

Guide to the The Walter G. Davis Papers

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CALL NUMBER: MS 469

CREATOR: Davis, Walter Goodwin, 1885-1966

TITLE: Walter Goodwin Davis papers

DATES: 1918-1919

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, notes, and other papers, including a diary, of Walter G. Davis, Assistant Military Attaché at Berne in 1918. After the November armistice he was attached to the American Commission to Negotiate Peace in Paris. He was also a member of the Coolidge Mission to Austria-Hungary until March, 1919.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Walter G. Davis in 1958.

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Biographical / Historical

Walter Goodwin Davis was born in Portland, Maine, on May 24, 1885. He attended Exeter and received his B.A., Yale in 1908 (along with Charles Seymour and Gordon Auchincloss). After completing his law studies at Harvard (LL.B. '11) he joined the firm of Shearman and Sterling in New York. Subsequently he returned to Portland where he pursued a business and banking career. In the meantime, following the American declaration of war against Germany in April 1917, Davis attended Officers Training Camp at Plattsburg and received a commission as Captain of Infantry in early 1918. He was assigned to the Military Intelligence Service, and served as Assistant Military Attache at Berne, with occasional duty at General Headquarters in Chaumont. After the November armistice he was attached to the American Commission to Negotiate Peace in Paris, subsequently being transferred to Vienna as a member of the Coolidge Mission, where he remained until March 1919.

Scope and Contents

The Davis Papers comprise 16 folders (contained in one box) that include (a) notes, memoranda and various other items connected with his stay in Berne; and (b) a limited amount of correspondence and a copy of the personal diary which Davis kept in the course of his fact-finding tour with the Coolidge Mission.

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General Correspondence (1919 Jan-Mar)

b. 1, f. 1	Dulles, Allen [and Charles Seymour] [7 items] A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	
b. 1, f. 2	Goodwin, Phillip [1 item] A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	
b. 1, f. 3	King, Frederic [1 item] A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	
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b. 1, f. 6	Parker, Franklin E. [1 item] A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	
<h3>Memoranda and Notes (1918 Aug-Dec)</h3>		
b. 1, f. 7	Office of the Military Attache: organizational and routine matters A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1918 Aug, undated
b. 1, f. 8	Memoranda on coordination of counter-intelligence reports A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	undated
b. 1, f. 9	Memoranda to Lt. Col. Godson A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1918 September- December

b. 1, f. 10	Miscellaneous memoranda on military intelligence A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	
b. 1, f. 11	Memorandum on Propaganda A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	undated
b. 1, f. 12	Memoranda on repatriation of P.O.W.'s A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1918 Oct, undated
b. 1, f. 13	The "Von Rechtman" reports [Mme Styschinska] A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1918 March- November
Personal and Memorabilia		
b. 1, f. 14	Newspaper clippings [Swiss and French] A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1918 November
b. 1, f. 15	Photos, and [printed] List of Berne Diplomatic Corps A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1918 March
b. 1, f. 16	Personal Diary, 116 pp. A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1918 December 20-1919 March 6

Selected Search Terms

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Subjects

Diplomats
World War, 1914-1918

Geographic Names

United States -- Foreign relations

Names

Davis, Walter Goodwin, 1885-1966
Dulles, Allen, 1893-1969
Parker, Franklin Ellsworth, 1861-

Corporate Body

Paris Peace Conference. United States
Territorial Section (1919-1920. United States
Territorial Section) -- 1919-1920