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R1320  Davidson, Ernest Evans, 1881-1944
Photograph album, 1925-1940
Nine folders (.2 cubic feet)

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PROVENANCE
The University of Missouri purchased this item from The Treasure Chest in Springfield, Missouri on 23 February, 2009 (SHSMO accession No. RA1433).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
Ernest Evans Davidson (1881 – 1944) was an attorney, bank president, and gentleman farmer. The Davidson family lived in Clay County north of Kansas City and owned land in Clay County, a mill in southeastern Missouri, and a ranch in Texas. His wife, Etta May Beeman (1883-1947), was raised in Ottawa, Kansas. She graduated from St. Mary’s College and was very active in Kansas City society. The Davidsons had two children, James Campbell Davidson (1913-2007), and Ella Mary Davidson (1915-1996). Senator Harry S. Truman helped young James procure a job as the doorman for the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. According to his obituary, he escorted Margaret Truman to White House galas while her father was president. James C. Davidson became a successful attorney. Later he moved to Springfield, Missouri where he died in 2007 at the age of 94.

In 1927 the family vacationed with “cousin” John Campbell Evans (1879-1941), Edna Clarkson Evans (1881-1963), and their children. The Evans family lived in West Plains, Missouri.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
The Davidson family photograph album contains snapshot views of their Clay County home, friends and family, 1925-1940. The bulk of the collection consists of a 1927 vacation to Friend’s Mill near Althea, Missouri on the North Fork of the White River. Also of note are views of a return to Friend’s Mill and a few photographs of Lake of the Ozarks, 1933.

FOLDER INVENTORY

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