Register of the
Reavis Family Collection
Collection 279

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Scope and Content

Drury Webster (D. W.) Reavis was born July 30, 1853, at Leesville, Mo., and died March 28, 1939, at Takoma Park, Maryland. His wife is Evelyn Gertrude Reavis. D. W. Reavis is best known as a promoter of religious liberty and as a circulation manager for Seventh-day Adventist magazines. He worked against Sunday laws in the 1890s, and in 1901 joined the Review and Herald Publishing Association where he remained until his retirement in 1933. At the Review and Herald he served as the manager of the Circulation Department promoting the circulation of magazines.

This collection consists of diaries and some family items, such as letters, a book of addresses, small books of account, and Evelyn Reavis' photographs.

Arrangement

The arrangement of the collection was done by the Center for Adventist Research. The collection is divided in two parts: diaries and family items.

Provenance:

This collection originally was held by the Review and Herald Publishing Association. In 2004 their historical library was given to the Andrews University Center for Adventist Research. Along with other materials, the Reavis Family materials came to the Center.

Use:

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Inventory

I. Diaries

Drury Webster Reavis

- Bx 1 Fld 1 1878, it is written till June 8.
- Bx 1 Fld 2 1883, it is written till March 15, in the last pages appear personal financial account.

Evelyn Gertrude Reavis

- Bx 1 Fld 3 1874 - 1, it is written till June 11.
- Bx 1 Fld 4 1874 - 2, the whole year.
- Bx 1 Fld 5 1875 In the last pages appear a personal cash account.
- Bx 1 Fld 6 1889 Blank pages from November 17 to December 6.
- Bx 1 Fld 7 1894.
- Bx 1 Fld 8 1902 - 1906, parallel writing, day by day.
- Bx 2 Fld 1 1907 - 1911, parallel writing, day by day.
- Bx 2 Fld 2 1912 - 1916, parallel writing, day by day.

II. Family Items

Correspondence

- Bx 2 Fld 3 Letter from Evelyn Lewis (Reavis) to her cousin Ariste?, Battle Creek, September 23, 1860.
- Bx 2 Fld 4 Letter from R. E. to F. A. Coffin, June 13, 1934.

Financial

- Bx 2 Fld 5 1904, some pages with cash account.
- Bx 2 Fld 6 Two small notebooks with some pages with personal financial account.

Addresses

- Bx 2 Fld 7 Two small books of addresses.
Photographs

Bx 2 Fld 8  E. G. Reavis portrait, three sheets with five portraits on each one.
Bx 2 Fld 9  Nine E. G. Reavis portraits.
Bx 2 Fld 4  One sheet with five photographs, E. G. Reavis and her daughter?

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