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THE HORATIO MINOR DAVIS (1876-1963) SCRAPBOOKS

The collection includes two scrapbooks, the larger of which contains materials mostly relating to Hill City Lodge, No. 183, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons (AF&AM). The smaller scrapbook contains letters of the DAVIS, EUBANK, ELLIS, and ROSE families of Virginia, as well as ribbons from the Confederate Reunion held in Lynchburg, Virginia, in 1888. It also contains ribbons from the 1859 exhibitions sponsored by the Lynchburg Agricultural and Mechanical Society and election fliers listing the Virginia electors for the 1844 presidential election (CLAY vs. POLK).

HORATIO MINOR DAVIS (1876-1963)

Horatio Minor DAVIS, the son of Thomas Newman DAVIS and Eliza Blanche THOMPSON, was born 11 July 1876, in Lynchburg, Virginia. He was educated in the public schools and graduated from Hampden-Sydney College. He first began work with his father in Davis, Diuguid and Company, wholesale grocers. He was also bookkeeper with Pierce, Akers, and Mosby, dealers in lumber and fuel. Upon graduation from college, he began work with the Southern Railway freight office. He then went to work with the Lynchburg Plow Company, where he became secretary on 6 January 1897. In 1899, he became Deputy Tax Collector in the City Collector's office operated by his father. When his father retired in 1920, H. Minor DAVIS became City Collector, a position he held until his retirement in 1958.

H. Minor DAVIS married ca. 1901 Lottie Soydan LAMBERT of Richmond, Virginia.

H. Minor DAVIS was appointed to the Virginia State Hospital Board and served for over 30 years until his resignation in 1956. In recognition of his service to the Board, the school building at the Lynchburg Training School and Hospital was named in his honor. Mr. DAVIS died 29 April 1963 and was buried in Spring Hill Cemetery.

[Obituary, *Lynchburg News*, 30 April 1963, p. 10 col. 1; *The Iron Worker*, Vol. 10, No. 4 (Fall, 1947), p. 18; 1910 Census, Lynchburg, VA, National Archives and Records Service, T-624, Roll No. 1634, p. 32, Ward 1; Burial record, Diuguid Funeral Home, Lynchburg, VA, Book 52, p. 243.]