

McLean County Museum of History

**Davis Correspondence Collection
(ALPL Photocopies)**

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Collection Information

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Scope Note

This collection contains photocopies of correspondence from / to David and Sarah Davis from / to many people, including Abraham Lincoln, George Davis, Julius Rockwell, John Stewart, Wells Colton, Leonard Swett, John Wentworth, Henry Davis, William Orme, David Longnecker, and others. Also included are a couple folders containing research done for the 2009 McLean County Museum of History Cemetery Walk, and Sarah Davis biographical information. There is one folder containing letters to and from David Davis regarding the estate of Abraham Lincoln. All items are photocopies, catalog records, or transcriptions. The original letters are located in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Research list compiled by Nola Marquardt for 2009 Cemetery Walk

Folder 2: David Davis research compiled and written for 2009 Cemetery Walk

- 2.1 Biography of Judge David Davis (written by Anthony Bowman, intern)
- 2.2 Notes – “Introduction” and #2-7 (compiled by Nola Marquardt)
- 2.2 Photocopy of index cards for various *Pantagraph* newspaper clippings
- 2.3 Email from Marcia Young to Candace Summers, 19 August 2009 (Davis family Farmhouse)
- 2.4 Email from Robert Eckley to Candace Summers, 2 August 2009 (Swett’s involvement in Davis nomination)
- 2.5 Photocopy of David Davis image form Stevenson-Ives Archives, Photograph Collection – People DA-DZ)
- 2.6 Photocopy, “Personal,” *Daily Pantagraph*, 3 May 1865 (Judge Davis appointed administrator of Lincoln’s estate)
- 2.7 Photocopy, “Address of Judge Davis, Associate Chief Justice U.S. Supreme Court,” *Daily Pantagraph*, 22 June 1865, p. 1-3
- 2.8 Photocopy, comment on Lincoln’s early autobiographical sketch, *Harper’s Weekly*, 27 April 1872, p 331, col.4
- 2.9 Photocopy, “Autobiography of Abraham Lincoln – A Valuable Memorial,” *Daily Pantagraph*, 27 December 1872, p. 4, col.2-3
- 2.10 Photocopy, “Judge Davis: His peculiar Style on the Bench, *Pantagraph*, 17 June 1874
- 2.11 Photocopy, “Impressive Funeral Services Over the Remains of Mrs. Senator Davis,” *The Daily Inter Ocean*, 17 November 1879
- 2.12 Photocopy, “Pen Picture of David Davis,” *Evening Register* (New Haven, CT) 16 March 1880
- 2.13 Photocopy, Note on David Davis’s appetite, *Indianapolis Sentinel*, 12 May 1882
- 2.14 Photocopy, Comment on size of David Davis, political involvement, marriage, *Texas Siftings* 13 October 1883
- 2.15 Photocopy, Comment on David Davis’s size, *Texas Siftings* 20 October 1883
- 2.16 Photocopy, Comment on David Davis’s politics, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, 27 March 1886
- 2.17 Photocopy, “Leonard Swett on Convention of 1860,” *Pantagraph*, 8 January 1909
- 2.18 Photocopy, “Judge David Davis Dying,” *New York Times*, 22 June 1886
- 2.19 Typescript, List of letters from David Davis to various people regarding Lincoln while traveling the Circuit, running for office, etc.

Folder 3: Correspondence from David Davis to Sarah Davis (letters)

- 3.1 Catalog record and transcription, 2 August 1846 [i.e. 1847] Springfield, IL (written during Illinois Constitutional Convention; description of social parties, one attended by Abraham and Mary Lincoln)
- 3.2 Catalog record and photocopy, 8 August 1847 Springfield, IL (tells of a gentlemen- only party given by Abraham Lincoln at his house)
- 3.3 Catalog record and photocopy, 5 September 1847 Bloomington, IL (describes travel from Springfield, IL to Tremont, IL with Lincoln and other colleagues)
- 3.4 Transcription, 9 April 1848 Bloomington, IL (describes trip from Tremont, IL and Fair and tea party along the way)
- 3.5 Transcription, 30 April 1848 Marion, Dewitt Co., IL (mentions the hard journey from Bloomington, IL to Mt. Pulaski, IL with Jesse Fell)
- 3.6 Transcription, 24 June 1848 Bloomington, IL (comments about riding the Circuit)
- 3.7 Transcription, 2 July 1848 Bloomington, IL (plans for the Davis house and news of friends and family)

- 3.8 Transcription, August 6, 1848 Bloomington, IL (mentions Geordie's continued sickness)
- 3.9 Catalog record and photocopy, 20 May 1850 Shelbyville, IL (mentions Lincoln is traveling with him)
- 3.10 Catalog record and photocopy, 28 August 1850 Springfield, IL (writes that Abraham Lincoln is traveling with him because Lincoln lost his own transportation)
- 3.11 Catalog record and photocopy 31 August 1850 Springfield, IL (writes about the hanging of Dr. Webster and the impact it has on Lincoln's son Robert)
- 3.12 Transcription, 27 November 1850 Springfield, IL (laments daughter Lucy's death)
- 3.13 Transcription, 1 December 1850 Springfield, IL (describes churches and church services in Springfield)
- 3.14 Transcription, 23 March 1851 Springfield, IL (comments on Lincoln's honesty and fairness at court)
- 3.15 Catalog record and photocopy, 5 April 1851 Pekin, IL (writes about people with him, including John Stuart and Abraham Lincoln; describes boardinghouse)
- 3.16 Transcription, 24 April 1851 Clinton, IL (describes boardinghouse conditions and court news)
- 3.17 Catalog record and transcription, 1 May 1851 Urbana, IL (describes paternity case that Abraham Lincoln is arguing; tavern accommodations; expresses sadness over the death of two of his children in infancy)
- 3.18 Transcription, 31 August 1851 Springfield, IL (complains of Circuit size; court news; cholera epidemic; comments on 3rd Presbyterian Church in Springfield)
- 3.19 Transcription, 14 September 1851 Tremont, IL (mentions Lincoln; news of family and acquaintances)
- 3.20 Transcription, 22 September 1851 Pekin, IL (court news; mentions Randolph slaves)
- 3.21 Transcription, 20 October 1851 Danville, IL (mentions Lincoln; news of family and acquaintances)
- 3.22 Transcription, 3 November 1851 Shelbyville, IL (writes of family and acquaintances; mentions Lincoln)
- 3.23 Catalog record and transcription, 7 May 1852 Urbana, IL (describes traveling conditions and crossing the Sangamon River; his new house construction, mentions Lincoln)
- 3.24 Transcription, 17 May 1852 Paris, IL (mentions Lincoln; description of traveling)
- 3.25 Transcription, 24 May 1852 Shelbyville, IL (mentions Lincoln, traveling conditions)
- 3.26 Catalog record and photocopy 8 May 1854 Pekin IL (news of the court, Tremont II; effect of railroads; mentions Lincoln's activities on the Circuit Court)
- 3.27. Transcription 10 October 1860 Clinton, IL (writes about the Lincoln campaign; circuit news)
- 3.28 Transcription 12 October 1860 Clinton, IL (writes of Lincoln campaign)
- 3.29 Transcription 15 October 1860 Urbana, IL (writes of Lincoln campaign and his observations on office seekers)
- 3.30 Transcription 18 October 1860 Urbana, IL (writes about effect of Lincoln election and mentions Mary Todd Lincoln's reputation in Springfield, IL)
- 3.31 Transcription 25 October 1860 Urbana IL
- 3.32 Transcription 30 October 1860 Urbana, IL (mentions the Lincoln election; anecdote about Mrs. Asahel Gridley and Stephen A. Douglas; anniversary gifts for Sarah)
- 3.33 Catalog record and photocopy, November 2, 1850 Urbana, IL (writes of his travel plans and the weather; opines that some people will expect favors of him due to his friendship with Lincoln)
- 3.34 Catalog record and photocopy, 4 November 1860 Danville, IL (comments on Lincoln's responsibilities as president)

- 3.35 Catalog record and transcription, 17 February 1861 Buffalo, N.Y. (writes of his travels with Lincoln to Washington D. C. for the inauguration)

Folder 4: Correspondence from David Davis to George Perrin Davis (letters)

- 4.1 Catalog record and photocopy, 17 April and 1 May 1854 Bloomington, IL (court, family news; states that Lincoln inquires after George and “recollects your ride with Old Buck to Danville”)
- 4.2 Catalog record and photocopy, 16 October 1854 Clinton, IL (discusses the weather, crops and illness in Illinois; news of friends and family including his daughter, Sarah Worthington Davis)
- 4.3 Catalog record and photocopy, 6 May 1855 Tremont, IL (relates messages from a Mrs. Paine and Lincoln; mentions that George’s mother has had her teeth pulled and will have an artificial set put in)
- 4.4 Catalog record and transcription, 27 October 1857 Danville, IL (discusses a ladies’ riding match that took place in Danville as well as a “Tournament after the fashion of the ‘Knights of old;’” news of family; encloses a letter from George’s uncle, George Walker; mentions Lincoln)
- 4.5 Catalog record and photocopy, 22 September 1858 Lincoln, IL (inquires after the Chapin and Fisher families; news of family and friends; urges George to keep himself posted about Illinois politics and to read the Lincoln-Douglas debates)
- 4.6 Catalog record and transcription, 7 November 1858 Danville, IL (discusses Lincoln’s campaign for United States Senate and defeat by Stephen Douglas; expresses disapproval of the New York Times endorsement of Douglas; court news; discusses the weather, the roads, and the Methodist church building in Danville)
- 4.7 Catalog record and photocopy, 9 March 1859 Clinton, IL (news of family and friends; inquires if George sent valentines to many girls and hopes that George will not fall in love until he is through with college; states that Abraham Lincoln is with him and that Lincoln’s son Bob is well)
- 4.8 Catalog record and photocopy, 16 October 1859 Bloomington, IL (writes that Sarah Davis was “taken sick and that their baby girl was born dead)
- 4.9 Catalog record and photocopy, 23 October 1859 Urbana, IL (news of friends and family; mentions that Lincoln “is at court, feeling very comfortable over the elections; mentions “mad affair at Harper’s Ferry; remarks on the death of Senator Broderick)
- 4.10 Catalog record and transcription, 30 October 1859 Urbana, IL (mentions Lincoln, Sarah Davis ‘health; discusses the insurrection at Harper’s Ferry)
- 4.11 Catalog record and photocopy, 10, 11 November 1859 Danville, IL (expresses gladness at the Republican results of the election in Wisconsin; encloses telegram noting that the health of Sarah Davis is improving)
- 4.12 Catalog record and photocopy, 27 November 1859 Urbana, IL (discusses a three-day manslaughter trial in which Lincoln and Swett are defense attorneys)
- 4.13 Catalog record and transcription, 11 June 1860 Bloomington, IL (states that he and Swett might do to Pennsylvania for Lincoln’s campaign)
- 4.14 Catalog record and photocopy, 30 September 1860 Bloomington, IL (writes of political celebrations in Indianapolis and Bloomington, IL)
- 4.15 Catalog record and photocopy, 5 October 1860 Clinton, IL (news of family and friends; awaits results of October elections in Pennsylvania and Indiana)
- 4.16 Catalog record and photocopy, 8 October 1860 Clinton, IL (gives news of family and elections)

- 4.17 Catalog record and photocopy, 18 October 1860 Urbana, IL (notes orations of Caleb B. Smith and Thomas Corwin; mentions election of Lincoln as president)
- 4.18 Catalog record and photocopy, 1 November 1860 Urbana, IL (discusses canvasses and speechmaking; is confident that Lincoln will carry Illinois; gives news of family members/events at the Davis home in Bloomington)
- 4.19 Catalog record and photocopy, 4 November 1860 Danville, IL (news of friends and family; 1860 election)
- 4.20 Catalog record and transcription, 14 November 1860 Danville, IL (writes of election news and Lincoln's demeanor after the election)
- 4.21 Transcription, 16 April 1865 Chicago, IL (Sarah Davis writes to her children with regard to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln; Judge Davis indicates that he is leaving for Washington, D.C. to take charge of Lincoln's affairs)

Folder 5: Correspondence from David Davis to Julius Rockwell (letters); [one letter from Rockwell to Davis]

- 5.1 Transcription, 11 May 1848 Danville, IL (mentions Lincoln; writes of politics)
- 5.2 Catalog record, photocopy and photocopy transcription, 24 April 1849 Mt. Pulaski, (states that he wants Lincoln to have to office of Commissioner of the General land office and asks for Rockwell's support; letter bears a "free frank and an April 27 postmark from Springfield, IL)
- 5.3 Catalog record and photocopy, 7 June 1850 Burlington, IA (writes of the poor health of his wife Sarah; expresses sympathy over death of Rockwell's daughter, Alice; inquires how congress is proceeding with the "slavery question; expresses his view that Lincoln will not run for the next session of Congress; comments on Henry Clay)
- 5.4 Catalog record and photocopy, 15 July 1854 Bloomington, IL (congratulates Rockwell on his appointment to the United States Senate; mentions Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas; gives news of family)
- 5.5 Transcription, 18 February 1858 Bloomington, IL (writes candidly about his feelings for Stephen A. Douglas, the Lecompton Constitution and the Kansas-Nebraska Act)
- 5.6 Transcription, 26 October 1858 Danville, IL (expresses feeling on Lincoln and Douglas and political machinations with regard to both of them)
- 5.7 Transcription, 26 December 1860 Pittsfield, MA (letter from Rockwell to Davis; writes of political dispositions with regard to liberty and slavery in Massachusetts; expresses hope that Lincoln will discharge his office with honor and integrity and success)
- 5.8 Transcription, 24 April 1865, Washington, D.C. (writes of his responsibility to take care Lincoln's private affairs; states that he will accompany the remains from Chicago to Springfield, IL; notes that he will be taking Lincoln's papers to Illinois.

Folder 6: Correspondence from David Davis to Abraham Lincoln (letters)

- 6.1 Catalog record and photocopy, 21 February 1860 Bloomington, IL (harbors no animosity against Normal Judd when he was head of the State Central committee; thinks it unwise to nominate him for Governor of Illinois)
- 6.2 Catalog record and photocopy transcription, 22 November 1860, Danville, IL (Davis and Leonard Swett recommend that George W. Lawrence desires to be appointed to the Office of Navy Agent at Boston or Consul General of the British Possessions of North America; discuss Lawrence's role in securing Lincoln's nomination while a delegate the Chicago convention; letter is endorsed)

- 6.3 Catalog record and photocopy, September 1, 1862 Bloomington, IL (acknowledges Lincoln's note of [August] 27, 1862 in which Lincoln states his intention of appointing Davis to the Supreme Court; expresses gratitude)

Folder 7: Correspondence from Abraham Lincoln to David Davis (letters)

- 7.1 Catalog record and photocopy, 12 February 1849 Washington, D.C. (expresses little interest in an appointment in the Land Office as it would mean surrendering his law practice and fears the response of others in Illinois who might want the position)
- 7.2 Catalog record and photocopy, 6 July 1849 Springfield, IL (writes about losing the appointment as Commissioner of the General Land Office to Justin Butterfield)
- 7.3 Catalog record and photocopy, 7 July 1856 Springfield, IL (is unhappy about Owen Lovejoy's Republican nomination over Leonard Swett, but will leave it alone)
- 7.4 Catalog record and photocopy, 26 May 1860

Folder 8: Correspondence from John T. Stuart to Abraham Lincoln (letter)

- 8.1 Catalog record and photocopy, 1 January 24 1862 Springfield, IL (recommends Davis for appointment as a Judge in the United States Circuit Court; Davis was appointed as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme court in august 1862)

Folder 9: Correspondence from David Davis to Wallace ____, Wells Colton, and Leonard Swett (letters)

- 9.1 Photocopy, 3 June 1838 Bloomington, IL (writes to Wallace about central Illinois politics; mentions Lincoln)
- 9.2 Catalog record and photocopy, 20 March 1844 Bloomington, IL (writes to law partner Colton about business matters; discusses possibility of acquiring the Fell farm for a permanent residence)
- 9.3 Catalog record and photocopy 26 November 1862 ____ (letter to Swett is marked "Confidential;" discusses his interview with Lincoln and relations among the Cabinet members and their reactions to the Emancipation Proclamation; expresses "trepidation in going on the Supreme Bench")
- 9.4 Catalog record and photocopy 22 December 1862 Washington, D.C. (marks the letter to Swett "Private; discusses his position as Associate on the U.S. Supreme Court and the "anxious" mood in Washington after the defeat at Fredericksburg)

Folder 10: Correspondence from John Wentworth, Henry Winter Davis, and William W. Orme to David Davis (letters)

- 10.1 Catalog record and photocopy of typescript, 25 February 1860 Tremont House, Chicago (Wentworth notes that he encloses Lincoln's letter to Davis and comments upon Lincoln's relationships, old and new; requests the presence of various individuals to Chicago to learn politics)
- 10.2 Catalog record and photocopy, 8 November 1860 ____ (Henry Winter Davis offers congratulations on Lincoln's election; discusses number of votes received by presidential candidates in Baltimore in 1856 and 1860 elections)

- 10.3 Catalog record and photocopy, 29 September 1862 Springfield, MO (Orme writes of camp life and his command of the 94th Illinois Regiment; discusses the emancipation Proclamation; converses about Illinois politics)

Folder 11: Correspondence from/to David Davis to anonymous/unknown (letters)

- 11.1 Catalog record, photocopy and typescript 22, 24 February 1858 Bloomington, IL (anonymous widowed author writes to Davis to offer her baby daughter to him and his wife; mentions that an intimate friend of the Davis's suggested that she leave the baby on Davis's doorstep; Davis responds that he does not wish to adopt the baby)
- 11.2 Catalog record and photocopy, 25 September 1859 Bloomington, IL (Davis admonishes the unknown recipient to cease attacks against the Illinois state government and to publish nothing more to weaken the Republican party; urges the recipient to publish portions of Lincoln's speeches in Ohio, and notes Lincoln's popularity; marks the letter "confidential" and asks recipient to burn after reading.)

Folder 12: Correspondence from David Longnecker to David Davis (letter)

- 12.1 Transcription, 30 January 1855 Monticello, IL (writes that he is in extreme circumstances and advises Davis that he saved Davis's from murder after a disgruntled defendant in a law case was assessed a fine)

Folder 13: Letters of administration for the estate of Abraham Lincoln

- 13.1 Catalog record and photocopy 14 June 1865 Sangamon County, IL (states that Abraham Lincoln died intestate; Davis was appointed by the court as administrator of the estate)
- 13.2 Catalog record and photocopy 15 June 1865 Sangamon County, IL (states that Lincoln died intestate on April 14, 1865; Davis swears to administer the estate to the best of his knowledge and ability)

Folder 14: Research list compiled by Candace Summers and Rachael Massa for 2009 Cemetery Walk

- 14.1 Typed "Contents of Folder" enumeration
- 14.2 Typed notes on Sarah Woodruff Walker Davis
- 14.3 Typed quotes from letters between Sarah and David Davis
- 14.4 Typed phrase notes miscellaneous
- 14.5 Typed extracts from David Davis correspondence between Sarah and David Davis

Folder 15: Research notes on Sarah Woodruff Walker Davis

- 15.1 Typescript notes on Sarah's relationship with Abraham Lincoln; list of letters that mention Lincoln, 8th Judicial Circuit; quotations from letters from David and Sarah concerning Lincoln.
- 15.2 Typescript excerpts from letters between Sarah and David Davis (expressions of affection)

- 15.3 Typescript one line summaries from letters (authors unidentified)
- 15.4 Typescript extracts from David Davis Correspondence

Folder 16: Biographical materials on Sarah Davis

- 16.1 Typescript biography of Sarah Davis by Anthony Bowman, intern.
- 16.2 Photocopy typescript biography from David Davis Mansion interpretive manual
- 16.3 Photocopy and typescript, 11 November 1879 Bloomington Pantagraph, p.4, col. 5; “In Peaceful Rest,” (Death of Mrs. Senator Davis, in Massachusetts)
- 16.4 Photocopy and typescript, 14 November 1879 Bloomington Pantagraph, p.4, col. 5; “Funeral Preparations for the Burial of Mrs. Sarah W. Davis”
- 16.5 Photocopy and typescript, 17 November 1879 Bloomington Pantagraph, p.4, col.5; “The Inevitable Hour” (Funeral Ceremonies of the Late Mrs. Sarah Walker Davis; The Lamented Dead Followed to the Silent Tomb By a Large Concourse of Sorrowing Friends Memorial Address of Dr. H. B. Thayer)
- 16.6 Photocopy and typescript, 15 November 1879 Bloomington Pantagraph, p.4, col.5; “The Dead: Arrangements for the Funeral of Mrs. Senator David Davis”
- 16.7 Photocopy, 17 November 1879 The Daily Inter Ocean; “Impressive Funeral Services Over the Remains of Mrs. Senator David Davis”

Folder 17: Correspondence from Sarah Davis to David Davis (letters)

- 17.1 Transcription, 25 October 1847 Lenox, MA (news of friends and family, health)
- 17.2 Transcription, 4 November 1847 Lenox, MA (sickness; news of family and friends)
- 17.3 Transcription, 28 November 1847 Lenox, MA (son George’s sickness and improvement; lists of gifts for family members and herself)
- 17.4 Transcription, 10 April 1848 Canaan, MA (illness; news of Lenox)
- 17.5 Transcription, 2 May 1849 Bloomington, IL (local news; domestic news)
- 17.6 Transcription, 9 May 1849 Bloomington, IL (new Irish servant; domestic issues)
- 17.7 Transcription, 24 October 1849 Bloomington, IL (local news; company’s comings and goings)
- 17.8 Transcription, [March or May 1850] Bloomington, IL? (Bloomington news; domestic news)
- 17.9 Transcription, 1 April 1850 Bloomington, IL (domestic issues, guests and visits)
- 17.11 Transcription, 15 May 1850 Bloomington, IL (news of friends and family, garden)
- 17.10 Catalog record and photocopy, 29 May 1850 Bloomington, IL (writes of her health; discusses domestic help; tells of the progress of her garden and their children, George and Lucy)
- 17.12 Transcription, 28 November 1850 Bloomington, IL (Thanksgiving celebration foods and company; mentions what she would like Mr. Davis to bring her)
- 17.13 Transcription, 2 December 1850 Bloomington, IL (visitors, son George’s education, Bloomington news)
- 17.14 Transcription, 15 January 1851 Bloomington, IL (church services, Bloomington news, asks if Mary Lincoln has been confined yet)
- 17.15 Transcription, 25 April 1851 Bloomington, IL (Peoria visit, Bloomington news)
- 17.16 Transcription, 30 April & 2 May 1851 Bloomington, IL (mentions Lincoln, housework)
- 17.17 Transcription, 29 August 1851 Beloit, WI (visit to Beloit; expresses delight in design and layout of house belonging to an Englishman)
- 17.18 Transcription, 3 September 1851 Beloit, WI (Beloit news; severe weather in New England)

- 17.19 Transcription, 24 October 1851 Bloomington, IL (domestic chores, visits; relays news from her family)
- 17.20 Transcription, 14 March 1852 Bloomington, IL (writes of severe wind and rain storm in Bloomington)
- 17.21 Transcription, 18 March 1852 Bloomington, IL (Bloomington news, flowers)
- 17.22 Transcription, 21 March 1852 Bloomington, IL (Lucy's monument; Bloomington news)
- 17.23 Transcription, 5 May 1852 Bloomington, IL (Bloomington news; domestic issues)
- 17.24 Transcription, 30 August 1852 Bloomington, IL (hired help; house news)
- 17.25 Transcription, 30 June 1853 Pittsfield, MA (Pittsfield news; family news)
- 17.26 Transcription, 11 September 1853 Stockbridge, MA (Stockbridge visit)
- 17.27 Transcription, 18 September 1853 Stockbridge, MA (mentions Lincoln; Stockbridge visit)
- 17.28 Transcription, 30 October 1860 Lenox, MA (22nd wedding anniversary, Bloomington news; mentions Lincoln's campaign) [letter is incomplete]
- 17.29 Catalog record, photocopy and transcription, 11, 13, 14 February 1861 Bloomington, IL (writes as Davis leaves to accompany Lincoln on his inauguration route; news of her own health, Sallie's activities; news of friends)
- 17.30 Catalog record and photocopy, 15 February 1861 Bloomington, IL (news of friends and daughter Sallie; inquires about Mary Todd Lincoln's journey to Washington)
- 17.31 Transcription, 17 February 1861 Bloomington, IL (mentions Lincoln; Bloomington news)
- 17.32 Catalog record and transcription, 1 March 1861 Bloomington, IL (news of friends and social life; expresses concern for Lincoln's and her husband's safety; asks about the inaugural trip)
- 17.33 Transcription, 3 March 1861 Bloomington, IL (family news; mentions the Lincoln inauguration)
- 17.34 Transcription, 16 April 1865 Chicago, IL (Lincoln assassination)
- 17.35 Transcription, [letter appears to be missing at least the first page] after 18 October 1875 n.p. (news of family and friends possible references to daughter Sallie's upcoming marriage)
- 17.36 Transcription, [letter is incomplete] before December 23, 1875 n.p. (arrangements for the marriage of daughter Sallie)
- 17.37 Transcription, 1 January 1876 Bloomington, IL (writes about presents she has given to family, friends and servants and visits with the same)
- 17.38 Transcription, 2 January 1876 Bloomington, IL? (news of friends and social calls)

Folder 18: Correspondence from Sarah Davis and/or David Davis to Lucy Walker and/or William P. Walker (letters)

- 18.1 Transcript, 4 May 1844 Decatur, IL (Davis writes to about wretched spring weather; sickness in Illinois and in Maryland; politics and Lincoln; annexation of Texas and slavery; family news)
- 18.2 Catalog record, transcript and photocopy 19 and 29 October 1845 Bloomington, IL (Sarah writes to her mother; discusses move into new home formerly owned by Jesse Fell; discusses her health as well as that of her husband; David finishes the letter, noting the birth of their son Mercer)(2 copies)
- 18.3 Transcript 5 February 1847 Bloomington, IL (Sarah writes to her mother of Bloomington news)

- 18.4 Catalog record and photocopy, 16 May 1848 Paris, IL (Davis writes to Sarah's father about the circuit court and his candidacy for judge of the same; mentions Whig politics; notes the beauty of Illinois and remarks that Walker has reason to be proud of his children and their families)
- 18.5 Transcript, 5 September 1850 Bloomington, IL (Sarah and David write to Sarah's mother about the death of their baby daughter Lucy; Sarah and son George will accompany David on the circuit)

Folder 19: Correspondence from Sarah Davis and/or David Davis and/or Wells Colton to/from friends/Sarah's relatives

- 19.1 Transcript, 3 February 1839 Bloomington, IL (David and Sarah write to her sister, Fanny, asking her to visit; David writes of their hardships on the trip to Illinois)
- 19.2 Transcript, 7 February 1839 Bloomington, IL (long letter from Sarah Davis, David Davis, and Wells Colton to Harriette Worthington, Frances Mary Walker, Mary Worthington, Maria Tucker, Elizabeth Colton and Martha Colton; Bloomington news)
- 19.3 Transcript, 23 February 1845 Springfield, IL (Sarah writes to her sister Francis Mary Walker Williams (Fanny) of her visit to Springfield, Illinois; flowers and plants; news of friends and family)
- 19.4 Transcript, 5 November 1848 Lenox, MA (letter from George Walker, Sarah's brother, to Sarah; news from Lenox, MA)
- 19.5 Transcript, 22 September 1850 Pittsfield, MA (letter of condolence with regard to the death of Sarah's daughter Lucy from Lucy Forbes Walker Rockwell, Sarah's sister)
- 19.6 Transcript, 15 November 1859 Bloomington, IL (letter from Sarah to her brother George Walker; family and domestic news)
- 19.7 Transcript, 21 January 1860 Bloomington, IL (letter from Sarah to her sister Fanny; writes of illness, pig slaughtering, domestic issues and visits; mentions Mary Lincoln's shopping in New York)
- 19.8 Transcript, 11 February 1860 Washington, D.C. (letter from Sarah to her sister Fanny; Sarah writes of her adventures in Washington)
- 19.9 Transcript 12 September 1865 Bloomington, IL (letter from Sarah to her sister; mentions travel home; Mary Lincoln's gift to her husband of a "good-sized" photograph of Abraham Lincoln and a small one of Robert and Tad Lincoln; flowers and fruit from her gardens)