

McLean County Museum of History

W. O. Davis Tributes Collection

Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1911
RESTRICTIONS:	Fragile; please handle with care.
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

Brief History

William Osbourne Davis was the son of a Quaker farmer from Pennsylvania and began his career as a teacher and farmer. Jesse Fell asked Davis to join him in Bloomington, Illinois in 1858 to teach school. In 1868, Fell asked Davis to join him in the newspaper business with *The Daily Pantagraph*. Over forty three years as owner and editor, Davis turned the *Pantagraph* into one of the biggest community newspapers in Illinois.

Scope

The collection includes one document assembled using including Davis' obituaries, eulogies, condolence correspondence, resolutions from organizations, etc.

Inventory of Document

Page(s)	Content
2	“Tributes of friends and Associates following the death of William O Davis at Bloomington, Illinois, on May 22, 1911”
3-6	Obituaries from <i>Pantagraph</i> , May 23, 1911 <i>Bulletin</i> , May 23, 1911
7	Brief article on funeral services at Unitarian Church from <i>Pantagraph</i>
8-12	Eulogy by ISU President Cook, handwritten
13	Part of Rev. J. H. Mueller’s eulogy (newspaper article)
14-15	Eulogy of Mr. Joseph B. Bates, typed
15	Also, list of out of town guests (newspaper article)
16-17	Carriage list for funeral procession, handwritten
18-20	Telegrams of condolence
21-34	Letters of condolence
35-47	Tributes of the Press (largely from Illinois newspapers)
48-50	Resolutions by organizations