DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER ABILENE, KANSAS

DAVIS, THOMAS JEFFERSON: Papers, 1916-64

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The Papers of Thomas Jefferson Davis were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library in October 1969. In August 1969, Alberta Davis McConnell executed an instrument of gift for these papers.

Linear Feet: 1 Approx. No. of pages: 2,400 Approx. No. of Items: 1,200

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DESCRIPTION

The personal papers of General Thomas Jefferson Davis consist of a "201" file, correspondence, reports, awards and decorations, clippings, invitations, and photographs. Included in his "201" file are both official and personal correspondence dating from 1916 to 1947. The other folders of correspondence include such correspondents as Dwight D. and Mamie D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, H. B. "Monk" Lewis, and Ralph Palsifer. There are also formal reports of the Adjutant General, American Expeditionary Force 1917-1919, Allied Force Expeditionary Forces, January 1944-July 1945.

General Davis was born in 1894 in West Union, South Carolina and worked as a farmer until his enlistment in the 5th Regiment, National Guard of Georgia, July 27, 1916. He served in France in 1918 and with the American Army of Occupation in Germany until 1923. For ten years he was aide-de-camp to General Douglas MacArthur, military commander in the Philippines. He advanced through the grades to Brigadier General in 1942. From 1942 to 1944 he was Adjutant General, Allied Force Headquarters, North African Theater of Operations. In 1944 he became Adjutant General, SHAEF. General Davis retired in 1946 to San Antonio, Texas, and died in 1964. Wife--Mrs. Nina E. Davis; Daughters--Constance Alverta Davis and Henrietta Pittis Davis.

NOTE: Twenty-three photographs were removed from the collection. Twelve photos were reproduced and the originals returned to Mrs. McConnell at her request. There were several pages of letters and certificates copied; the originals were returned to Mrs. McConnell while the copied prints are in the collection.

CONTAINER LIST

Box No. Contents

PERSONAL FILE

1 "201" File, 1916-September 1928

"201" File, October 1928-1935

"201" File, 1936-March 1940

"201" File, March 1940-June 1942

"201" File, July 1942-January 1944

"201" File, February 1944-November 1945

"201" File, December 1945-1947

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

January-June 1943

July-October 1943

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November 1943-January 1944 [Col. O'Laughlin on Patton, 1944 politics 12/15/42; Col. Goodman, Col. O'Laughlin, Lt. Gen. Mark Clark, Gen. Gray, Gen. Barker]

February-July 1944 [6/15/44--letter to Butch on John's proposed visit to DDE; Col. Roberts, Helen Lyons, Phil Goodman, Gen. Blesse, Joe Wilner]

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Dwight D. and Mamie D. Eisenhower [1939-1964; many copies]

H.B. "Monk" Lewis

Douglas MacArthur [1939-1944]

Ralph Pulsifer [1939-1944]

James Ulio

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Edward Witsell

REPORTS

Reports of the Adjutant General; American Expeditionary Forces, 1917-1919

Report of the Adjutant General; Allied Force Headquarters, Europe-North Africa

Report of the Adjutant General, Supreme Headquarters, AEF; 16 January-31 May, 1944

Report of the Adjutant General, 1 June 1944-16 July 1945

MISCELLANEOUS MEMORABILIA

Biographical Data

Clippings [1933; two pigs sent to TJ as restitution for Sherman's March thru Georgia; Gen. MacArthur wedding clippings]

MISCELLANEOUS MEMORABILIA

Photographs

Special Awards, Certificates, Decorations, Discharges

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