

# Guide to the F. Trubee Davison Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 601

**CREATOR:** Davison, Frederick Trubee, 1896-1974

**TITLE:** F. Trubee Davison papers

**DATES:** 1882-1961

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 10.5 linear feet (21 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, speeches, scrapbooks, photographs and memorabilia documenting Davison's activities as founder of a Yale aviation unit during World War I, his political career in the Republican Party in New York State, his presidency of the American Museum of Natural History (1933-1951) and his activities in many foundations, academic institutions and philanthropies. The aspect of his life most thoroughly documented is his organization of a Yale flying unit, which was formally recognized by the Navy in 1917 for action in the war. The records include correspondence, financial and legal papers relating to the formation and operation of the unit, maps, photographs, ephemera and printed articles about the unit. A series of radio broadcasts (1941) on its history were recorded on phonograph discs (now in the Historical Sound Recordings of the Sterling Memorial Library) and slides made in 1966 in connection with a 50th anniversary celebration are also in the papers. Although his political career as a member of the New York State Assembly (1922-1926) and as Assistant Secretary of War (Air) from 1926 to 1933 is reflected in only a small amount of correspondence and speeches, he was in touch with notable public figures. Among them are Robert E. Byrd, Calvin Coolidge, Charles G. Dawes, Thomas Dewey, Dwight Eisenhower, Herbert Hoover, Charles A. Lindbergh, Douglas MacArthur, Robert Moses, Ernie Pyle, Eddie Rickenbacker, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Theodore Roosevelt.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mrs. F. Trubee Davison and Endicott P. Davison in 1969, 1980, and 1982.

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Scrapbooks, 1921-1931 are available on microfilm (7,516 frames on 7 reels, 35mm.) from Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library, at cost. Order no. HM142.

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## Biographical / Historical

Aviation pioneer; B.A. Yale, 1918, M.A., 1921; during World War I founded the first Yale aviation unit which formed the nucleus of the first naval reserve flying corps and was the foundation from which the U.S. naval aviation forces, foreign service, grew; admitted to bar, 1922; N.Y. State assemblyman, 1922-1926; Asst. Secretary of War, 1926-1933; president of Museum of Natural History, 1933-1951; dir. of personnel, C.I.A. 1951-1952.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers of F. Trubee Davison document his life and career as a naval aviator, lawyer, politician, museum director, intelligence officer, and philanthropist. The Davison papers total 10.5 feet and are arranged in 21 boxes. This material is arranged in the following four series: I. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE AND SPEECHES 1882-1978; II. FIRST YALE UNIT 1914-1979; III. PHOTOGRAPHS 1896-[ca. 1966]; and IV. SCRAPBOOKS 1921-1931.

SERIES I contains correspondence, speeches, and miscellaneous material from 1916-1974. Files which detail aspects of Davison's professional career as well as personal correspondence with friends and associates are arranged here.

Davison's service on the National Crime Commission, 1925-1927, is of particular interest (folders 104-107). Davison chaired this commission from 1925-1926. His correspondence, printed material, and scrapbooks (SERIES IV) illuminate the operations of the commission as the members, who included Franklin Delano Roosevelt, struggled with the growing problem of crime in America.

From 1951-1952 Davison served as assistant director of the Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.). Befitting his position with the C.I.A., Davison's correspondence (folder 27) focuses on personnel matter within the agency, primarily in the area of recruitment.

Prior to Davison's appointment to the C.I.A. he served as president of the American Museum of Natural History from 1933-1951. Davison is credited with placing the museum on sound financial footing and permitting several advances in building construction and museum exhibits to develop. Both Mr. and Mrs. Davison travelled on expeditions for the museum, and they participated in the Martin Johnson African Expedition in 1933. This project culminated with a film record of its activities and the addition of several elephants and other species to the museum's holdings.

Daniel Pomeroy, a member of the Davison family, also participated in the expedition and travelled extensively throughout Africa. Correspondence files for the museum (folders 4-5), Martin Johnson (folders 72-74), and Daniel Pomeroy (folder 135) all reflect aspects of the planning, problems, and progress which marked the African expedition.

The popularity and success of Davison at the museum can be measured to a limited degree by the many letters he received upon his resignation (folder 38).

The career of Davison as an elected public official, which includes his work as a New York state assemblyman, 1922-1926, and as the republican party's gubernatorial candidate in 1932, is poorly documented. Files on 1932 election statistics (folder 54), a Nassau County School bill (folder 102), the Nassau County Republican Committee (folder 103), the 1924 Republican state convention (folder 144), and various speeches (folders 160-161) provide a rather limited view of Davison's political life. Related material on this subject is arranged in SERIES III (campaign photographs, folder 287) and SERIES IV (scrapbooks).

Even less documentation is available for Davison's service as Assistant Secretary of War (for Air) from 1926-1933. Personnel files from his military career (folders 97-98) and letters of congratulations from associates upon military promotions (folders 36-37) provide only rudimentary background information. Scrapbooks in SERIES IV, which contain clippings from several newspapers, include numerous accounts of Davison's inspection tours and examinations of U.S. aviation facilities and equipment.

Davison corresponded with many notable figures in his military and political careers, although much of this material is quite routine in nature. Among the individuals in this series are: Robert E. Byrd, Calvin Coolidge, Charles G. Dawes, Thomas Dewey, Dwight Eisenhower, Herbert Hoover, Charles A. Lindbergh, Douglas MacArthur, Robert Moses, Ernest "Ernie" Pyle, E. V. "Eddie" Rickenbacker, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Theodore Roosevelt.

Many of the private clubs, foundations, academic institutions, and philanthropic agencies that Davison joined and supported financially are documented in this series. Some of the organizations represented here include: Winston Churchill Memorial Foundation, Columbia University, Creek Club, Explorer's Club, Groton School, Hofstra University, National Recreation and Parks Association, Sagamore Hill Committee, and St. John's (Church) of Lattington, New York.

Davison, a life-long resident of Long Island, New York, took an active role in the Oyster Bay-Rye bridge dispute (folders 113-116). The debate over construction of this bridge brought Davison into conflict with an old "friend" and political adversary, Robert Moses. Davison's opposition to the bridge included his membership in the Non Partisan Civic Association, a formal body which protested the project. Davison also remained an active alumnus of Yale University and his service included that of Alumni Fellow of the Yale

Corporation, 1931-1953. He also was a generous financial contributor to the university and assisted in the acquisition of Horse Island as well as in efforts on behalf of the class of 1918 (folders 177-181).

Additional files in this series include personal correspondence with friends and associates and biographical material on Davison and members of his family. Kate Trubee Davison, his mother, is memorialized in a biographical sketch (folder 43) and the Reverend Endicott Peabody, his father-in-law, was the subject of a documentary film which Davison financed (folders 125-129). Biographical material on Davison includes obituaries and sketches (folder 112). Davison also participated in two oral histories, for Columbia University (folder 34) and for the Herbert Hoover Oral History Program (folder 69). Transcripts and tapes of these oral histories are not located in the collection, only related correspondence.

SERIES II contains correspondence, photographs, and material assembled by Davison to document the history of the Yale Unit. Davison gathered his own materials and those items supplied by fellow members of the Yale Unit to assist in the creation of a two volume history of the unit written by Ralph D. Paine. The work was published in 1925, as *The First Yale Unit, A Story of Naval Aviation 1916-1919*. Additional material was gathered for the fiftieth anniversary of the naval air reserve in 1966.

Correspondence files for this series contain letters from many of the twelve original members of the Yale Unit, ten of whom were Yale graduates:

- Ames, Alan W. (Y. 1918)
- Brown, Wellesley Laud
- Davison, F. Trubee (Y. 1918)
- Davison, Henry P., Jr. (Y. 1920)
- Ditman, Albert J., Jr.
- Farwell, John V., III (Y. 1918)
- Gates, Artemus L. (Y. 1918)
- Gould, Erl C.B. (Y. 1918)
- Lovett, Robert A. (Y. 1918)
- Sturtevant, Albert D. (Y. 1916S), (killed during World War I)
- Vorys, John M. (Y. 1918)
- Wiman, Charles D. (Y. 1915S)

Davison also maintained correspondence files for those members of the Yale Unit who joined the group soon after the United States' entrance into World War I. Davison was critically injured during a training flight and was not an active pilot during the war. He was commissioned a lieutenant and served in an administrative capacity nonetheless. This incident no doubt facilitated his ability to compile a history of the unit, as many comrades wrote Davison on their war experiences.

- Beach, C. F. (Y. 1918)
- Brush, Graham M. (Y. 1917S)
- Coombe, Reginald G. (Y. 1918)
- Ingalls, David S. (Y. 1920)
- Ireland, R. Livingston (Y. 1918S)
- James, Oliver B. (Y. 1918)
- Landon, Henry H. (Y. 1917)
- Lawrence, George F., Jr. (Y. 1918)
- Lynch, Francis R. V. (Y. 1918S)
- MacLeish, Kenneth (Y. 1918), (killed during World War I)
- McIlwaine, Archibald G. (Y. 1918)
- Read, Curtis S. (Y. 1918), (killed during World War I)
- Rockefeller, William A. (Y. 1918)
- Smith, Kenneth Rose (Y. 1917S)
- Stewart, Charles M. (Y. 1917)
- Thompson, William P., II (Y. 1918S)
- Walker, Samuel S. (Y. 1917)

Correspondence files exist for these additional members, with the exceptions of R. Bartow Reed and Charles M. Stewart. In addition to correspondence, photos, and service records, brief historical essays

written by the unit members are also found within some files. This material was useful for Paine's history as well as for an essay Davison contributed to *Yale in the World War*, edited by George Henry Nettleton, entitled "The First Yale Naval Aviation Unit."

Many members of the Yale Unit went on to distinguished military careers. Artemus L. "Di" Gates served as Assistant Secretary of War (for Air) in the Navy and as Under Secretary of the Navy. Robert A. Lovett also served as Assistant Secretary for War (for Air) in World War II and as Secretary of Defense from 1951-1953. Their correspondence files here reflect on their early military careers, however.

Other correspondence files consist of materials which document the business of organizing, financing and operating the Yale Unit. Prior to formal recognition of the unit by the navy in 1917, when it was designated "Aerial Coast Patrol Unit No. 1," the group was financed through the generosity of Davison's parents and his uncle, Daniel Pomeroy. Correspondence with private contractors who supplied equipment and service reflect on the unit's early days. These contractors include: American Trans Oceanic Company (folder 190), Curtiss Aeroplane Motor Company (folder 195), Erie Specialty Company (folder 207), Fyfe's Shipyard (folder 212), General Ordinance Company (folder 218), Hammond Radio Research Laboratory (folder 221), Sperry Gyroscope Company (folder 248), and Steel Fabrication Company (folder 249).

Davison's individual role in the formation and success of the Yale Unit, as well as the contributions of the Unit itself, were officially recognized in 1966. A television documentary "Fifty Years After" (folder 209) provided national publicity and coincided with commemorative ceremonies at the Long Island site where the unit first trained (folders 234-236) and with a special Navy League dinner in 1966 which featured an address and slide show on the Yale Unit and "The F. Trubee Davison Story" (folders 239-242; 266).

Photographs in this series relate specifically to the Yale Unit. They include slides used at the Navy League dinner in 1966. A photo album (folder 259) contains views of early aircraft, aviation efforts, and aviators. Dr. Alexander Graham Bell and his "Tetrahedral Kite" are included in this album. Among the snapshots from the Yale Unit's Florida training site are photographs of the "Mary Ann," the first aircraft used by the group.

Miscellanea includes training manuals used by the Yale Unit, and ephemera of Davison, including his dog tags, "wings," and compass.

SERIES III consists of personal photographs of F. Trubee Davison and his family from 1896- [ca. 1966]. In addition to portraits of Davison, campaign photographs, and group family photographs, there are views of exhibits at the American Museum of Natural History and the Martin Johnson African Expedition. Photographs for the Yale Unit are arranged in SERIES II and those items identifiable as enclosures are arranged in SERIES I.

SERIES IV contains microfilmed scrapbooks of clippings about Davison, his family, and aviation in general from 1921-1931. One scrapbook, volume 16, is missing from the numerical run of volumes 1-48. These scrapbooks do not consistently follow a chronological arrangement. The clippings provide a good deal of information about Davison's political careers as a New York state assemblyman, chairman of the National Crime Commission, and Assistant Secretary of War (for Air). These clippings appear to be a thorough compilation of articles from several newspapers across America.

Ten phonograph albums have been transferred to the Historical Sound Recordings section of Sterling Memorial Library. "Wings Over America" is a nine record set of radio shows broadcast in three installments on January 5, 12, 19, 1941. These shows dramatize several incidents in the development and history of the Yale Unit with the use of professional actors, although Wellesley Laud Brown and Kenneth R. Smith are interviewed and do supply their personal recollections. "The U.S. Navy: Patriotism" (disc 2; group 3) provides a brief summary of the accomplishments of Davison.

Mrs. F. Trubee Davison and her son, Endicott P. Davison, donated the Davison papers to Yale. The papers arrived in three separate installments in 1969, 1980, and 1982.

Other collections which contain letters of F. Trubee Davison include the Charles D. Hilles Papers (ms. group no. 281), the Inquiry Papers (ms. group no. 8), the Walter Lippman Papers (ms. group no. 326), the Samuel G. Watkins Papers (ms. group no. 698), the William A. Delano Papers (ms. group no. 178), the Dean Gooderham Acheson Papers (ms. group no. 1078), and the Charles A. Lindbergh Papers (ms. group no. 325).

## **Arrangement**

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE AND SPEECHES, 1882-1978

*5 linear feet (12 boxes)*

These files are arranged chronologically by correspondent and/or topic. In addition to personal correspondence with Reverend Endicott Peabody, material relating to a documentary film on Peabody's life is also arranged under his name. Similarly, the correspondence of Daniel Pomeroy, which includes letters with Martin Johnson, is arranged under Pomeroy's name. Photographs have remained with correspondence when identifiable as enclosures, for additional photographs see SERIES II and III.

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b. 11, f. 168	<i>Unification of the Armed Forces</i> - (Chapter III): "Decline of Interest: 1926-1939" by L.J. Logere, Jr.	undated
b. 11, f. 169	University of the State of New York -Regents Council on the Education Practices Act	1953-1961
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b. 11, f. 171	Wa-Wh	1945-1974
b. 11, f. 172	Wi-Wz	1948-1974
b. 11, f. 173	"War Organization of Japan," by Colonel Philip Cole English	1946 January 25
b. 11, f. 174	Winthrop, Robert	1965
b. 11, f. 175	Wyandanch Club	1948-1967
b. 11, f. 176	Y-Z	1938-1972
Yale University		
b. 11, f. 177	Alumni activities	1946-1948
b. 12, f. 178-179	Alumni activities	1949; 1953; 1963- 1969
b. 12, f. 180	Class of 1918	1918; 1941; 1968- 1974
b. 12, f. 181	Horse Island	1971
b. 12, f. 182	Library (donation of papers)	1968-1969
b. 12, f. 183	Yawkey, Thomas A.	1964-1965
b. 12, f. 184	Unidentified poetry and writings	undated

**Series II: FIRST YALE UNIT, 1914-1979***5 linear feet (8 boxes)*

The material in this series is divided into the following three sections: *Correspondence*; *Photographs*; and *Miscellanea*.

These materials include Davison's own correspondence and files as well as items collected from other members of the Yale Unit.

*Correspondence* files are alphabetically arranged by correspondent or topic, and include photographs and other enclosures when identifiable.

*Photographs* is also an alphabetical arrangement of files. Photographs not relating to the Yale Unit are arranged in SERIES I and III.

*Miscellanea* includes printed material and ephemera.

Correspondence

b. 13, f. 185	Aerial Coast Patrol Unit No. 1	1916-1919, undated
b. 13, f. 186-187	<a href="#">Aero Club of America</a>	1916-1920, undated
b. 13, f. 188	Alcock (John L.) and Company	1917
b. 13, f. 189	<a href="#">Ambulance service</a>	1916-1919
b. 13, f. 190	America Trans Oceanic Company	1916-1917
b. 13, f. 191	Ames, Allen W.	1917-1919; 1950
b. 13, f. 192	Beach, C. Frederick	1919
b. 13, f. 193	<a href="#">Brush, Graham M.</a>	[ca. 1915-1918]
b. 13, f. 194	Coombe, Reginald G.	1917-1924, undated
b. 13, f. 195	<a href="#">Curtiss Aeroplane Motor Company</a>	1916-1919
Davison, F. Trubee		
b. 13, f. 196-198	<a href="#">General</a>	1915-1920; 1924, undated
b. 14, f. 199	Airplane part orders	1917
b. 14, f. 200	Essay, re: history of the Yale Unit	1919
b. 14, f. 201	Military records See also: <a href="#">box 6, folder 97-98</a>	1917-1918
b. 14, f. 202	Miscellaneous papers	undated
b. 14, f. 203	<a href="#">Scrapbook (clippings)</a>	1915-1919
b. 14, f. 204	<a href="#">Davison, Henry P.</a>	1917



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b. 14, f. 205	<a href="#">Davison, Henry P., Jr.</a>	1916-1919
b. 14, f. 206	Ditman, Albert J.	1916-1918, undated
b. 14, f. 207	Erie Specialty Company	1918
b. 14, f. 208	Farwell, John V., III	1917-1919; 1966; undated
b. 14, f. 209	"Fifty Years After," television tribute to the First Yale Unit, A-Z English	1966-1967
b. 14, f. 210	<i>First Yale Unit</i> - publication and distribution of book by Ralph Paine English	1924-1942
b. 14, f. 211	<a href="#">Flight logs - for individual pilots</a>	1917 May-July
b. 14, f. 212	Fyfe's Shipyard	1918
b. 14, f. 213-217	<a href="#">Gates, Artemus L. "Di" - includes photos, writings, and miscellaneous papers</a>	1917-1918, undated
b. 14, f. 218	General Ordinance Company	1916
b. 14, f. 219	Golder, Fred R.	1917-1918
b. 14, f. 220	<a href="#">Gould, E.C.B.</a>	[ca. 1917-1918]
b. 15, f. 221	Hammond Radio Research Laboratory	1916-1917
b. 15, f. 222	<a href="#">Huntington, Long Island Base</a>	1917-1918
b. 15, f. 223	<a href="#">Ingalls, David S.</a>	1918-1924; 1968
b. 15, f. 224	Ireland, R. Livingston	1919-1924
b. 15, f. 225	James, Oliver B.	[ca. 1917-1918]
b. 15, f. 226	Landon, Henry H., Jr.	1919-1924
b. 15, f. 227	<a href="#">Lawrence, G.F., Jr., ("Lotta")</a>	[ca. 1918]
b. 15, f. 228	<a href="#">Lovett, Robert A.</a>	1917-1919; 1924
b. 15, f. 229	Lynch, Francis R. - account of military service	[ca. 1920]
b. 15, f. 230	McAlpin, Kenneth R.	1917-1918; 1924
b. 15, f. 231	McDonnell, Edward O.	1917-1919, undated
b. 15, f. 232	<a href="#">Macleish, Kenneth</a>	1918-1925
b. 15, f. 233	McIlwaine, K.	[ca. 1917]

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## Memorial ceremonies, Huntington Bay, Long Island

b. 15, f. 234	Clippings and photos	1972-1973
b. 15, f. 235	Correspondence	1972-1973
b. 15, f. 236	Proclamations	1972-1973
b. 15, f. 237	Murdock, Harvey	1917-1918
b. 15, f. 238	<a href="#">Navy Department</a>	1916-1917, undated
Navy League Dinner		
b. 15, f. 239	General	1966-1968
b. 15, f. 240	Congratulations, and narration of slide show, "The F. Trubee Davison Story"	1966
b. 15, f. 241	<a href="#">Printed material, photographs, and miscellanea</a>	1966 -1967
b. 16, f. 242	Printed material, <i>Naval Air Reserve Training Command 1916-1966</i>	1966
b. 16, f. 243	Peabody, Helen	1916-1918
b. 16, f. 244	Read, Curtis R.	[ca. 1917-1924], undated
b. 16, f. 245	<a href="#">Recruits</a>	[ca. 1917-1918]
b. 16, f. 246	Rockefeller, William A.	1918
b. 16, f. 247	Smith, Kenneth Rose	[ca. 1917-1918]
b. 16, f. 248	Sperry Gyroscope Company	1916-1917
b. 16, f. 249	Steel Fabricating Company	1917
b. 16, f. 250	<a href="#">Sturtevant, Albert D.</a>	[ca. 1917-1918]; 1924
b. 16, f. 251	Sullivan, W.F.	1917
b. 16, f. 252	Taft, William Howard	1917
b. 16, f. 253	Thompson, Lewis S.	1917-1924
b. 16, f. 254	Thompson, William P., II	[ca. 1918]
b. 16, f. 255	<a href="#">Vorys, John M.</a>	[ca. 1917-1918]
b. 16, f. 256	Walker, Samuel S.	1918; 1924
b. 16, f. 257	Willard, Eugene S.	1916-1917
b. 16, f. 258	Yale University	1917-1918
<u>Photographs</u>		
b. 16, f. 259	<a href="#">Album - early aviation photographs of planes and individuals</a>	[ca. 1908-1915]

## Photographs (continued)

b. 16, f. 260	<a href="#">Clippings</a>	1917
b. 17, f. 261-262	<a href="#">Florida training site</a>	[ca. 1918-1919]
b. 17, f. 263	<a href="#">Foreign aviation</a>	[ca. 1919]
b. 17, f. 264	<a href="#">Miscellaneous photos</a>	undated
b. 17, f. 265	<a href="#">Peacock Point, Long Island</a>	[ca. 1916]
b. 18, f. 266	<a href="#">Glass slides - Navy League Dinner</a>	1966
<u>Miscellanea</u>		
b. 19, f. 267	<i>Ground School Manual</i> , Vol. II, U.S. Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Florida English	[ca. 1918]
b. 19, f. 268	<a href="#">Maps - Belgium Coast</a>	1918
b. 19, f. 269	Personnel and payroll records	1917 April- September
b. 19, f. 270	"Training Manual, Royal Flying Corps," Part I English	1914
b. 19, f. 271	Yale Unit - articles by and about First Yale Unit	[ca. 1918-1979]
b. 19, f. 272	Yale Unit - dinners	1930-1931; 1937- 1938
b. 19, f. 273	Yale Unit - dinners, transcript of remarks	1924
b. 19, f. 274	Yale Unit - miscellaneous	[ca. 1917-1920]
b. 20, f. 275	Yale Unit - ephemera (compass, dog tags, "wings")	undated

**Series III: PHOTOGRAPHS, 1896-[ca. 1966]***5" (1 box)*

Photographs are arranged alphabetically and include scenes of Africa and exhibits at the American Museum of Natural History, members of the Davison family, campaign photos from Davison's political career, and scenes of the Yale crew team.

Photographs relating to the First Yale Unit are contained in SERIES II.

b. 21, f. 276	African tribesmen - from M. Akeley	1926
b. 21, f. 277	American Museum of Natural History	[ca. 1935-1950]
b. 21, f. 278	Children	[ca. 1930-1935]
b. 21, f. 279	Davison, F. Trubee and Mrs. Helen P. Davison	[ca. 1920-1932]
b. 21, f. 280	<a href="#">Davison, F. Trubee - portraits</a>	[ca. 1916-1950]
b. 21, f. 281	Davison, Mrs. Helen P.	[ca. 1916-1935]
b. 21, f. 282	Davison family portraits	[ca. 1920-1930]
b. 21, f. 283	Hoover, Herbert - with F. Trubee Davison	1921; 1950
b. 21, f. 284	Johnson, Martin - African expedition	[ca. 1933]
b. 21, f. 285	Miscellaneous	[ca. 1917-1966]
b. 21, f. 286	Parents and great-grandmother	1896; 1959
b. 21, f. 287	Political campaigns	[ca. 1922-1932]
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**Series IV: SCRAPBOOKS, 1921-1931***6' (16 boxes)*

This series contains microfilmed scrapbooks, 1-15; 17-48. Volume 16 is missing from the numerical sequence of scrapbooks which does not follow in strict chronological sequence.

These clippings document Davison's political careers as a state assemblyman from New York, chairman of the National Crime Commission, and Assistant Secretary of War (for Air). Additionally, there are clippings which relate to the Davison family and to the subject of aviation.

The scrapbooks are filmed in numerical sequence.

reel 1	Volume 1: 1921 Mar 22 - 1924 Aug 14
reel 1	Volume 2: 1924 Aug 10 - 1925 Dec 20
reel 1	Volume 3: 1925 Dec 20 - 1926 May 6
reel 1	Volume 4: 1926 Mar 30 - 1926 Aug 12
reel 1	Volume 5: 1926 Aug 12 - 1926 Oct 13
reel 2	Volume 6: 1926 Oct 13 - 1927 Jan 23
reel 2	Volume 7: 1927 Jan 22 - 1927 Jul 25; Sep 21
reel 2	Volume 8: 1927 May 31 - 1927 Aug 6; Oct 18
reel 2	Volume 9: 1927 Jun 13 - 1927 Oct 15
reel 2	Volume 10: 1927 Sep 28 - 1927 Dec 14
reel 2	Volume 11: 1927 Dec 2 - 1928 Mar 26
reel 3	Volume 12: 1927 Dec 28 - 1928 Jan 30
reel 3	Volume 13: 1928 Jan 17 - 1928 Mar 26
reel 3	Volume 14: 1928 Feb 28 - 1928 Apr 13
reel 3	Volume 15: 1928 Feb 21 - 1928 Apr 9
reel 3	Volume 16: MISSING
reel 3	Volume 17: 1928 Mar 13 - 1928 Aug 3
reel 3	Volume 18: 1928 Apr 6 - 1928 Jun 28; Sep 23
reel 4	Volume 19: 1928 Apr 11 - 1928 Jun 19
reel 4	Volume 20: 1928 May 12 - 1928 Oct 12
reel 4	Volume 21: 1928 Jun 26 - 1928 Sep 13
reel 4	Volume 22: 1928 Jul 30 - 1929 Feb 22
reel 4	Volume 23: 1928 May; 1928 Sep 20 - 1929 Jan 29
reel 4	Volume 24: 1928 Oct 12 - 1929 Feb 26

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reel 4	Volume 25: 1927 Mar 3 - 1929 Feb 24
reel 5	Volume 26: 1928 Dec 18 - 1929 Jan 16
reel 5	Volume 27: 1929 Jan 8 - 1929 Mar
reel 5	Volume 28: 1929 Jul 14 - 1929 Sep 30; Nov 6
reel 5	Volume 29: 1929 Mar 18 - 1929 Aug 30; Oct 24; Nov 11
reel 5	Volume 30: 1929 Apr 24 - 1929 Aug 9; Sep 5; Oct 6
reel 5	Volume 31: 1929 May 31 - 1929 Oct 27; Nov 30
reel 5	Volume 32: 1929 Jul 25 - 1930 Jan 8
reel 5	Volume 33: 1929 Sep 3 - 1929 Dec 30
reel 6	Volume 34: 1929 Oct 30 - 1929 Dec 30 (1930 Jan 1-17?)
reel 6	Volume 35: 1929 Nov 30 - 1930 Feb 4
reel 6	Volume 36: 1929 Feb 28 - 1930 Jan 26
reel 6	Volume 37: 1929 Feb 27 - 1930 Feb 15
reel 6	Volume 38: 1929 Nov 24 - 1930 Nov 29
reel 6	Volume 39: 1930 Feb 4 - 1930 Aug 26
reel 6	Volume 40: 1930 Jan 18 - 1930 Aug 31
reel 6	Volume 41: 1930 Feb 18 - 1931 Jan 14
reel 6	Volume 42: 1930 May 3 - 1931 Jan 24
reel 7	Volume 43: 1930 May 14 - 1930 Sep 26
reel 7	Volume 44: 1930 Aug 12 - 1930 Nov 25
reel 7	Volume 45: 1930 Sep 22 - 1930 Nov 3
reel 7	Volume 46: 1930 Sep 17 - 1931 Jan 25
reel 7	Volume 47: 1930 Sep 18 - 1931 Jan 26; 1930 Feb 9 - 1930 May 31
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## 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

Aeronautics  
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World War, 1914-1918 -- Aerial operations,  
American  
World War, 1914-1918 -- Personal narratives

### Geographic Names

New York (State) -- Politics and government --  
1865-1950

### Genres / Formats

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Davison, Frederick Trubee, 1896-1974  
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Johnson, Martin, 1884-1937  
Lamont, Thomas A.  
Lewis, W. S. (Wilmarth Sheldon), 1895-1979  
Lovett, Robert A. (Robert Abercrombie),  
1895-1986  
Peabody, Endicott, 1857-1944  
Pomeroy, Daniel Eleazer, 1868-1965  
Smith, Kenneth Rose, 1894-1976  
Thomas, Lowell, 1892-1981

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