

Archibald Kimbrough Davis research files on Civil War blockade running

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Davis, Archibald Kimbrough, 1911-1998.
Title:	Archibald Kimbrough Davis research files on Civil War blockade running
Dates:	circa 1860-1990
Extent:	4.25 cubic feet (4 boxes, 2 oversize folders)
Identification:	MS 1776

Biographical/Historical Note

Archie Kimbrough Davis was born on January 22, 1911 to Dr. Thomas W. and Frances Conrad Davis, he grew up in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He graduated in 1932 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and joined Wachovia Bank and Trust Company that same year. He served as treasurer, assistant vice president, vice president, senior vice president, and finally chairman in 1956. In addition to leading and building Wachovia bank, in 1958 he was recruited to serve as president of the Research Triangle Foundation, a public service non-profit organization.

Davis served two terms in the North Carolina State Senate for Forsyth County from 1959 to 1962. He also served as president of the American Bankers Association from 1965 to 1966 and as president of the United States Chamber of Commerce in 1971-1972.

Davis was an avid Civil War historian and after retiring from Wachovia Bank in 1974, he earned a master's degree in history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1975. Although he never took the preliminary examinations requisite for a PhD, he completed his dissertation entitled, *Boy Colonel of the Confederacy: The Life and Times of Henry King Burgwyn, Jr.* The dissertation was later published by the University of North Carolina Press in 1998.

Archie and his wife Mary Louise Davis had four children: Bonnie Bennett, Archie H. Davis, John H. Davis, and Dr. Thomas W. Davis. Archie K. Davis died on March 13, 1998 at the age of 87.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains Archie K. Davis' research materials and drafts of an unpublished book on Civil War blockade running, primarily relating to North Carolina and Bermuda. The collection includes information on the following individuals: Charles Maxwell Allen, Kemp P. Battle, John T. Bourne, John Carswell, Governor Henry Toole Clark, Captain Thomas Crossan, John Devereux, Weldon N. Edwards, Governor John W. Ellis, General James Green Martin, Captain T. L. Outerbridge, Capt. Roberts, Stanley Spurling, Zebulon Vance, Frank Vandier, Norman Stuart Walker, John White, and Jonathan Worth. The collection includes information on the following ships: Advance, Hansa, Don, and Annie.

Materials in this collection are largely photocopies, with the exception of Davis' correspondence regarding his research and the draft chapters of his book. The collection also includes seven microfilm rolls: *Wilmington Journal*, 1860-1866, *North Carolinian*, December 1864-February 1865, *Royal Gazette*, July 1862- 1866, and Major Smith Sansbury letters, May 1863-November 1863.

Collection materials date from about 1860 to 1990. Materials originally housed in acidic envelopes were re-housed in acid free folders. Otherwise, the collection remains in the original order and in the original enclosures of the creator.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 4 boxes and 2 oversize folders:

Box 1: Includes draft chapters of new book; research materials on Governor John W. Ellis, General James Green Martin, Zebulon Vance, and Weldon N. Edwards, materials from Pettigrew papers, 1861 North Carolina state convention information; copies of newspaper articles dated 1860-1861

Box 2: Includes research materials on Zebulon Vance; North Carolina Foreign Operations files, 1861-1865; Guide to the records of Bermuda; notes on ships including the Advance, Hansa, Don, and Annie

Box 3: Includes material on Confederate blockade running through Bermuda, 1861-1865 (includes Frank Vandier, Charles Maxwell Allen, Norman Stuart Walker, and John T. Bourne materials); Bermuda maps and charts; Arrivals of ships at Bermuda including the Advance, Hansa, Don, and Annie; cargo manifests; Stanley Spurling papers; John Carswell, Captain T. L. Outerbridge, Capt. Roberts, and Alexander Collie and Co. information; printed material on Bermuda; Governor Henry Toole Clark materials; Ken Simson's notes on Clark's letter book; Reports of Kemp P. Battle and Jonathan Worth, 1865-1866; Jonathan Worth materials; Nassau materials and photographs

Box 4: Includes Wilmington-Smithville (Southport) material; Captain Thomas Crossan, John Devereux, John White, and Governor Ellis material; maps of North Carolina; 7 microfilm rolls

Oversize folder 1: Governor Henry T. Clark letter book, 1861-1862

Oversize folder 2: John White research material

Index Terms

Bermuda Islands.
Confederate States of America. Navy--History.
Davis, Archibald Kimbrough, 1911-1998.
Drafts (documents)
Letters (correspondence)
Microfilms.
North Carolina--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Photographs.
Research notes.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Blockades.

Administrative Information

Processing Information

This collection is processed at the Basic Level (or collection level). There is no detailed inventory for this collection as it is not fully processed. To request that this collection be added to our priority list of collections to be fully processed as staffing and funding allow, please contact the Library and Archives staff.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

The collection is open for research.
