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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Charles Stewart Daveis (1788-1865) was born in Portland, Maine, and graduated from Bowdoin College in 1807. Daveis studied law under Nicholas Emery (Bowdoin Overseer 1813-1817); and practiced in Portland, specializing in admiralty law. Later, he became United States Agent to Holland (1829). He was sent to the Hague in 1830 to assist in preparing the American case regarding the Northeast Boundary, as the case had been referred to the King of the Netherlands for arbitration. He was later a member of the Maine Senate (1841). Daveis also served as Bowdoin Overseer (1816-1837), Vice-President of the Board (1829-1837), and Trustee (1837-1864).

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Summary

Materials related to the Maine-Canada boundary controversy: over 400 letters, documents, reports, map, manuscript corrected proof of the Secretary of State's printed report to Congress, manuscript history of the controversy (published), lengthy analysis of the King of the Netherland's Decision as arbiter, as well as supporting material showing the life of a diplomat of the period in Europe.

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Scope and Contents

Eighteen published and unpublished manuscripts including speeches, patriotic addresses, legal and/or literary studies, Phi Beta Kappa orations, etc.

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Scope and Contents

Personal and miscellaneous correspondence: over 1,200 letters written and received by Daveis. His personal letters to his wife, Elizabeth Taylor Gilman Daveis, are very descriptive as he travelled widely. There are letters concerning legal matters, i.e. revision of legal system of Maine after it became a state. Correspondence with George Ticknor, Alexander H. Everett who was a lawyer and governor of Massachusetts, and letters relating to Bowdoin College and the Maine Boundary controversy.

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Scope and Contents

Thirty letters from Charles Sumner to Daveis chiefly on legal and literary matters.

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Scope and Contents

Thirty-two letters from and about Charles William, 3rd Earl Fitz-William, with a long manuscript biography of the Earl by Daveis, who was a friend and warm admirer.

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Arrangement

Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged.

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Accruals

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Controlled Access Headings

- Greek letter societies
- Diplomats -- Europe
- United States -- Boundaries -- Canada
- Canada -- Boundaries -- United States
- Maine -- Law and legislation
- Maine -- Boundaries
- Europe -- Social life and customs
- Europe -- Description and travel
- United States -- Politics and government -- 1815-1861
- Addresses
- Biographies (literary works)
- Galley proofs
- Maps (documents)
- Reports
- Speeches (documents)
- William, King of the Netherlands, I, 1772-1843
- Ticknor, George, 1791-1871
- Everett, Alexander Hill, 1790-1847
- Sumner, Charles, 1811-1874

- Fitzwilliam, Charles William Wentworth Fitzwilliam, Earl, 1786-1857
- Bowdoin College
- United States. Department of State
- Phi Beta Kappa

Collection Inventory

Series I: Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
A - Dau	box 1
Daveis, Edward Henry	box 2
Daveis, Elizabeth Gilman (Mrs. Charles S.)	box 2
Daveis, Charles S., undated	box 2
Daveis, Charles S., 1810-1829	box 3
Daveis, Charles S., 1830-1839	box 4
Daveis, Charles S., 1840-1864	box 5
Davis - Hn	box 6
Ho - L	box 7
M - R	box 8
S - Z	box 9

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Series II: Documents, 1790-1868, undated

Title/Description	Instances
Documents, undated	box 10
Documents, 1790-1829	box 11
Documents, 1830-1831	box 12
Documents, 1832-1868	box 13

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