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Davis Family

1. Muster notice, printed in Harrodsburg, Ky., Mar. 4, 1815, and addressed to William Davice [Davis].

2. U.S. General Land Office documents:
   (1) 1850, May 1, pursuant to Act of Apr. 24, 1820, land grant to William J. Davis, Clark County, Ill., of 79 97/100ths acres in Sec. 7, Township 10N, Range 12W, issued in the name of Zachary Taylor by the Palestine Land Office, May 1, 1850.
   (2) 1854, Dec. 1, pursuant to Act of Mar. 22, 1852, bounty land warrant conveyed to William Davis, Junior [sic] for 39 98/100th acres issued in the name of Franklin Pierce. [Ink entry for the location is illegible.]

3. Typescripts of land transactions, 1849, 1852, and various, 1900-83 (9); warranty and quit claim deeds, 1900-15 (6).

4. Tax receipts for property in Anderson Township, Clark County, Ill. One or two receipts for nearly every year, 1849-1942 (124) in three folders.

5. Promissory notes and receipts, 1850-1923 (18); cancelled checks, 1935-42 (3).

6. Miscellaneous items (11), including Ellen Ensley (Bates County, Mo.) to William Davis, Mar. 28, 1887; nursery order forms, 1884, 1902; and a dog license, 1920.


8. Third Liberty Loan Bond, W. T. and John W. Davis, 1918 (5); American Red Cross, contribution of Aria Davis, 1918 (2).

9. Aria Davis Baker and Ray Baker:
   (1) Letters of Everett Connelly (State's Attorney, Clark County, Ill.) to Aria Davis, asking her to return to her position in his office, 1923-24 (4).
   (2) Newspaper clipping, 1979, "Bakers observe 50th anniversary."

10. Insurance policies:
    (1) 1924, July 7, John W. Davis, home and farm coverage by Westchester Fire Insurance Co.
(2) 1924, Sept. 16, Thomas Davis, Marshall, Ill., life and accident coverage by Woodman Accident Co.; beneficiary, John Davis, brother, Martinsville, Ill.


12. Genealogical, marriage, and funeral items (10).

13. Photographs (most of those in twentieth-century pictures are identified by Hazel Baker Lee):

Tintypes (3).

Cabinet cards (3), two of which show structures of a missionary school.

Snapshots of family and friends: black and white (24) and color (7). Many pictures are farm scenes.

In separate envelopes: Ray Baker in a picture that "went thru a cyclone," Nov. 14, 1912, and "was found over in Indiana;" Baker in a group picture of 29 students and teachers, possibly at the Washington School, Darwin Township, Clark County, ca. 1910-15; and Emma Lowther, picture and a letter to Abigail Lowther Davis (1868-1946), Feb. 15, 1945.

Album (33 pages) of snapshots, mostly 1920s-1930s, of family and friends).