The William H. Davis Family Film Collection

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Collection Summary
Title: William H. Davis Family Film Collection
Inclusive Dates: 1928-1982
Creator: Davis, William H.
Extent: approximately 44 items
Extent: 44 reels
Language: Collection material in English
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/2022602312
Summary: The William H. Davis Family Film Collection is comprised of home movies spanning the lives and travels of the extended family and friends of William H. Davis from 1928 to 1982.
Location: FRC 9567-9603; FSE 0214-0215

Provenance
Gift; William H. Davis, May 2022

Accruals
No further accruals are expected.

Processing History
The William H. Davis Family Film Collection was processed by Lauren Simpson in 2022.

Family Tree Information
(Relation to William H. Davis)
- Daniel Barnhard: granduncle
- Ivan Barnhard: cousin
- Sadie Barnhard: grandaunt
- Leo Cohen: uncle
- Rita Goldschmidt Davis: mother
- Robert W. Davis: father
- Anna Goldschmidt: grandmother
- Coleman Goldschmidt: granduncle
- Irene Goldschmidt: grandaunt
- Morris Goldschmidt: Great Grandfather
- Sidney Goldschmidt: grandfather
- Mollie Schreiber Horowitz: great grandaunt
- Birdie Kazlow: grandaunt
- Gerald Kazlow: cousin
- Nathaniel Kazlow: granduncle
- Arnold Kruchkow: cousin
- Joseph Kruchkow: granduncle
- Mildred Kruchkow: grandaunt
- Norman Kruchkow: cousin
- Abraham Lowenthal: great grandfather
- Albert Lowenthal: granduncle
- Doris Lowenthal: grandaunt
• Jennie Lowenthal: great grandmother
• Karl S. Lowenthal: granduncle
• Lynn Lowenthal: grandaunt
• Marta Lisa Lowenthal: cousin

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Biographical Note
William H. Davis was a federal legislative archivist having worked at the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for 33 years. He spent most of those years with NARA's Center for Legislative Archives that hold the records of the legislative branch of the US Government, including the records of the U.S Senate and House of Representatives. Mr. Davis is cited in hundreds of books and scholarly journal articles covering a broad range of historical topics and also appeared on C-Span. After retiring in 2016, he became a volunteer archivist with the Washington Hebrew Congregation in Washington DC preparing and mounting exhibits and publishing articles on the history of the congregation. Mr. Davis grew up on Long Island, NY and his extended family comes from the New York City metropolitan area.

Scope and Content Note
The William H. Davis Family Film Collection is comprised of home movies spanning the lives and travels of the extended family and friends of William H. Davis from 1928 to 1982.

The films were shot by his maternal grandfather, Sidney Goldschmidt and his father, Robert W. Davis and were compiled by his mother, Rita G. Davis.

Arrangement
The William H. Davis Family Film Collection is organized in 2 series:
• Series I. Home Movies, 1928-1981
• Series II. Travel Films, 1964-1980
Description of Series

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 | Series I. Home Movies, 1928-1981
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**REEL FRC 9577**

Brooklyn/Queens, N.Y., 1928-1933

- **Local ID number**: 2852061-1-1
- **Extent**: 1 reel: 450 ft; 16mm; PP

Goldschmidt/Lowenthal Family Reel: Morris Goldschmidt, Nathaniel and Birdie Kazlow, Joseph and Mildred Kruchkow, Mollie Schreiber Horowitz, Sidney and Anna Goldschmidt, Rita Goldschmidt, Gerald Kazlow, Norman Kruchkow, Arnold Kruchkow, Coleman and Irene Goldschmidt. Brooklyn/Queen's, NY, Lefferts Furniture Co., Liberty Avenue, Queens, NY, Brooklyn NY, 1928-1933

See [Family Tree](#) information

**REEL FSE 0214**

Queens, N.Y. 1930s-1940s, 1930s-1940s

- **Local ID number**: 2852064-1-1
- **Local ID number**: 2852064-2-1
- **Extent**: 2 reels: 800 ft; 16mm; PP


See [Family Tree](#) information

**REEL FRC 9578**

Saratoga, N.Y., 1938; Niagara Falls/Ontario, Canada, 1946

- **Local ID number**: 2852076-1-1
- **Extent**: 1 reel: 315 ft; 16mm; PP

Goldschmidt/Lowenthal Family Reel: Saratoga, Ausable Chasm, 1938; Canada, Watkins Glen, Niagara Falls, Fishing, Thousand Isles, 1946

See [Family Tree](#) information

**REEL FRC 9579**

New York World's Fair, 1940

- **Local ID number**: 2852079-1-1
- **Extent**: 1 reel: 150 ft; 16mm; PP

Goldschmidt/Lowenthal Family Reel: New York World's Fair, 1940 (Rita Goldschmidt, Sidney and Anna Goldschmidt, Abraham and Jennie Lowenthal, Daniel Barnhard, Ivan Barnhard, Friends)

See [Family Tree](#) information

**REEL FRC 9580**

Queens, N.Y., NRA Parade, Nov. 1933

- **Local ID number**: 2852059-1-1
- **Extent**: 1 reel: 115 ft; 16mm; PP

Goldschmidt/Lowenthal Family Reel: National Recovery Act (NRA) Parade along Liberty Avenue, Queens LI, NY November, 1933

**REEL FRC 9581**

High School Graduation, 1944; College Graduation, 1948; Honeymoon, 1953

- **Local ID number**: 2852068-1-1
- **Extent**: 1 reel: 200 ft; 16mm; PP

Goldschmidt/Lowenthal Family Reel: Rita G. Davis: John Adams High School Graduation, 1944; Graduation from Queens College, 1948; Rita G. Davis, Robert W. Davis, Honeymoon, 1953

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| REEL FSE 0215 | Cohen Family, 1940s-1950s  
**Local ID number:** 2852056-1-1  
**Local ID number:** 2852056-2-1  
**Extent:** 2 reels: 800ft; 16mm; PP  
Cohen Family: Leo Cohen, and others, 1940s-1950s  
See [Family Tree](#) information |
| REEL FRC 9567 | Levittown, N.Y., Mar. 1956  
**Local ID number:** 2852050-1-1  
**Extent:** 1 reel: 125 ft; 16 mm; PP  
Davis Family: Robert, Rita, March 1956 Levittown, NY  
See [Family Tree](#) information |
| REEL FRC 9568 | Levittown, N.Y., and North Merrick, N.Y., 1955-1962  
**Local ID number:** 2856900-1-1  
**Extent:** 1 reel: 425 ft; 8 mm; ORP  
See [Family Tree](#) information |
| REEL FRC 9569 | Levittown, N.Y., and North Merrick, N.Y., 1958-1965  
**Local ID number:** 2856901-1-1  
**Extent:** 1 reel: 425 ft; 8 mm; ORP  
See [Family Tree](#) information |
| REEL FRC 9570 | Levittown, N.Y., and North Merrick, N.Y., 1959-1966  
**Local ID number:** 2856902-1-1  
**Extent:** 1 reel: 475 ft; 8 mm; ORP  
Davis Family and Friends, 1959-1966, Levittown, NY, North Merrick, NY |
| REEL FRC 9671 | Palm Beach, Fall 1976, 1978  
**Local ID number:** 2856903-1-1  
**Extent:** 1 reel: 250 ft; 8 mm; ORP  
Davis Family 1966 and Palm Beach Fall 1976 and 1978 |
| REEL FRC 9572 | 6th Grade/12th Grade Graduations, 1971  
**Local ID number:** 2856904-1-1  
**Extent:** 1 reel: 75 ft; 8 mm; ORP  
Davis Family: Robert, Rita, William and Friends, 1963-1965; 6th Grade Graduation, Old Mill Road School; 12th Grade Graduation, Calhoun High School, 1971  
See [Family Tree](#) information |
| REEL FRC 9573 | High School Graduation, and Home from Hawaii, 1977-1978  
**Local ID number:** 2856905-1-1  
**Extent:** 1 reel: 175 ft; 8 mm; ORP  
See [Family Tree](#) information |
| REEL FRC 9574 | North Merrick House Yard Landscaping, 1961, 1965  
**Local ID number:** 2856906-1-1  
**Extent:** 1 reel: 75 ft; 8 mm; ORP  
Davis Family: North Merrick House Yard Landscaping: Frontyard, 1961; Backyard, 1965 |
| REEL FRC 9575 | Summer Camps Visits, 1963-1968  
**Local ID number:** 2856907-1-1 |
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**Extent:** 1 reel: 280 ft; 8 mm; ORP
Davis Family: Summer Camp Visits: Camps Everett, Barrington, Rhoda, and Chicopee, 1963-1968

**REEL FRC 9576**
Family Passover Seder, North Merrick, N.Y., 1976
- **Local ID number:** 2856908-1-1
- **Extent:** 1 reel: 75 ft; 8 mm; ORP
Davis Family Passover Seder, North Merrick, NY 1976
Washington and Jefferson College Graduation, 1981
- **Local ID number:** 2862268-1-1
- **Extent:** 1 reel: 125 ft; 8 mm; ORP
Davis Family: Washington and Jefferson College Graduation, 1981

**Series II. Travel Films, 1964-1980**

**REEL FRC 9582**
Fire Island, 1964-1966
- **Local ID number:** 2856909-1-1
- **Extent:** 1 reel: 225 ft; 8 mm; ORP
Davis Travel: Fire Island 1964; 1965-1966

**REEL FRC 9583**
New York World's Fair, 1965
- **Local ID number:** 2856910-1-1
- **Extent:** 1 reel: 75 ft; 8 mm; ORP
Davis Travel: New York World's Fair 1965

**REEL FRC 9584**
Statue of Liberty and Bronx Zoo, 1966
- **Local ID number:** 2856911-1-1
- **Extent:** 1 reel: 215 ft; 8 mm; ORP
Davis Travel: Statue of Liberty and Bronx Zoo, 1966

**REEL FRC 9585**
Montauk, 1965; Grand Bahama, 1966; SS Holland America Cruise
- **Local ID number:** 2856912-1-1
- **Extent:** 1 reel: 355 ft; 8 mm; ORP
Davis Travel: Gurney's Inn, Montauk, 1965; Grand Bahama, 1966; SS Holland America Cruise

**REEL FRC 9586**
Niagara Falls, 1967
- **Local ID number:** 2856913-1-1
- **Extent:** 1 reel: 250 ft; 8 mm; ORP
Davis Travel: Niagara Falls, 1967

**REEL FRC 9587**
Maine and New Hampshire, 1968; Jamaica and Dunnes River Falls, 1969
- **Local ID number:** 2856914-1-1
- **Extent:** 1 reel: 475 ft; 8 mm; ORP

**REEL FRC 9588**
Shelter Island, 1968; Atlantic Terrace, 1969; Montauk, 1970; Bermuda, 1971
- **Local ID number:** 2856916-1-1
- **Extent:** 1 reel: 450 ft; 8 mm; ORP
Davis Travel: Pridwin Hotel, Shelter Island, 1968; Atlantic Terrace Hotel, 1969; Gurney's Inn, Montauk Point, 1970; Bermuda: Boat Ride, Island Beach, Zoo, Airplane Take Off, 1971

**REEL FRC 9589**
Christmas/New Year's Cruise, 1969-1970
- **Local ID number:** 2856917-1-1
- **Extent:** 1 reel: 300 ft; 8 mm; ORP

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Davis Travel: SS Leonardo DaVinci Cruise, Christmas/New Year's Cruise, 1969-1970; Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Curacao, Panama Canal, Gatun, Panama City, New York Harbor

REEL FRC 9590
Maine/Canada/New York, 1970
Local ID number: 2856918-1-1
Extent: 1 reel: 200 ft; 8mm; ORP
Davis Travel: Maine-Bald Head Cliff, Boothbay Harbor; Canada: Logging in Canadian River, Manot Richlieu, St. Lawrence River, Montmorency Falls; New York: Ausable Chasms, 1970

REEL FRC 9591
Vermont/Maine/Massachusetts/New Jersey, 1974
Local ID number: 2856919-1-1
Extent: 1 reel: 275 ft; 8mm; ORP
Davis Travel: Mt. Snow- Vermont; Boothbay Harbor, Maine; Windjammer Day Parade, Boothbay Harbor, Maine; Mayflower II, Plymouth, Plymouth Rock, Plymouth Pilgrim Restoration Village, Massachusetts; Lion Country Safari, N.J., 1974

REEL FRC 9592
Washington D.C./Luray, VA, Feb. 1975
Local ID number: 2856920-1-1
Extent: 1 reel: 200 ft; 8mm; ORP
Davis Travel: Washington, D.C.: Arlington National Cemetery, Kennedy Gravesite, Tomb of the unknown Soldier, Changing of the Guard; Lincoln Memorial; Jefferson Memorial; Smithsonian Institution; FBI; National Archives; White House; Capitol Building; Washington Monument; Botanical Gardens; Luray Caverns, Virginia, February 1975

REEL FRC 9593
Western Trip: Utah and Arizona: Mormon Temple Square, Jun.-Jul. 1975
Local ID number: 2856921-1-1
Extent: 1 reel: 325 ft; 8mm; ORP
Davis Travel: Western Trip: Utah, Arizona: Mormon Temple Square, Fish Lake, Capital Reef, Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Glen Canyon Dam, June-July 1975

REEL FRC 9594
Western Trip: Utah and Arizona: Zion National Park, Jun.-Jul. 1975
Local ID number: 2856922-1-1
Extent: 1 reel: 215 ft; 8mm; ORP
Davis Travel: Western Trip: Utah, Arizona: Zion National Park, Canyon View Drive, Chessman Ridge Overlook, Cedar Breaks National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, June-July 1975

REEL FRC 9595
Western Trip: Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Utah, California, Jul. 1975
Local ID number: 2856923-1-1
Extent: 1 reel: 425 ft; 8mm; ORP
Davis Travel: Western Trip: Wyoming, Idaho, Monatana, Utah, California: Idaho Falls; Quake Lake; Gibbon Falls; Yellowstone National Park: Tower Falls, Algae Pools and Formations, Mammoth Hot Springs, Upper Falls, Lower Falls, Yellowstone Lake, Moose Falls, Old Faithful Geyser, Sunset, Rainbow, Buffalo Outside Window, Minerva Terrace, Wagon, Yellowstone Falls, Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, Firehole Cascade, Mud Pots, Grand Tetons; Float Trip on Sneak River, July 1975

REEL FRC 9596
Merrick, NY: Bicentennial Parade, 1976
Local ID number: 2856924-1-1
Extent: 1 reel: 75 ft; 8mm; ORP
Davis Travel: Merrick, NY Bicentennial Parade, Merrick Avenue, 1976

REEL FRC 9597
Western Trip: Banff, Canada, 1977
Local ID number: 2856925-1-1
Extent: 1 reel: 380 ft; 8mm; ORP
Davis Travel: Western Trip: Canada: Banff, Lake Louise, 1977
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| **REEL FRC 9598** | Western Trip: Canada, Alaska, Oregon, 1977  
**Local ID number:** 2856926-1-1  
**Extent:** 1 reel: 325 ft; 8mm; ORP  
Davis Travel: Western Trip: Jasper, Victoria, Alaska Waterway, Whitehorse, Anchorage, Oregon, Camp Redwood, 1977 |
| **REEL FRC 9599** | Hawaii: Hawaii Volcanos National Park, etc., Jun.-Jul. 1978  
**Local ID number:** 2856927-1-1  
**Extent:** 1 reel: 400 ft; 8mm; ORP  
Davis Travel: Hawaii: Hawaii Volcanos National Park; Oahu; Pearl Harbor; War Memorial; Polynesian Cultural Center; Molokai; Maui; Hilo; Jungle; Volcano Eruption, June-July 1978 |
| **REEL FRC 9600** | Hawaii: Island of Hawaii, etc., Jun.-Jul. 1978  
**Local ID number:** 2856928-1-1  
**Extent:** 1 reel: 325 ft; 8mm; ORP  
Davis Travel: Hawaii: Island of Hawaii; Orchids; Black Sand Beach; Kona; Kawaii; Helicopter Ride, June-July 1978 |
| **REEL FRC 9601** | California, Summer 1978  
**Local ID number:** 2856929-1-1  
**Extent:** 1 reel: 200 ft; 8mm; ORP  
Davis Travel: California: Solvang; Madonna Inn; Hearst Castle; Big Sur; Carmel; Monterey, Summer 1978 |
| **REEL FRC 9602** | New England: Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, 1979  
**Local ID number:** 2856930-1-1  
**Extent:** 1 reel: 425 ft; 8mm; ORP  
| **REEL FRC 9603** | Maine and Massachusetts, 1979  
**Local ID number:** 2856931-1-1  
**Extent:** 1 reel: 125 ft; 8mm; ORP  
Davis Travel: Boothbay Harbor, Maine: Lakeview Motel, Boothbay Cruise; Ogunquit: Perkins Cove, Marginal Way; Sturbridge Village, Massachusetts, 1979  
Canada/Maine, 1981  
**Local ID number:** 2862267-1-1  
**Extent:** 1 reel: 125 ft; 8mm; ORP  
Davis Travel: Canada: Citadel; Maine, 1981 |
| **Miscellaneous, circa 1972-1980** |  
**Local ID number:** 2862269-1-1  
**Extent:** 1 reel: 125 ft; 8mm; ORP  
Davis Travel: Misc. Family and Friends |