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*Jean S. Davis Collection*

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## INTRODUCTION

### Biographical Note

Jean Scobie Davis (1892-1985) graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 1914. She received her master's degree in 1921 from the University of Wisconsin. Over the course of her long career she taught at several colleges including Agnes Scott College, Vassar, Pierce, Wells, and the American Women's College in Beirut. She came from Agnes Scott College, Georgia to teach at Wells in September 1928. She retired from Wells in 1957 after twenty-nine years of teaching Economics and Sociology. Jean was an observer of life. The best account Wells has of life for the women faculty between 1928 and 1946 came from the notes of Jean Davis. Davis had a lifelong interest in prison reform, and was a member of the Board of Visitors of the New York State Correctional Facility in Bedford Hills, New York, for 36 years.

### Related Material

Dieckman, Jane Marsh, *Wells College A History*. Aurora: Wells College, 1995. Print.

Jean Scobie Davis papers, 1892-1985, Special Collections Department, Bryn Mawr College Library.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPERS

### Scope and Content Note

The Jean S. Davis collection contains personal notes related to Wells College, Aurora, Auburn Prison, Dr. Macmillan, George Morgan Ward, Helen Fairchild Smith, Robert Peter Tristram Coffin, Frances Folsom Cleveland, and many professors from Wells.

### Organization and Arrangement

The papers are organized into 20 series:

#### Series Descriptions

Series 1, Meeting Minutes

Series 2, Correspondence

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Series 3, Newsprint Clippings

Series 4, Miscellaneous Bulletins and Receipts

Series 5, Unpublished Memoir

Series 6, Teaching Notes

Series 7, Monroe County Bank Information

Series 8, Auburn Prison Notes

Series 9, Cayuga Lake Academy Notes

Series 10, Presidents, Deans, and Others

Series 11, Robert Peter Tristram Coffin

Series 12, Aurora and Wells

Series 13, Helen Fairchild Smith Notes

Series 14, George Morgan Ward Notes

Series 15, Dr. Macmillan Notes

Series 16, Fiction Manuscript

Series 17, Frances Folsom Cleveland Unpublished Manuscript

Series 18, Common Prayer Hymnal

Series 19, Photograph and Postcard Albums

Series 20, Published Manuscript, Frances Folsom Cleveland

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Series 1: Meeting Minutes

1	1	1936 – 1943	Meeting Minutes: Minutes from Group II (Economics and Sociology, History and Government, Philosophy and Psychology, Religion), Report of the Faculty Members of The General Collegiate Committee to the Faculty, Statement of Policy Concerning Appointment, Promotion, Academic Freedom, and Tenure
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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
Series 2: Correspondence			
1	1	1936 – 1944	Personal correspondence, travel and tour information for England, Denmark, Sweden, and Russia
1	2	1945 – 1946	Personal correspondence
1	3	1948 – 1949	Personal correspondence
1	4	1950	Personal correspondence
1	5	1951	Personal correspondence
1	6	1954	Personal correspondence

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Series 3: Newsprint Clippings

1      1      1950      Numerous newspaper clippings from 1950

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Series 4: Miscellaneous Bulletins and Receipts

1	1	1940 – 1950	Bazaar Junior Magazine (includes write-up of Jean Davis Concerning Marriage and Family class at Wells), miscellaneous receipts and bulletins
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Series 5: Unpublished Memoir

1	1	n/d	Jean S. Davis memoir, unfinished and missing most of chapter one, unpublished
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Series 6: Teaching Notes

1      1      1924 – 1926      Personal notes for teaching

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Series 7: Monroe County Bank Information

1	1	1939	Pamphlets on budgets, flyers recommending division of income and savings
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Series 8: Auburn Prison Notes			
1	1	1920 – 1930	Notes concerning the when the Auburn prison contained women

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Series 9: Cayuga Lake Academy Notes

1	1	n/d	Notes on the history of Cayuga Lake Academy
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Series 10: Presidents, Deans, and Others

1	1	n/d	Notes on the history of Presidents, Deans, and others from Wells College
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Series 11: Robert Peter Tristram Coffin

1	1	n/d	Unpublished biography of Robert Peter Tristram Coffin
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Series 12: Aurora and Wells

1	1	n/d	History of Aurora and Wells from 1779 to time of Dr. Long
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Series 13: Helen Fairchild Smith Notes

1	1	n/d	Notes on Helen Fairchild Smith in 1905
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Series 14: George Morgan Ward Notes

1	1	n/d	Notes about George Morgan Ward
1	2	n/d	Unpublished biography of George Morgan Ward

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Series 15: Dr. Macmillan Notes			
1	1	n/d	Notes on Dr. Macmillan

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Series 16: Fiction Manuscript

1	1	n/d	Chapter 1
1	2	n/d	Chapter 2
1	3	n/d	Chapter 3
1	4	n/d	Chapter 4
1	5	n/d	Chapter 5
1	6	n/d	Chapter 6
1	7	n/d	Chapter 7
1	8	n/d	Chapter 8
1	9	n/d	Chapter 9
1	10	n/d	Chapter 10
1	11	n/d	Chapter 11
1	12	n/d	Chapter 12
1	13	n/d	Chapter 13
1	14	n/d	Chapter 14
1	15	n/d	Chapter 15
1	16	n/d	Chapter 16
1	17	n/d	Chapter 17
1	18	n/d	Chapter 18
1	19	n/d	Chapter 19
1	20	n/d	Chapter 20

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1	21	n/d	Chapter 21
1	22	n/d	Chapter 22
1	23	n/d	Chapter 23
1	24	n/d	Chapter 24
1	25	n/d	Chapter 25
1	26	n/d	Chapter 26
1	27	n/d	Chapter 27
1	28	n/d	Chapter 28
1	29	n/d	Chapter 29
1	30	n/d	Chapter 30
1	31	n/d	Chapter 31
1	32	n/d	Chapter 32
1	33	n/d	Chapter 33
1	34	n/d	Chapter34

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Series 17: Frances Folsom Cleveland Unpublished Manuscript

1	1	n/d	Typed manuscript of Frances Folsom Cleveland biography with notes and corrections
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Series 18: Common Prayer Hymnal

1	1	1929	Personal prayer hymnal with written notes
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Series 19: Photograph and Postcard Albums

2	1	1931 – 1932	Album of photographs and postcards from trip to Germany, Switzerland, Poland, Italy
2	2	n/d	Album of postcards from trip to Germany

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Series 20: Published Manuscript, Frances Folsom Cleveland

2	1	1969	A Rambling Memoir of Mrs. Grover Cleveland and Some Related History – prepared by Jean S. Davis, Professor Emeritus for Frances Folsom Cleveland Hall, Wells College, Aurora, New York (Jean Davis copy)
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