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Abstract: This collection contains the papers of California businessman and two-term U.S. Representative Horace Davis. The papers include Davis’s correspondence, manuscripts, publications, and genealogical research. They also encompass the documents of the Davis family in America from the 17th to 20th centuries and include land deeds and other contracts, family registers, wills and estates, correspondence, and other personal and official documents. Smaller sections of the collection pertain to the Bancroft family and the California minister Thomas Starr King.
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Alternate Forms Available
There are no alternate forms of this collection.
Related Materials
Photographs from the Horace Davis collection of Davis-Bancroft-King family papers, BANC PIC 2016.042.
George Bancroft letters, 1845-1886, BANC MSS Z-Z 120.
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Acquisitions Information
Accruals
No additions are expected.
System of Arrangement
Arranged to the folder level.
Processing Information
Processed by Lori Dedeyan in 2017.
Biographical Information
Horace Davis was a businessman and United States Representative from California. Davis was born on March 16, 1831 in Worcester, Massachusetts. He attended the Worcester public schools and Williams College, graduated from Harvard University in 1849, and studied law in the Dane Law School of Harvard University. He was the son of Massachusetts Governor John Davis and the younger brother of diplomat John Chandler Bancroft Davis.
Davis relocated to San Francisco, California, in 1852, where he first worked as a gold miner, surveyor on a coastal steamer, and a purser for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. He helped found the Mercantile Library Association of California and resigned from the organization in 1855. In 1860, he established the Golden Gate Flouring Mills and later became president of The Sperry Flour Company, which was formed from a consolidation of several local mills in 1892.

During the Civil War, Davis served in a San Francisco-based Home Guard, a local militia and “secret league... formed to ensure the loyalty of California to the Lincoln administration” and to elect a loyal governor, Leland Stanford, through active campaigning, maintaining “patriotic propaganda throughout the state,” and patrolling the polls on election day (1). He presided over the Produce Exchange of San Francisco from 1867 to 1877, when he was elected as a Republican to the United States House of Representatives. He served there from March 4, 1877 to March 3, 1881.

As a representative from California in Congress, Horace Davis campaigned actively against Chinese immigration and was important to the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, the first law implemented in the United States to prevent immigration on the basis of ethnicity. Speaking in 1878 and 1879 in support of Congressional legislation restricting Chinese immigration, Davis used racist and hyperbolic rhetoric to warn of “an invasion of Asians” turning California into “a Mongolian state” and from there “likely to flood the country,” and described Chinese migrants as “utterly an alien in the body-politic, and like some foreign substance in the human body, breeding fever and unrest till that system is relieved of its unwelcome presence.” He promised his argument on this explanation: “Our fathers dealt simply with the question of European immigration. The strangers coming to these shores in early days... were so little different from our own people that they readily found a place in the great family. But even the founders of the Republic, in their boasted equality of all men, recognized the diversity of races, excluded the Indian from representation, and provided for negro slavery”(2)(3). This collection contains a letter from U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California, John M. Coghlan, referencing his and Davis’s involvement in a local ‘Anti-Coolie Club’. He was unsuccessful in his candidacy to the Forty-seventh Congress.

Davis presided over the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce from 1883 to 1884 and the Savings and Loan Society in 1885. He served as a member of the Republican National Committee from 1880-1888. He was elected president of the University of California in 1888 but resigned in 1890. He was named president of the board of trustees of Stanford University by its founder, Leland Stanford, whose gubernatorial election he had worked to secure as part of the Home Guard of 1861. He served in this capacity from 1885 to 1916.

Though Horace Davis was a staunch opponent of Chinese migration, his flour milling companies exported large quantities of flour to China, the Philippines, and Japan (4). This collection contains letters from Senator Stephen M. White to Horace Davis at the Sperry Flour Company during the period of increased hostilities preceding the Spanish-American War (1896-1897). The letters contain direct references to tariff impositions on breadstuffs in the Philippines and to White’s intercession, at Davis’s behest, in the Spanish government on behalf of Warner, Blodgett & Co., Manila, which opened one of the first big steam-powered mills in the Philippines (5). After the start of the American occupation of the Philippines in 1898, Davis rejected an invitation to join the Anti-Imperialist League in 1904, stating that he believed that it was the duty of the United States to ensure that Filipinos were “fit for self-government before we thrust it upon them,” meaning a continued American military presence, which secured American financial interests in the Philippines (6). In 1929, Sperry Flour Company was buried in Cypress Lawn Cemetery.

Davis was married twice and was a devout Unitarian. He died after an appendicitis operation in San Francisco in 1916 and was buried in Cypress Lawn Cemetery.

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Scope and Contents
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The collection is divided into seven series:

Series 1 (Correspondence) includes the incoming correspondence of Horace Davis, his son, Norris K. Davis, his wife, Edith K. Davis, and his father, Massachusetts governor John Davis.

Series 2 (Davis family documents) is divided into two subseries: historic documents and contemporary documents. The historic documents were collected in a scrapbook and range from the 17th to 19th centuries. The documents contemporary to the time of Horace Davis cover the 19th and 20th centuries.

Series 3 (Manuscripts) contains the writings of Horace Davis, including his articles and memoirs.

Series 4 (Genealogical research) contains five scrapbooks of correspondence, notes, clippings, and other research material collected by Horace Davis about the Davis, Bancroft, Chandler, and Brigham families.

Series 5 (Publications) includes prints and reprints of articles, speeches, sermons, and other writings by Horace Davis, Andrew McFarland Davis, John Davis, Hasbrouck Davis, Lucretia Bancroft, Thomas Starr King, and other authors.

Series 6 (Thomas Starr King) contains the collected documents of California minister and Union loyalist Thomas Starr King.

Series 7 (Mayberry Davis) contains the journal of Mayberry Davis, of undetermined relation to Horace Bancroft.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Davis, John, 1787-1854 -- Archives.
Davis, Horace, 1831-1916 -- Archives.
Davis, Dolor, 1593-1673 -- Archives.
King, Thomas Starr, 1824-1864--Archives.
Contracts for deeds--United States.
Legislators--United States.
Davis, Horace, 1831-1916

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Series 1. **Correspondence 1834-1923**

- **Physical Description:** Carton 1, folders 1-18; Box 4, folders 1-2; Box 10, folder 4
- **Arrangement**
  - Arranged by recipient, then chronologically.
- **Scope and Contents**
  - Incoming correspondence addressed to Horace Davis, Norris K. Davis, Edith K. Davis, and John Davis.

- **Carton 1, folder 1**
  - Horace Davis- donations to Harvard Library 1863-1869

- **Box 4, Folders 1-2**
  - Letters to Horace Davis circa 1848-1860
  - **General**
  - Taken from a water-damaged scrapbook.

- **Box 10, Folder 4**
  - Letters to Horace Davis circa 1848-1860
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- **Carton 1, folder 2**
  - Letters to Horace Davis 1849-1853, 1870-1878
  - Letters to Horace Davis 1878-1906

- **Carton 1, Folders 3-7**
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**Series 1. Correspondence 1834-1923**

**Series 2. Davis family documents 1667-1942**

- **Physical Description:** Carton 1, folders 41-44; Carton 2, folders 3-17; Box 1; Box 4, folders 3-6; Box 10, folders 1-3; Oversize folder 1
- **Arrangement:**
  - Arranged into two subseries: Historic family documents and Contemporary family documents.
- **Scope and Contents:**
  - Includes the documents of the Davis family in America from 1967-1942.

**Subseries 2.1. Historic family documents 1667-1881**

- **Physical Description:** Box 1
- **Arrangement:**
  - Arranged chronologically.
- **Scope and Contents:**
  - These materials were originally kept together in a scrapbook and represent the historic documents of the Davis family. Included are land deeds, contracts, birth and death records, property records, and correspondence. Land records primarily concern property in New Hampshire and Worcester County, Massachusetts (Marlborough and Northborough towns).

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**Subseries 2.2. Contemporary family documents 1822-1942**

- Physical Description: Carton 1, folders 41-44; Carton 2, folders 3-17; Box 4, folders 3-6; Box 10, folders 1-3; Oversize folder 1
- Arrangement: Arranged in a roughly chronological order.
- Scope and Contents: This collection contains the documents of the Davis family roughly contemporary to the time of Horace Davis, such as land deeds; military certificates; receipts, invoices, and other business documents; daybooks and registers; and wills and estates.

- carton 1, folder 41: Davis family farm book (register of accounts) 1822-1844
- box 10, Folder 2: John Davis- land grant for U.S. Land Office, signed by President Martin Van Buren 1839
- carton 1, folder 42: Mrs. Horace Davis- day book (register of entertainments) 1899-1905
- carton 1, folder 43: Land deeds: T.W. Lyles to John F. Kennedy (1860), Louis Riller to Miles Laughrin (1856), Miles L6aughrin to Andrew Williamson (1864) 1856-1864
SF Chamber of Commerce and Naval Rosters 1888-1899

Scope and Contents
Thirty-Eighth Annual Report of the Chamber of Commerce, of San Francisco. (1888)
Officers and Members of the American Society of Naval Engineers. (1899)
Journal of the American Society of Naval Engineers. Volume XI. (1899)
List and Station of the Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the Navy of the United States, and of the Marine Corps... (1898)

Horace Davis- receipts and invoices 1874-1875

Horace Davis- marriage license and poster for San Francisco mayoral candidacy 1875, 1899

Horace Davis- bills, receipts, and property taxes 1877-1884

Horace Davis- Fireman's Fund Insurance Company receipts 1878-1882

Norris K. Davis- cards and identification 1883, 1917-1935

Norris K. Davis- military service 1899-1923

Norris K. Davis- military certificates for Second Assistant Engineer, Captain in Coast Artillery Corps and Major in Coast Artillery Corps 1901-1902, 1918-1919

Wedding invitations 1896-1909

Contract of sale of Norris K. Davis machine works 1907

Estate of Julia M. Norris 1904

Estate of Edith K. Davis 1910

Last Will and Testament of Frederica Gore Davis 1916

Estate of Horace Davis 1926

Norris Davis divorce proceedings 1932

Miscellaneous circa 1860-1900

Clippings of Horace Davis, Norris K. Davis, George Bancroft circa 1890-1950

Clippings of society pages and obituaries 1907, 1938-1942

Photographs of persons and churches 1872-1903

Scope and Contents
Horace Davis, Bancroft Davis, Old Hollis Street Church, Stockton Admission Day Celebration (September 9, 1896), unidentified group photograph of schoolchildren with teacher, East Farleigh Church, Paine Homestead in Worcester, Massachusetts, Unitarian Church of Northboro, Massachusetts.

Portrait engravings, drawings, and print reproductions circa 1840-1901

Scope and Contents
John Davis, Rufus Chandler, Patty Howe Davis, David Davis, Phineas Davis, Eliza Bancroft Davis.

Memorial resolution for Horace Davis from Savings Union Bank 1916

Plaque: dedication of the library collection of Horace Davis undated

Poster: dedication of the library collection of Horace Davis undated

Series 3. Manuscripts 1844-1939

Physical Description: Carton 1, folders 19-40; Carton 2, folders 1-2

Arrangement
Horace Davis works arranged chronologically. Works by other authors listed afterwards.

Scope and Contents
Manuscripts and typescripts for memoirs and articles by Horace Davis. Also includes translations and transcriptions of the diaries of Heinrich Lienhard and Captain John A. Sutter at New Helvetia, as well as poetry by other authors about Horace Davis.

Horace Davis memoirs for years 1844-1881 circa 1900

Horace Davis memoirs for years 1886-1893 circa 1900

Horace Davis memoirs for years 1883-1884 circa 1900
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Series 4. Genealogical research by Horace Davis 1830-1912

Physical Description: Boxes 5-9
Arrangement
Arranged in a roughly chronological order, by scrapbook.
Scope and Contents
Five scrapbooks of correspondence, research, and collected clippings by Horace Davis, about the Davis, Bancroft, Chandler, and Brigham families.

Box 5
Scrapbook: Genealogical research by Horace Davis on descendants of Dolor Davis circa 1830-1912
Scope and Contents
Includes publications by Horace Davis about Governor John Davis, Eliza Bancroft Davis, and Dolor Davis; correspondence, notes, and research material; and other documents used by Horace Davis in his research. All materials have been pasted into the scrapbook.

Box 6
Scrapbook: Genealogical research by Horace Davis on the Bancroft, Brigham, and Chandler families circa 1847-1912
Scope and Contents
Includes correspondence, notes, research material, and other documents used by Horace Davis in his research. Also included are some official documents belonging to Horace Davis. All materials have been pasted into the scrapbook.

Box 7
Scrapbook: newspaper clippings about Davis family and Civil War 1853-1912
Scope and Contents
Includes clippings of poetry, short stories, and articles by various authors and from various newspapers and magazines, such as Harper's Bazaar, Ladies' Home Journal, Century Magazine, and several others.

Physical Description: Boxes 2-3; Carton 2, folders 22-30

Arrangement
Arranged by author, and then alphabetically by work.

Scope and Contents
The published speeches, sermons, articles, and other writings of Andrew McFarland Davis, Horace Davis, John Davis, Thomas Starr King, Lucretia Bancroft, and Hasbrouck Davis. Also includes writings about the aforementioned.

box 2, Folder 1
Andrew McFarland Davis: A-E 1890-1903
Scope and Contents
Andros's Publication Money (1900); Boston "Banks", 1681-1740. Those Who Were Interested in Them (1903); Certain Considerations Concerning the Coinage of the Colony and the Public Bills of Credit of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay (1899); The College in Early Days (Harvard, 1893); Corporations in the Days of the Colony (1894); The Currency and Provincial Politics (1900); The Early College Buildings at Cambridge (1890).

box 2, Folder 2
Andrew McFarland Davis: F-H 1887-1908
Scope and Contents
A Few Words About the Writings of Thomas Shephard (1908); The Fund at Boston in New England (1903); Hints of Contemporary Life in the Writings of Thomas Shepard (1908); An Historical Study of Law's System (1887); Historical Work in Massachusetts (1893).

box 2, Folder 3
Andrew McFarland Davis: I-J 1886-1907
Scope and Contents
The Indian College at Cambridge; Indian GamesL An Historical Research (1886); A Few Additional Notes Concerning Indian Games (1887); Jackson's LL.D. A Tempest in a Tea-Pot (1907); John Harvard's Life in America (1908); The Journey of Moncacht-Apé, An Indian of the Yazoo Tribe, Across the Continent, About the Year 1700 (1889).

box 2, Folder 4
Andrew McFarland Davis: L-M 1882-1905
Scope and Contents
Lawful Money, 1778 and 1779 (1903); The Law of Adultery and Ignominious Punishments (1895); The Utility of a Liberal Education in Every-day Life (1882); The limitation of Prices in Massachusetts, 1776-1779 (1905); The Merchants' Notes of 1733 (1903).

box 2, Folder 5
Andrew McFarland Davis: O-P, S-T 1889-1910
Scope and Contents
Occult Methods of Protecting the Currency, Sewall's Mnemonic Lines and Their Interpretation (1899); "Previous Legislation": A Corrective for Colonial Troubles (1900); The Prospectus of Blackwell's Bank, 1687 (1904); Provincial Bands: Land and Silver (1895); The Site of the First College Building at Cambridge (1889); Two Forgotten Pamphleteers in the Massachusetts Currency Controversy, 1720-1740 (1910).

box 2, Folder 6
Horace Davis: A 1884-1912
Scope and Contents
An Afternoon View of College Life (1912); Alexander S. Taylor (in Overland Monthly, 1886); American Constitutions: The Relations of the Three Departments As Adjusted by a Century (1884).
Horace Davis: C-J 1872-1909
Scope and Contents
California Breadstuffs (1894); Collegiate Education of Women (1890); Dr. Benjamin Gott: A Family of Doctors (1909); The Flouring Industry of California (1897); The "Home Guard" of 1861 (1917); Japanese Wrecks in American Waters (1872); Horatio Stebbins (1909).

Horace Davis: L-W 1868-1898
Scope and Contents
Liberal Christianity (address, 1885); The Limitations of State Universities (1891); The Loss of the Harriet (Overland Monthly, 1891); The Nicaragua Canal (Overland Monthly, 1892); The Relation of the University to the Public Schools (1889); Shakespeare and Copyright (The Atlantic Monthly, 1893); Shakespeare and Lyly (1893); Shakespere's Sonnets (Overland Monthly, 1888); Wheat in California (Overland Monthly, 1868); Wheat in California: Retrospect and Prospect (Overland Monthly, 1898).

Horace Davis: The Patriotic Services of Thomas Starr King 1899

Horace Davis: speeches in Congress 1878-1879
Scope and Contents
Chinese Immigration: Speech of Hon. Horace Davis of California, in the House of Representatives, June 8, 1878.

Horace Davis: books 1881, 1911
Scope and Contents
Dolor Davis: A Sketch of His Life with a Record of His Earlier Descendants. Private printing. 1881.

Mrs. Lucretia (Chandler) Bancroft: A Letter to her Daughter, Mrs. Gherardi 1901

Hasbrouck Davis: The Subterfuge of Infidelity, a sermon 1853

In Memoriam: Hasbrouck Davis 1871

Thomas Starr King: sermons and orations 1852-1892

Publications about Bancroft and Davis family members 1885-1912
Scope and Contents
Biographies, records, and memorial proceedings for John Davis, John Chandler Bancroft Davis, George Bancroft, and Hasbrouck Davis.


Works by other authors 1824-1913

Issues of the Christian Register 1899-1900

John Davis: speeches before Congress 1838, 1840
Scope and Contents
Speech of Mr. Davis, of Massachusetts, upon the Bill Reported by the Committee of Finance, and Commonly Called the Sub-Treasury Bill (1838)
Sub-Treasury Bill. Reply of John Davis, of Massachusetts, to Mr. Buchanan, on Pennsylvania, on the Reduction of Wages and of the Value of Property (1840)

Physical Description: Carton 2, folders 18-21; Box 10, folder 5; Oversize folder 1

Arrangement
Arranged by category of material.

Scope and Contents
Includes collected correspondence, personal documents, portraits, and clippings about the life and memorialization of Thomas Starr King.

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Correspondence 1848-1864

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Personal documents 1848-1861

.carton 2, folder 20
Honors and memorials 1864-1931

carton 2, folder 21
Clippings about T.S. King 1922-1932

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Clippings about T.S. King circa 1892

box 10, Folder 5
Photographs, engraving, and clippings circa 1870-1931, 1976

Series 7. Mayberry Davis circa 1849-1861

Scope and Contents
One letter and one journal belonging to Mayberry Davis, of unknown relation to the family of Horace Davis.

Carton 2, Folder 29

Mayberry Davis, tax log and memoir/ fictionalized autobiography circa 1849-1861