1, f. 6 - 7	"The Human Machine" (Ms and typed copies) English	undated
b. 1, f. 8	"List of Subscribers to Index"; Printed announcement for <i>A History of the Town of Wallingford, Conn.</i> English	undated
b. 1, f. 9 - 10	Manuscripts by others submitted to <i>Biblia</i>	undated
b. 2, f. 11	Davis, Caroline Elizabeth (Harris): ALS to Charles H.S. Davis	1872 June 17
Davis and Harris family history		
b. 2, f. 12 - 18	Correspondence	1867-1904, undated
b. 2, f. 19 - 22	Notebooks	undated
b. 2, f. 23 - 25	Loose notes	undated
b. 2, f. 26	Printed matter	[ca. 1870-1915]

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Archaeology

### **Geographic Names**

Connecticut -- History

### **Names**

Davis, Charles Henry Stanley, 1840-1917

### **Families**

Davis family  
Harris family