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Summary Information

Repository: University Archives and Historical Collections
Creator: Davis, Charles Hague
Source: Barr, Mildred Davis
Title: Charles Hague Davis papers
ID: c.00387
ID [aspace_uri]: /repositories/2/resources/1521
Date [inclusive]: 1899-1956
Physical Description: 0.1 Cubic Feet 4 folders
Language of the Material: English .

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Charles Hague Davis was a showman and business manager for the Gentry Brothers Dog and Pony Shows and the Ringling Brothers Circus. He negotiated the purchase of the Barnum and Bailey Circus for Ringling Brothers. After severing his connection with Ringling Brothers, Davis returned to his home town of Lansing, Michigan, where he became a prominent businessman and civic leader, and served as secretary of the Lansing Chamber of Commerce (1914-1928).

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Scope and Contents

The papers include a scrapbook (1899-1955) containing Davis' circus business correspondence, photographs, and newspaper clippings; and a photocopy of a biographical sketch of Davis written in 1956 by his daughter, Mildred Davis Barr; and a 1908 program for the Barnum and Bailey Circus.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Controlled Access Headings

- Circus
- Lansing (Mich.)
- Scrapbooks
- Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Combined Shows
- Barr, Mildred Davis

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