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MSS 375 DAVIS, Virginia Wood, 1919-1990

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Virginia Wood Davis was born in Smiths Grove, Kentucky on 7 December 1919, the only child of Virginia “Jennie” Wood Cox (1880-1950) and her husband (and distant cousin) Elmore Wood Davis (1875-1925). At the time of Jennie and Elmore’s marriage in 1918 or early 1919, Elmore was a widower and the father of three children, Edwin, Edna and Robert Davis, but Virginia would have little contact with her half-siblings. Elmore and Jennie settled in the house that Elmore, a depot agent with the L&N Railroad, occupied on North Main Street in Smiths Grove.

Virginia’s father died in 1925, when she was only five years old. Using funds inherited from her family, her mother earned income by investing in land and lending to local farmers. Virginia attended public school and graduated from Smiths Grove High School in 1938. Taking a teacher’s suggestion that she pursue newspaper work, she studied English and art at Western Kentucky State Teachers College (now WKU) in Bowling Green and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1943. While in college, she worked as a staff writer and society editor for the campus newspaper, the *College Heights Herald*.

After a brief stint from September-December 1943 at the *Henderson (KY) Gleaner*, Virginia returned to Bowling Green and worked for two years as a clerk and bookkeeper. She resumed her journalism career at the *Greer (SC) Citizen* (September 1945-March 1946) and the (Pulaski, VA) *Southwest Times* (April-June 1946) before joining the *Kingsport (TN) Times* (and its morning edition, the *Kingsport News*) as a state news editor. She remained at the *Times-News* until November 1955. During this time, Virginia’s mother, who had moved with her to Kingsport, died on 17 December 1950.

Virginia’s interest in horses led to a three-month position (November 1955-February 1956) with the *Augusta (GA) Herald* as a bureau reporter. Based in Aiken, South Carolina, she covered equestrian activities at the Aiken Winter Colony. She then worked as a reporter for the *Savannah (GA) Evening Press* (April-December 1956); as assistant state editor for the *Montgomery (AL) Advertiser* (December 1956-July 1957); as a reporter for the Hollywood, Florida *Sun-Tattler* (August 1957-May 1958); and as a reporter for the (Rock Hill, SC) *Evening Herald* (September 1958-January 1960). While in Rock Hill, Virginia won the South Carolina Press Association’s J. Rion McKissick Award for a feature series on tuberculosis in the county.

In September 1960, Virginia joined the *Tampa (FL) Times*, where she reported both political and cultural news, including stories on the city's Hispanic community. From July 1969-September 1970, she worked at the (Jacksonville) *Florida Times-Union* as the first woman deskman on its main copy desk, then as its Brunswick, Georgia bureau chief. In October 1970, she became Dade City bureau chief for the *St. Petersburg (FL) Times*, and in February 1973 moved to Dade City's *Pasco News*, where she worked as an editor and reporter.

In August 1977, Virginia became managing editor of the *McCreary County Record*, a weekly paper based in Whitley City, Kentucky. During her tenure, which included reporting, photography and general business operations as well as contributions to the *Record's* parent newspaper, the (Somerset, KY) *Commonwealth Journal*, the paper received numerous awards from the Kentucky Press Association. Major local news stories included a 1976-1979 miners' strike at the Blue Diamond Coal Company's Justus Mine at Stearns, Kentucky; the development of the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area; a destructive 1980 tornado; and the 1981 crash of a small plane involved in drug smuggling.

After 42 years as a journalist, Virginia retired in 1985 and moved back to Tampa, where she had maintained a home. She became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in May 1986. Early in 1987, Virginia was diagnosed with colon cancer. After undergoing surgery, she moved back to Whitley City in May 1988 to live with a friend. During her recuperation, she began work on a family history and autobiography that she called "Out of Virginia's Woods." Because of the difficulty in traveling to Lexington, Kentucky for medical treatment, she returned to Tampa in October 1988. Despite a second surgery and chemotherapy, early in 1989 her cancer was diagnosed as terminal. Virginia Wood Davis died on 1 February 1990 in Tampa, Florida. In accordance with her instructions to her cousin William J. Chambliss III, who was her closest family contact in the years preceding her death, her cremated remains were buried in the Rogers family cemetery in Goodnight (Barren County), Kentucky.

Throughout her life, Virginia had been uninterested in luxuries and notably unfashionable in looks and dress. Earthy and profane, she described her clothing as "rags" and declared that she was a "hillbilly to hillbillies." She was also frugal to such an extreme that her lifestyle, some said, "bordered on the primitive." With Virginia's tacit encouragement, friends mistook this frugality for poverty, buying things for her and doing other financial favors because they assumed she could not afford to do so herself. Following her death, however, those who knew Virginia were shocked at the size of her estate. After speculation that she had at one time been worth more than \$2 million, her assets at death were valued at \$400,000. In her will, Virginia bequeathed 80% of her estate to the Department of Journalism at her *alma mater*, Western Kentucky University. The department used the bequest, the largest ever given to the university up to that time, to replace its computers and to set up a scholarship fund in Virginia's name.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists primarily of materials documenting the life and journalism career of Virginia Wood Davis. Included are personal and professional correspondence, school and financial records, personal keepsakes, genealogical research, autobiographical writing, and newspaper articles written over her 42-year career as a reporter and editor (Boxes 1-12). Also included are family records and correspondence, mostly of Virginia's mother, Virginia "Jennie"

Wood (Cox) Davis (Boxes 13-14). Photographs in this collection include family photos, professional news photos made by Virginia and others, and photos of Virginia made throughout her life (Box 15). Some photos, particularly family photos, and a few postcards were transferred to the Kentucky Library.

Throughout her career, Virginia saved much of her professional work in the form of original newspaper clippings and unclipped newspaper pages. Some clippings were loose, others pasted into scrapbooks, and a small portion were undated. In order to arrange and preserve them, all such clippings and articles bearing Virginia's byline have been photocopied on acid-free paper and the originals discarded. Clippings or portions of newspapers that Virginia saved for personal reference or that did not bear evidence of her authorship have not been retained.

Box 1 of the collection contains biographical information (Folders 1-3), including a lengthy letter from Virginia's cousin, William J. Chambliss III, written to the head of WKU's journalism department after the disclosure of her bequest to the University (Folder 3). Also in Box 1 are materials relating to Virginia's academic records and school work (Folders 4-11). Of interest are three issues of Smiths Grove High School's *Campus Chatter*, to which Virginia contributed as an editor (Folder 5).

Box 2 primarily contains Virginia's correspondence with family members (Folders 3-6, 8). Included is correspondence with her mother, written in mid-1942 when Virginia was employed in wartime factory work in Owensboro and uncertain about returning to college (Folder 1). Also included is correspondence regarding an early (1943) offer of employment at the *Kingsport Times* (Folder 2) and recommendation letters (Folder 7). Virginia's correspondence with her cousin William J. Chambliss III (Folder 3) begins when Chambliss was stationed in Japan at the end of World War II, but dates mostly from the 1980s; Virginia shares career news and genealogical information, consults him on her memoir, and writes of her cancer treatments and the settlement of her affairs in expectation of her death.

Box 3 contains Virginia's personal and professional correspondence with family, friends and colleagues, readers' responses to her newspaper articles, and letters written to her as editor of the *McCreary County Record*. Of interest is 1951 correspondence regarding her article about the last Confederate veteran in Virginia, John Salling; a worshipful 1956 letter written by a Hendersonville, North Carolina man (Folder 1); and some gossipy correspondence between Virginia and former co-workers (Folders 1, 2). Also of interest is correspondence relating to Virginia's employment after her 1969 dismissal from the *Tampa Times*, which reveals details of salaries, benefits, and working conditions of women journalists in Florida in the late 1960s and early 1970s (Folder 2); and Virginia's correspondence with a congressman and the Social Security Administration regarding what she viewed as the retirement system's discriminatory treatment of single working women (Folders 3, 6).

Box 4 contains mostly Virginia's personal documents and keepsakes as well as documentation relating to her illness and death. Clippings, obituaries and miscellaneous printed matter relate mostly to family and friends in Smiths Grove (Folders 1, 2). Personal documents include Virginia's passport, baptismal certificate, Kentucky Colonel cards and press passes (Folder 3); travel documents, keepsakes, photos and news stories relating to her 1952 trip to Cuba (Folder 4) and her 1981-1982 Caribbean travel (Folder 6); and various awards and certificates presented to her while in Florida and at the *McCreary County Record* (Folders 5, 7). Virginia's will, death certificate and funeral instructions, together with her letters to Medicare and memoranda of her cousin William J. Chambliss III, provide stark documentation of her suffering

and death from colon cancer (Folder 8). Other personal items in this box include Virginia's Bible (Folder 9), miscellaneous pamphlets and printed matter (Folder 10), and photograph negatives (Folder 11).

Box 5 contains Virginia's personal writings. Included are a diary she kept from 1934-1937 (Folder 1); notes made during her 1942 wartime factory work in Owensboro; notes of her mother's illness in 1950; and notes kept during a close personal relationship with an unidentified man in the early 1980s (Folder 2). Also included are her poems (Folder 3) and short stories (Folder 4). Of particular interest are manuscript pages, drafts and other autobiographical writing and reminiscences (Folders 5, 6) that formed the basis of her memoir, "Out of Virginia's Woods." (Note: a finished copy of "Out of Virginia's Woods" is held in the Kentucky Library).

Box 6 contains materials relating to the often-intertwined legal and financial affairs of Virginia, her mother Virginia (Cox) Davis, and her mother's invalid sister Mary (Cox) Smith (1874-1946). Among the matters complicating the settlement of Mary (Cox) Smith's estate (Folder 1) was the necessity of having her son, Robin Meredith Smith, who had disappeared in 1921, declared legally dead. Virginia (Cox) Davis's affairs include a 1940s civil lawsuit filed against her (Folder 2a) and various bank-related correspondence (Folder 2b). Virginia's own business and financial affairs include correspondence and other documentation relating to her bank, real estate and mortgage investments in Smiths Grove and in Barren County, Kentucky. Virginia transacted much of her business through a Glasgow attorney and developer, Philip H. Wilson, and their correspondence includes personal and local news from the 1950s through the mid-1970s (Folder 2c). Virginia's careful notes on her salary and deductions cover her entire working life (Folder 3). Other financial documents include bank, asset and expense records (Folder 4) and correspondence relating to the financial and legal affairs of a Smiths Grove farmer who was heavily indebted to Virginia and her mother (Folder 5).

Box 7 contains correspondence, genealogical research and miscellaneous materials relating to Virginia's ancestors in the Anderson, Bagby, Cox, Davis, Rogers and Wood families. Included are an 1846 doctor's letter (Folder 1); an 1880 letter to Meredith and Sarah Cox, Virginia (Cox) Davis's grandparents, which refers to her birth (Folder 2); genealogy research (Folders 3, 5, 6); "What's Your Name?," Virginia's history of the Wood family (Folder 4); Virginia's correspondence with her cousin, Landon Baird Chambliss, which includes family history and genealogy (Folder 7); and clippings and notes on Virginia's nephew, the actor and businessman Roger Davis (Folder 8).

Box 8 contains extensive samples of Virginia's journalism, associated notes and news copy, from 1943-1965. Included is writing published in the *L&N Magazine* and WKU's *College Heights Herald* (Folder 1); the *Greer (SC) Citizen* (Folder 2); the *Kingsport (TN) Times-News* (Folders 3-7); the *Augusta (GA) Herald* (Folder 8); the *Savannah (GA) Evening Press* (Folders 9-10); the *Montgomery (AL) Advertiser* (Folders 11-12); the (Hollywood, FL) *Sun-Tattler* (Folders 13-14); the (Rock Hill, SC) *Evening Herald* (Folders 15-19); and the *Tampa (FL) Times* (Folders 20-22). Of interest is a typescript of a 1953 diary kept by a Kingsport, TN prostitute (Folder 5); Virginia's coverage of the 1953 return of an American soldier who had defected to North Korea (Folder 6); and Virginia's 1958-1960 articles on the tribal assets and marriage status of the Catawba Indians of York County, South Carolina (Folder 18).

Box 9 contains extensive samples of Virginia's journalism, associated notes and news copy, from 1965-1969, when she was a reporter for the *Tampa (FL) Times* (Folders 1-6). Included is material Virginia collected for a 1965 profile of local entertainer Amparo Garrido

(Folder 1); and miscellaneous printed matter, including a ticket and program for an appearance by President John F. Kennedy in Tampa on 18 November 1963 (Folder 7).

Box 10 contains extensive samples of Virginia's journalism, associated notes and news copy, from 1969-1977. Included is writing published in the (Jacksonville) *Florida Times-Union* (Folders 1-2), the *St. Petersburg (FL) Times* (Folders 3-4), and the (Dade City, FL) *Pasco News* and *Pasco East* (Folders 5-10). Also included is a 1973 "folk documentary" script about Dade City with a character that may have been based on Virginia (Folder 11), and a small amount of printed matter relating to the Equal Rights Amendment (Folder 12).

Box 11 contains primarily samples of Virginia's journalism as well as notes, news copy, research materials and other materials associated with her work as managing editor of the *McCreary County Record* (1977-1985). Included are correspondence and clippings relating to McCreary County history (Folders 1-4); materials relating to the history and awards of the *McCreary County Record* (Folder 5, 13); and writing, news copy and associated material produced for the *McCreary County Record* or the (Somerset, KY) *Commonwealth Journal* (Folders 6-12). Miscellaneous articles published elsewhere or that are unidentified (Folder 14), and miscellaneous journalist's notes (Folder 15) are also included. Of interest are Virginia's coverage of efforts to have a section of highway renamed in honor of a McCreary County Medal of Honor winner (Folder 7); photos and her notes of a 1981 small plane crash in the county that was connected to drug smuggling (Folder 10); and her participation in a survey of the "Alpine village" at Helen, Georgia, as a model for attracting tourists to McCreary County (Folder 11).

Box 12 contains various plaques presented to Virginia in recognition of her work in Florida and McCreary County (Folders 1-6). Virginia's Kentucky Colonel certificates are also included in this box (Folder 7).

Box 13 relates to Virginia's parents, Virginia "Jennie" (Cox) Davis and Elmore Wood Davis. Correspondence and personal papers of Elmore Wood Davis (Folder 1) include his draft registration card, letters from Virginia's mother written while he was hospitalized in Louisville prior to his death, some canceled checks for his hospital expenses, and a copy of his will. Virginia (Cox) Davis's correspondence includes family letters (Folders 2-6); letters from teachers and students at Nazareth Academy, where she attended school from 1898-1899 (Folders 2, 5); courtship letters from Claude Blakeman, together with reactions to his untimely death (Folder 3); World War I-era correspondence from her nephew, Robin Meredith Smith (Folder 4); correspondence with her husband (Folders 2, 4, 5); and undated correspondence (Folder 6).

Box 14 contains further correspondence and other materials relating to Virginia's mother, Virginia "Jennie" (Cox) Davis. Postcard correspondence (Folders 1-3) includes a few exchanged between third parties. Some of these postcards commemorate holidays, are courtship-themed, or show stereotypical images of African Americans. Keepsakes from Nazareth Academy consist of a school catalogue and two of her notebooks (Folder 4), and an account statement, autograph book, department cards, sketches and written tributes (Folder 5). Other materials in this box include calling cards (Folder 6), bank documents (Folder 7), miscellaneous keepsakes and writings (Folder 8), and a small amount of material relating to the Blakeman family (Folder 10). Also included is material relating to Virginia (Cox) Davis's death, including obituary and funeral records, and Virginia Wood Davis's account of her mother's last days (Folder 9).

Box 15 contains photographs, including snapshots and professional news photographs, but only a few photographs are identified as having been taken by Virginia. Included are photos of Virginia Wood Davis in various personal and professional settings (Folders 1-5), photos of

colleagues, and news photos produced by various newspapers for which she worked. Of interest are photos of horse shows from the *Kingsport* (TN) *Times-News* (Folders 6-8) and the *Augusta* (GA) *Herald's* coverage of the the Aiken Winter Colony (Folder 9), as well as miscellaneous horse shows and equestrians (Folder 10). A few photos are included which relate to news coverage by the *Savannah* (GA) *Evening Press* (Folder 11); the *Montgomery* (AL) *Advertiser* (Folder 12); the (Hollywood, FL) *Sun-Tattler* (Folder 13); the (Rock Hill, SC) *Evening Herald* (Folder 14); and the *Tampa* (FL) *Times* (Folder 15). News photos produced by the *McCreary County Record* cover the Stearns miners strike (Folder 16) and various other local stories (Folder 17). A few photos of family and friends, and miscellaneous photos (Folder 18-19) are also included.

Note that Manuscripts & Folklife Archives holds a related family collection, the Bond Family Papers (MSS 378). Mary Virginia (Baird) Bond (1891-1874) was the daughter of Margaret "Maggie" Yancey (Wood) Baird (1870-1957), the half-sister of Virginia's maternal grandmother, Mary "Molly" Crutcher Wood (1851-1881).

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Virginia Wood Davis – Biography and Education	1926-1990	172 items
Folder 1	Inventory and biographical data		11 items
Folder 2	Biographical clippings and articles	1940-1990	41 items
Folder 3	William J. Chambliss III memoranda and correspondence with WKU journalism department	1989-1990, n.d.	3 items
Folder 4	Public school records and diploma	1926-1934	9 items
Folder 5	High school records, diploma and clippings	1934-1940	18 items
Folder 6	School compositions	1935-1943, n.d.	24 items
Folder 7	School compositions	n.d.	39 items
Folder 8	Western Kentucky State Teachers College records and diploma	1942-1943	8 items
Folder 9	Education and teaching certification – Tennessee and Florida	1952, 1967	4 items
Folder 10	Drawing instruction books and notes	[ca. 1942, n.d.]	5 items

Folder 11	Drawings and sketches	n.d.	10 items
Box 2	Virginia Wood Davis – Family & General Correspondence	1942-1989	81 items
Folder 1	Correspondence with Virginia (Cox) Davis	1942, n.d.	21 items
Folder 2	Correspondence with (Kingsport, TN) <i>Times-News</i>	1943-1944	4 items
Folder 3	Letters to William J. Chambliss III	1946-1989, n.d.	24 items
Folder 4	Correspondence with Nell Cox	1949-1950, n.d.	8 items
Folder 5	Letters from Margaret “Maggie” (Wood) Baird	1951-1957, n.d.	5 items
Folder 6	Letters from Joe Davis	1953-1954	4 items
Folder 7	Recommendation letters	1954-1977	8 items
Folder 8	Letters from Emma (Baird) Chambliss	1957-1965	7 items
Box 3	Virginia Wood Davis – General Correspondence	1922-1989	281 items
Folder 1	Correspondence	1922-1963	100 items
Folder 2	Correspondence	1964-1977	56 items
Folder 3	Correspondence	1978-1981	46 items
Folder 4	Correspondence	1982-1989	43 items
Folder 5	Correspondence	n.d.	30 items
Folder 6	Handwritten drafts of letters	1989, n.d.	6 items
Box 4	Virginia Wood Davis – General	1895-1990	213 items
Folder 1	Miscellaneous programs and clippings re: Smiths Grove, Kentucky	1895-1987	9 items

Folder 2	Obituaries, clippings relating to family and friends	1943-1984, n.d.	35 items
Folder 3	Miscellaneous personal documents (passport, press cards, baptismal certificate, etc.)	1949-1986	16 items
Folder 4	Travel to Cuba	1952	20 items
Folder 5	Awards and certificates	1961-1983	13 items
Folder 6	Caribbean travel – information and articles filed with <i>McCreary County Record</i>	1981-1982	31 items
Folder 7	McCreary Central High School – Virginia Wood Davis Award	1988	5 items
Folder 8	Illness and death – Correspondence, memoranda, will, death certificate	1989-1990	8 items
Folder 9	Bible, bookmarks and card from Carolyn Anderson	1983, n.d.	4 items
Folder 10	Miscellaneous keepsakes	1964-1966, n.d.	6 items
Folder 11	Negatives (family and professional photos)	1981, n.d.	66 items
Box 5	Virginia Wood Davis – Personal Writing	1934-1989	123 items
Folder 1	Diary	1934-1937	2 items
Folder 2	Journals and personal memoranda	1942-1988, n.d.	6 items
Folder 3	Poems by and about Virginia Davis	1970-1990, n.d.	16 items
Folder 4	Prose and stories	1989, n.d.	6 items
Folder 5	Handwritten drafts for “Out of Virginia’s Woods”	n.d. [ca. 1989]	69 items
Folder 6	Manuscript pages for “Out of Virginia’s Woods”; autobiographical writing	n.d. [ca. 1989]	24 items

Box 6	Virginia Wood Davis – Personal & Family Legal and Financial Affairs	1921-1989	296 items
Folder 1	Mary (Cox) Smith & family – Correspondence, estate matters; Robin Smith	1921-1948	91 items
Folder 2	Virginia (Cox) Davis, Mary (Cox) Smith and Virginia Wood Davis – Business and legal affairs	1941-1974, n.d.	133 items
	2a Marguerite O’Dell vs. Virginia (Cox) Davis (10 items)	1941-1947	
	2b Virginia (Cox) Davis and Virginia Wood Davis – Banking and legal affairs (11 items)	1947-1950	
	2c Virginia Wood Davis – Business and financial affairs (112 items)	1956-1974, n.d.	
Folder 3	Virginia Wood Davis – Salary data	1943-1985	8 items
Folder 4	Virginia Wood Davis – Bank and financial records	1947-1989	19 items
Folder 5	Virginia Wood Davis – Correspondence regarding Borders farm, Smiths Grove, Ky.	1948-1962	45 items
Box 7	Virginia Wood Davis – Genealogy	1846-1989	146 items
Folder 1	Letter to Dr. William Anderson, Rutherfordton, North Carolina	1846	1 item
Folder 2	Miscellaneous Cox family papers	1876-1930	9 items
Folder 3	Wood family genealogy research	1908-1988, n.d.	15 items
Folder 4	“What’s Your Name?” – Wood family history	n.d.	2 items
Folder 5	Genealogy research	1928-1951, n.d.	53 items
Folder 6	Genealogy research	n.d.	53 items
Folder 7	Correspondence with Landon Baird Chambliss re: genealogy	1951-1989	10 items

Folder 8	Roger Davis (b. 1939)	1978-1984, n.d.	3 items
Box 8	Virginia Wood Davis – Journalism	1938-1965	828 items
Folder 1	Articles – <i>L&N Magazine, College Heights Herald</i>	1938-1943	4 items
Folder 2	Articles – <i>Greer Citizen</i> (Greer, SC)	1945-1946	12 items
Folder 3	Articles – <i>Kingsport Times-News</i> (Kingsport, TN)	1947-1951	76 items
Folder 4	Articles – <i>Kingsport Times-News</i> (Kingsport, TN)	1952-1955, n.d.	62 items
Folder 5	Typescript of Doris Perry diary and photo (Kingsport, TN)	1953	2 items
Folder 6	Ed Dickenson (<i>Kingsport Times-News</i>)	1953	34 items
Folder 7	News copy – <i>Kingsport Times-News</i> (Kingsport, TN)	[1948-1952]	6 items
Folder 8	Articles – <i>Augusta Herald</i> (Augusta, GA)	1955-1956	15 items
Folder 9	Articles – <i>Savannah Evening Press</i> (Savannah, GA)	1956	26 items
Folder 10	News copy – <i>Savannah Evening Press</i> (Savannah, GA)	Aug. 10, n.y.	1 item
Folder 11	Articles – <i>Montgomery Advertiser</i> (Montgomery, AL)	1956-1957	16 items
Folder 12	News copy & photos – <i>Montgomery Advertiser</i> (Montgomery, AL)	1956-1957	15 items
Folder 13	Articles – <i>Sun-Tattler</i> (Hollywood, FL)	1957-1958	6 items
Folder 14	News copy – <i>Sun-Tattler</i> (Hollywood, FL)	1957-1958	1 item
Folder 15	Articles – <i>Evening Herald</i> (Rock Hill, SC)	1958-June 1959	88 items
Folder 16	Articles – <i>Evening Herald</i> (Rock Hill, SC)	July – Dec. 1959	92 items

Folder 17	Articles – <i>Evening Herald</i> (Rock Hill, SC)	1960, n.d.	52 items
Folder 18	Catawba Indians (<i>Evening Herald</i>)	1958-1960	39 items
Folder 19	News copy – <i>Evening Herald</i> (Rock Hill, SC)	1958-1960	7 items
Folder 20	Articles – <i>Tampa Times</i> (Tampa, FL)	1960-1962	73 items
Folder 21	Articles – <i>Tampa Times</i> (Tampa, FL)	1963-1964	62 items
Folder 22	Articles – <i>Tampa Times</i> (Tampa, FL)	1965	139 items
Box 9	Virginia Wood Davis – Journalism	1962-1969	310 items
Folder 1	Amparo Garrido (<i>Tampa Times</i>)	1965	23 items
Folder 2	Articles – <i>Tampa Times</i> (Tampa, FL)	1966	89 items
Folder 3	Articles – <i>Tampa Times</i> (Tampa, FL)	1967	69 items
Folder 4	Articles – <i>Tampa Times</i> (Tampa, FL)	1968	70 items
Folder 5	Articles – <i>Tampa Times</i> (Tampa, FL)	1969, n.d.	31 items
Folder 6	News copy and memos – <i>Tampa Times</i> (Tampa, FL)	1962, 1969, n.d.	25 items
Folder 7	<i>Tampa Times</i> (Tampa, FL) – Miscellaneous material	1960-1963	3 items
Box 10	Virginia Wood Davis – Journalism	1969-1977	578 items
Folder 1	Articles – <i>Florida Times-Union</i> (Jacksonville, FL)	1969-1970	104 items
Folder 2	News copy - <i>Florida Times-Union</i> (Jacksonville, FL)	[1969-1970]	13 items
Folder 3	Articles – <i>St. Petersburg Times</i> (St. Petersburg, FL)	1970-1973	82 items
Folder 4	News copy – <i>St. Petersburg Times</i> (St. Petersburg, FL)	1970-1973	4 items

Folder 5	Articles – <i>Pasco News</i> and <i>Pasco East</i> (Dade City, FL)	1973	139 items
Folder 6	Articles – <i>Pasco News</i> (Dade City, FL)	1974	126 items
Folder 7	Articles – <i>Pasco News</i> (Dade City, FL)	1975	63 items
Folder 8	Articles – <i>Pasco News</i> (Dade City, FL)	1976	31 items
Folder 9	Articles – <i>Pasco News</i> (Dade City, FL)	1977, n.d.	3 items
Folder 10	News copy – <i>Pasco News</i> (Dade City, FL)	1976, n.d.	8 items
Folder 11	“Cracker: An American Folk Documentary,” by Theodore Magnuson	1973	1 item
Folder 12	Miscellaneous materials re: women and Equal Rights Amendment	1958, [1976]	4 items
Box 11	Virginia Wood Davis – Journalism and Related Material	1951-1989, n.d.	228 items
Folder 1	Materials on McCreary County history	1978-1988, n.d.	10 items
Folder 2	Materials on McCreary County history	1978-1981, n.d.	6 items
Folder 3	Materials on McCreary County history	1979-1985, n.d.	13 items
Folder 4	McCreary County history – Princess Cornblossom	1958-1979, n.d.	7 items
Folder 5	<i>McCreary County Record</i> (Whitley City, KY) – History and awards	1977-1985, n.d.	43 items
Folder 6	Articles – <i>McCreary County Record</i> (Whitley City, KY) and <i>Commonwealth Record</i> (Somerset, KY)	1977-1985	36 items
Folder 7	<i>McCreary County Record</i> – Wilburn K. Ross	1963-1978	16 items
Folder 8	<i>McCreary County Record</i> – Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area	1974-1989	15 items

Folder 9	<i>McCreary County Record</i> – Justus mine strike, Stearns, Ky.	1978-1980	6 items
Folder 10	<i>McCreary County Record</i> – Plane crash	1981	18 items
Folder 11	<i>McCreary County Record</i> – Alpine Helen, GA	1982	24 items
Folder 12	News copy - <i>McCreary County Record</i> (Whitley City, KY)	1977, n.d.	10 items
Folder 13	<i>McCreary County Record</i> – Miscellaneous	1978-1982, n.d.	4 items
Folder 14	Miscellaneous published articles and articles in undated/unidentified newspapers	1951-1953, n.d.	7 items
Folder 15	Miscellaneous journalist's notes	1980, n.d.	13 items
Box 12	Virginia Wood Davis – Plaques & Awards	1953-1985	11 items
Folder 1	North Tampa Chamber of Commerce Award	1962	1 item
Folder 2	McCreary Fest – Appreciation Award	1981	1 item
Folder 3	McCreary County Gifted Program – First Honorary Member	1984-1984	1 item
Folder 4	McCreary County Chamber of Commerce Award	1984	1 item
Folder 5	Florida School Bell Award (presented to <i>Dade City Banner</i>)	1971	1 item
Folder 6	Big South Fork Development Association – Honorary Lifetime Membership	1985	1 item
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