



## Charles Hague Davis Papers c.00387

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## Summary Information

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

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## Biographical Note

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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

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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.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Biographical Sketch	folder 1
Biographical Sketch (continued) and Barnum and Bailey Program	folder 2
Daily journal, 1902-1908	folder 3
Postcards of early Lansing, 1840-1871	folder 4