

# Davidson Family CollectionPBY011PBY011

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Stage
<b>Title:</b>	Davidson Family Collection
<b>ID:</b>	PBY011
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1800-1900
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3 Linear feet
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## Scope and Contents

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Original and reproduction manuscript/transcript materials document periods in the lives of three Georgetown residents who were owners and residents of one of Georgetown's storied landmarks, Evermay : Samuel Davidson (c 1747 – 1810), a real estate speculator and part-owner of the land where the White House stands, began construction of Evermay in 1792. Lewis Grant Davidson (1779 - 1832), second owner of Evermay, inherited the Georgetown property at 1623 28th Street, NW from his uncle Samuel Davidson upon condition that he add "Davidson" to his name. Lewis' name change made him the first resident of the nation's capital to take another name legally and required a special act of Congress, signed into law by President James Madison. Samuel Grant Davidson (1822 – 1893), never married son of Lewis Grant Davidson and his wife Eliza (Crawford) Davidson. See also Peabody Room's "Davidson" vertical file for extensive genealogical information.

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## Administrative Information

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## **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Materials contained in Box 3 were donated circa 1986 to 1988 by Robert Webster Stone, Jr., whose great-great-granduncle was Samuel Grant Davidson. The provenance of the other materials in this collection is unknown.

## **Conditions Governing Use**

No known reproduction restrictions are on this collection.

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