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A Finding Aid to the Gene Davis Papers, 1920-2000,  
bulk 1942-1990, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Gene Davis papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.davigene
<b>Date:</b>	1920-2000 (bulk 1942-1990)
<b>Extent:</b>	17.7 Linear feet
<b>Creator:</b>	Davis, Gene, 1920-1985
<b>Language:</b>	Collection is in English.
<b>Summary:</b>	The papers of the artist Gene Davis measure 17.7 linear feet and date from 1920-2000, with the bulk of materials dating from 1942-1990. Papers document Davis's personal life and his career as an artist and educator, as well as his career as a journalist in the 1940s and 1950s, through biographical materials, correspondence, interviews, business records, estate records, writings by and about Gene Davis, printed materials concerning Davis's art career, personal and art-related photographs, and artwork by Davis and others.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 1981 by Gene Davis and 1986 by his wife, Florence. Additional material donated 1991 and 1993 from Smithsonian American Art Museum via a bequest to them from the Gene and Florence Davis estate. Much of the 1993 addition was assembled by art historian Percy North at the request of Florence Davis. An additional folder of photographs of Davis taken in 1969 but printed in 2000 was later added to the collection.

### Related Materials

Also found in the Archives of American Art is an oral history interview with Gene Davis conducted by Estill Curtis Pennington on April 23, 1981. A transcript is available on the Archives of American Art website.

### Available Formats

Some of the moving image and sound recordings in this collection have been digitized for research access and are available in the Archives of American Art offices.

### Processing Information

Portions of the collection received a preliminary level of processing at some point after the 1981 accession. The collection was fully processed a finding aid prepared by Megan McShea

in 2014-2015 with funding provided by the Council on Library and Information Resources' "Hidden Collections" grant program.

Approximately 3 linear feet of material assembled by art historian Percy North, compiled by North to update the Gene Davis bibliography in Steven Naifeh's 1982 monograph, was transferred to the Archives as part of the Gene Davis papers in 1993. The majority of this material consisted of photocopies of material from the Gene Davis papers, although some original material was also found. Duplicate materials with no significant annotations by North were discarded during processing. North's original research notes and writings were retained and filed in series 5, Writings, along with photocopies of printed material with significant annotations by North. Original and photocopied photographs, printed material, correspondence, and other materials found with North's files but not duplicated in the collection have been integrated with their appropriate series.

17 Motion picture film reels were inspected and re-housed in 2016-2017 with funding provided by the Smithsonian Collections Care and Preservation Fund.

## Preferred Citation

Gene Davis papers, 1920-2000, bulk 1942-1990. Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution.

## Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C. Research Center. Use of archival audiovisual recordings with no duplicate access copy requires advance notice. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

Gene Davis (1920-1985) was a Washington, D.C.-based artist and educator who worked in a variety of media, including painting, drawing, collage, video, light sculpture, and conceptual art. Davis is best known for his vertical stripe paintings and his association with the Washington Color School.

Davis was born in 1920 in Washington, D.C. and began his career as a writer. In his twenties he wrote pulp stories and worked as a journalist, reporting for United Press International and serving as a White House correspondent for Transradio Press Service during the Truman administration. Later, he worked in public relations for the Automobile Association of America. A self-taught artist, Davis began painting while still working full-time as a writer, influenced by the prevailing abstract expressionist artists of the time, his frequent visits to the Corcoran Gallery and Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C., and by his friend and mentor, Jacob Kainen. His first one-man show was held in the lobby of the Dupont Theater in Washington in 1952. He had a drawing accepted in the Corcoran Area Show in 1953, and won several local art prizes in the 1950s. He began showing work regularly in galleries around Washington, such as the Watkins Gallery at American University, the Gres Gallery, and the Henri Gallery, and had solo exhibitions at Jefferson Place Gallery in 1959 and 1961. Many of the painters who made up what became known as the Washington Color School also showed there, including Kenneth Noland, Howard Mehring, and Sam

Gilliam. In 1965, the Washington Gallery of Modern Art held a seminal exhibition entitled *Washington Color Painters*, which included Davis, Noland, Mehring, Morris Louis, Thomas Downing, and Paul Reed.

Davis began showing outside of Washington regularly in the 1960s, including the Poindexter and Fischbach galleries in New York City, and in several important group shows at museums such as the Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum, and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. He had three works shown in the 1964 exhibition *Post-Painterly Abstraction*, organized by the influential art critic Clement Greenberg at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. In the late 1960s, he began teaching art classes at the Corcoran School, and spent the summer of 1969 as artist in residence at Skidmore College's "Summer in Experiment" program.

Davis experimented with form continuously throughout his career, including a period of conceptual work in the late 1960s. In 1969 he participated in the "Giveaway," organized by Douglas Davis and Ed McGowin, in which multiple copies of a Davis painting were given away to invited guests in a gesture intended to subvert the art market. Davis also began experimenting with scale, creating a series of tiny paintings he called "Micro-paintings," which were exhibited at Fischbach Gallery in 1968. Around this time he also began working with film and video, recruiting models from his art classes to enact tightly choreographed movement pieces that played with rhythm and interval. Convinced by a lawyer that his videos were a liability without having obtained releases from the models, Davis destroyed all but one of his video works. The surviving video, "Video Puzzle," shows a foreshortened view of a model on the floor of a gallery spelling out a statement by Clement Greenberg at predetermined intervals.

Davis made several large-scale site-specific works using the stripe motif in public places. The first of these was created in the Bal Harbour, Florida, Neiman Marcus department store in 1970. Later works included *Franklin's Footpath*, executed in the road leading to the Philadelphia Museum of Art in 1972, and *Niagara* (1979) at ArtPark in Lewistown, NY, promoted at the time as the largest painting in the world. Interior large-scale works were created twice at the Corcoran Gallery, with *Magic Circle* (1975) and *Ferris Wheel* (1982), both executed in the museum's rotunda. *Black Yo-Yo* was created for the Cranbrook Academy in 1980, and *Sun Sonata* (1983), an illuminated wall of colored liquid-filled tubes, was created as an architectural feature of the Muscarelle Museum of Art in Williamsburg, Virginia. Plans for an unexecuted work called "Grass Painting," for a site near the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., were exhibited in the 1974 "Art Now" festival.

In the late 1970s and 1980s Davis consistently exhibited his work in several solo gallery shows a year, and also had numerous solo exhibitions in major museums. A major exhibition, *Recent Paintings*, was organized by the Walker Art Center in 1978, and traveled to the Corcoran Gallery of Art in 1979. A drawing retrospective was held at the Brooklyn Museum of art in 1983, and the same year the Washington Project for the Arts organized an exhibition entitled *Child and Man: A Collaboration*, featuring drawings Davis made in response to childrens' drawings. Davis died suddenly in April 1985 at the age of 65, and a major retrospective of his work was held at the Smithsonian National Museum of American Art in 1987.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers of the artist Gene Davis measure 17.7 linear feet and date from 1920-2000, with the bulk of materials dating from 1942-1990. Papers document Davis's personal life and his career as an artist and educator, and to a lesser degree his early career as a journalist in the 1940s and 1950s, through biographical materials, correspondence, interviews, business records, estate records, writings by and about Gene Davis, printed materials concerning Davis's art career, personal and art-related photographs, and artwork by Davis and others.

Biographical materials include birth and death certificates, awards, biographical narratives by Gene Davis and others, CVs, résumés, personal documents from Davis's family and childhood, documents related to

his work as a White House correspondent, documentation related to his death and memorial service, and papers for the family pets. A video documentary about Davis by Carl Colby is found on one videocassette.

Correspondence is mainly of a professional nature, and correspondents include gallery and museum curators, private art collectors, publishers, fellow artists, art educators, academics, and students. Letters document exhibitions, sales, book projects, teaching jobs, visits to studios, local art community events in the Washington, D.C. area, and other projects. Significant correspondents include Gene Baro, Douglas Davis, Clement Greenberg, Gerald Nordland, William Seitz, Alma Thomas, and Donald Wall. Interviews and lectures include sound recordings and transcripts. Many of the interviews were broadcast or published. Also found is a single lecture by Davis given in 1969 at the National Collection of Fine Arts, Smithsonian Institution, entitled "Contemporary Painting." Sound recordings are found for three of the interviews and for the lecture, on 4 sound reels and 1 sound cassette.

Business records include artwork documentation, price lists, sales records, contracts, financial and legal records, gallery and museum files documenting sales and exhibitions, records related to the construction of Davis's home studio in 1970, and a few teaching records. Estate records mainly reflect Florence Davis's efforts to document the works of her husband, and to manage their exhibition, promotion, and sale after his death in April 1985. Estate records include an inventory of artworks, documentation of gifts to museums, correspondence, legal, and financial records. Writings include notes, drafts of essays, artist statements, and articles by Davis, and many articles by others about Davis. Several of Davis's articles reflect specifically on the Washington, D.C. art scene. Also found are drafts of monographs on Davis including one by Donald Wall (1975) and one by Steven Naifeh (1982). Records of Naifeh's book also include photographs of all black and white and color plates from the published book. Among the writings are also notes and research files of Percy North, who worked on an update to Naifeh's 1982 bibliography after Davis's death.

Printed materials include annual reports of museums, published arts-related calendars, auction catalogs, brochures from organizations with which Davis had some affiliation, exhibition announcements and invitations, exhibition catalogs, magazine articles, newspaper clippings, newsletters, posters, press releases, and other published material. Photographs include personal photographs of Gene and Florence Davis and their families, portraits of Gene Davis, photographs of Gene Davis with artworks and working in the studio, Davis' art classes and students, installations of site-specific works, conceptual and video works, exhibition openings, and photographs of artwork, both installed in exhibitions and individually photographed. Found among the photographs are also four videocassettes documenting the Gene Davis retrospective as installed at the Smithsonian National Museum of American Art in 1987.

Artwork includes photographs, drawings, moving images, and documentation of conceptual art. Works by Davis include documentation of the 1969 "Giveaway" with Douglas Davis and Ed McGowin, "The Artist's Fingerprints Except for One which belongs to someone else," documentation of his "Air Displacement" happening, a short film entitled "Patricia," and a video entitled "Video Puzzle." Other moving images include four reels of film of Davis's stripe paintings, and other experiments with motion picture film and photographs.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged as 8 series.

- Series 1: Biographical Material, 1930-1987 (0.6 linear feet; Boxes 1, 17)
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1943-1990 (1.7 linear feet; Boxes 1-3)
- Series 3: Interviews and Lectures, 1964-1983 (0.3 linear feet; Box 3)
- Series 4: Business and Estate Records, 1942-1990 (1.6 linear feet; Boxes 3-5, 17, OV 20)
- Series 5: Writings, 1944-1990 (2 linear feet; Boxes 5-6, 17, OV 19)

- Series 6: Printed Material, 1942-1990 (5.5 linear feet; Boxes 7-11, 17-18, OV 20, FC 35-37)
- Series 7: Photographs, 1920-2000 (3.8 linear feet; Boxes 11-15, 17, OV 19)
- Series 8: Artwork, 1930-1985 (2.2 linear feet; Boxes 15-16, 18, FC 21-34)

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

Art -- Study and teaching  
Artists' studios -- Photographs  
Color-field painting -- Washington (D.C.)  
Painting, Modern -- 20th century -- Washington (D.C.)

### Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Photographs  
Sound recordings  
Transcripts  
Video recordings

### Names:

Baro, Gene  
Colby, Carl  
Davis, Douglas  
Davis, Florence  
Greenberg, Clement, 1909-1994  
McGowin, Ed, 1938-  
Naifeh, Steven, 1952-  
Nordland, Gerald  
North, Percy, 1945-  
Seitz, William Chapin  
Thomas, Alma  
Wall, Donald  
White House (Washington, D.C.)

### Occupations:

Collagists -- Washington, D.C.  
Conceptual artists -- Washington, D.C.  
Painters -- Washington (D.C.)  
Reporters and reporting -- Washington (D.C.)  
Video artists -- Washington, D.C.

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Biographical Material, 1930-1987

*0.6 Linear feet (Box 1, 17)*

Series contains biographical documents such as birth and death certificates, awards, biographical narratives by Gene Davis and others, CVs, and résumés. Also found are personal documents from Gene Davis's family and childhood, documentation related to his death and memorial service, and papers for the family pets. Juvenilia includes a childhood essay and drawing, and memorabilia includes performance programs from the 1930s, French currency from 1944, and a clipping annotated by his mother. Papers related to Davis's job as a White House correspondent include schedules, invitations, telephone directories, and documentation of President Truman's travels.

Documentation of Davis's death and memorials include programs and typescript of remarks made at the service, a sound recording of the service on one sound cassette, photocopies of published obituaries, and a photograph album created for the memorial.

Additional material related to Davis's years as a journalist is found in series 5, Writings and series 7, Photographs. Original copies of many of the published obituaries are found in series 6, Printed Material. Additional photographs from Davis's childhood and early years are found in series 7, Photographs.

Box 1, Folder 1	Biographical Narratives, circa 1963-1985
Box 1, Folder 2	Birth and Death Certificates, 1969, 1985
Box 1, Folder 3	Certificates and Awards, 1953 - circa 1983
Box 1, Folder 4	CVs and Résumés, circa 1968-1985
Box 1, Folder 5	Documentary <i>Gene Davis</i> by Carl Colby, 1986 <i>1 Videocassettes (U-matic)</i> Broadcast on WETA-TV (Washington, D.C.)
Box 1, Folder 6	Dog Papers, 1964-1973
Box 1, Folder 7	Family Papers, 1939-1978
Box 1, Folder 8	High School Yearbook, 1938
Box 1, Folder 9	Horoscope, 1975
Box 1, Folder 10	Juvenilia, circa 1930
Box 1, Folder 11	Memorabilia, 1937-1953
Box 1, Folder 12	Memorial Service Program and Remarks, 1985



Box 1, Folder 12	Memorial Service, Sound Recording, 1985 <i>2 Sound cassettes (duplicates)</i> <i>1 Sound cassette (original)</i>
Box 1, Folder 13	Memorial Events and Proclamations, 1985-1987
Box 1, Folder 14	Obituaries, 1985
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Box 1, Folder 16	Photograph Album for Memorial, 1985 Oversized album housed in Box 17
Box 17	Oversized Photograph Album from Box 1, folder 16

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## Series 2: Correspondence, 1943-1990

### 1.7 Linear feet (Boxes 1-3, OV 19)

Correspondence is mainly of a professional nature, and correspondents include gallery and museum curators, private art collectors, publishers, fellow artists, art educators, academics, and students. Letters document exhibitions, sales, book projects, teaching jobs, visits to studios, local art community events in the Washington, D.C. area, and other projects. A few early letters are found related to Davis's personal life and work as a journalist prior to 1955, but most correspondence is from after that date and pertains to his art career. Almost all letters are addressed to Gene Davis, but scattered letters, including letters of condolence from 1985, are addressed to Florence Davis. Significant correspondents include Gene Baro, Douglas Davis, Clement Greenberg, Gerald Nordland, William Seitz, Alma Thomas, and Donald Wall.

Series is arranged alphabetically by correspondent. Correspondents with more than two letters are filed in individual folders by name, with the remainder of correspondence filed in a general alphabetical file. Where drafts of outgoing letters were found with related incoming letters, they have been kept together, but most drafts of letters by Gene Davis, and some original letters sent to his wife Florence, are filed under his name. Correspondents may be filed under either corporate or personal name, and cross-references are provided in the folder listing where possible. Additional correspondence with museums and galleries is found in series 4, Business and Estate Records, in the gallery files, museum files, legal records, and estate of Gene Davis files.

Box 1, Folder 17	A, 1967-1985
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Box 1, Folder 19	Albany Institute of history and Art, 1981-1982
Box 1, Folder 20	Lawrence Alloway, 1961-1966
Box 1, Folder 21	Mario Amaya, 1970
Box 1, Folder 22	American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, 1978-1980
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Box 1, Folder 24	André Emmerich Gallery, 1961-1977
Box 1, Folder 25	<i>Architecture Magazine</i> , 1984
Box 1, Folder 26	Archives of American Art, 1978-1983
Box 1, Folder 27	<i>Art in America</i> , 1967-1979
Box 1, Folder 28	Art-in-Architecture Program, General Services Administration, 1977-1979
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Box 1, Folder 30	Art Institute of Chicago, 1976-1978
Box 1, Folder 31	<i>ArtForum</i> , 1966-1979
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Box 1, Folder 33	Artpark, 1979-1984
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- Box 1, Folder 50 Alan Cohen, 1974-1986
- Box 1, Folder 51 Collector's Press, 1967-1968
- Box 1, Folder 52 College of William and Mary, Joseph and Margaret Muscarelle Museum of Art, 1982-1984  
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- Box 1, Folder 53 Corcoran Gallery of Art and Corcoran School of Art, 1953-1970  
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- Box 1, Folder 54 Corcoran Gallery of Art and Corcoran School of Art, 1971-1988  
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- Box 1, Folder 55 Paul Cornwall Jones (Petersburg Press), 1968-1977
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- Box 1, Folder 58 Andrew Crispo (Crispo Gallery), 1976-1984
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- Box 1, Folder 60 Douglas Davis, 1969-1974  
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- Box 2, Folder 2 John and Jean Denman, 1981-1983
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- Box 2, Folder 4 Robert M. Doty (Whitney Museum), 1969-1970
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Box 2, Folder 22	Barbara Gold, 1968-1969
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Box 2, Folder 24	Green Gallery (Richard Bellamy), 1961-1962

Box 2, Folder 25	Clement Greenberg, 1979, 1961-1967
Box 2, Folder 26	Gres Gallery, 1958-1961
Box 2, Folder 27	H, 1961-1985 Contains letters from Ben Heller, HKL Ltd., and a telegram expressing condolences from Walter Hopps.
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Box 2, Folder 43	Pat Jones, 1983-1984

- Box 2, Folder 44      Joslyn Art Museum, 1981-1985
- Box 2, Folder 45      K, 1969-1984  
Contains letters from David Katzive and a typescript description of a conceptual work by Ridge Kelley
- Box 2, Folder 46      King Printing, 1974-1975
- Box 2, Folder 47      L, 1969-1985  
Contains letters from Jack Levine, Macha Laget, Leo Castelli Gallery, Fred Lutz, and Maurice Tuchman of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art
- Box 2, Folder 48      James and Jane Lodge, 1976
- Box 2, Folder 49      M, 1968-1985  
[Image\(s\)](#)  
Contains letters from Ed McGowin, Maryland Institute College of Art, McIntosh/Drysdale Gallery, Martha Jackson Gallery, John Myers, Milwaukee Art Center, and Lee Malone
- Box 2, Folder 50      Massachusetts Institute of Technology Committee on the Visual Arts (Wayne Anderson), 1966-1981
- Box 2, Folder 51      Master Editions, Inc., 1978-1979  
See also Elizabeth Weiner
- Box 2, Folder 52      Medici-Berenson Gallery (Lois Cutler), 1978-1984
- Box 2, Folder 53      Howard Mehring, circa 1963
- Box 2, Folder 54      Vincent Melzac, 1964-1985
- Box 2, Folder 55      Meredith Contemporary Art (Baltimore), 1982-1983
- Box 2, Folder 56      Thomas Messer (Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum), 1961-1977
- Box 2, Folder 57      Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1972-1983
- Box 2, Folder 58      Joan Mondale, 1978-1983
- Box 2, Folder 59      Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 1978-1979
- Box 2, Folder 60      Museum of Modern Art (William Seitz, Dorothy Miller), 1963-1981
- Box 2, Folder 61      N, 1951-1985

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Box 2, Folder 80	Preston Phillips, 1982-1984
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Box 2, Folder 87	Q-R, 1942-1985 Contains letters from Rolf Ricke, Barbara Rose, Gloria Ross, and a condolence card from Nancy and Ronald Reagan
Box 2, Folder 88	S, 1954-1985 Contains letters from Roy Slade, the Society of Washington Artists, Willoughby Sharp, Therese Schwartz, and Sable Gallery.
Box 2, Folder 89	San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, 1965-1969 See also Gerald Nordland
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## Series 3: Interviews and Lectures, 1964-1983

### 0.3 Linear feet (Box 3)

Series contains interviews with Gene Davis in the form of sound recordings and transcripts. Many of the interviews were broadcast or published. Also found is a single lecture by Davis given in 1969 at the National Collection of Fine Arts, Smithsonian Institution, entitled "Contemporary Painting." The Rose, Wall, and Hopps interviews with Davis (1971 and 1973) were later edited and published in a monograph in 1975. Edited transcripts related to that publication are found with original transcripts in this series. The Squirru and Voice of America interviews, as well as the Davis lecture, are on 4 sound tape reels, and the Hopps interview is on 1 sound cassette.

Arrangement is chronological. Galley proofs from the Donald Wall publication are found in the Writings series.

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| Box 3, Folder 12 | Interview with Rafael Squirru, Pan American Union, circa 1964<br><i>2 Sound tape reels</i>   |
| Box 3, Folder 13 | "Suggestions for an Interview with Gene Baro," for <i>Studio International</i> , circa 1967  |
| Box 3, Folder 14 | "Contemporary Painting," Lecture by Davis at the National Collection of Fine Arts, Smithsonian Institution, 1969 August 26<br><i>1 Sound tape reel (Includes transcript)</i> |
| Box 3, Folder 15 | "A Conversation with Gene Davis" by Barbara Rose, 1971   |
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| Box 3, Folder 17 | "An Interview with Gene Davis" by Walter Hopps, 1973 October<br><i>1 Sound cassette (Includes transcript)</i>  |
| Box 3, Folder 18 | Voice of America Interview, 1974 April 3<br><i>1 Sound tape reel</i><br>Reel 2 of 2 only. Location of Reel 1 of 2 unknown.   |
| Box 3, Folder 19 | Interview with David Tannous for Art in America, circa 1977  |
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| Box 3, Folder 21 | Interview by Mary Swift, 1978  |
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## Series 4: Business and Estate Records, 1942-1990

### 1.6 Linear feet (Boxes 3-5, 17, OV 20)

Series contains business records related to Davis's art career, including records of artwork, prices, sales, contracts, financial and legal records, gallery and museum files, records related to the construction of Davis's home studio in 1970, and a few teaching records. In general, records from Davis's lifetime are found throughout the series and records created after Davis's death in 1985 are filed under Estate of Gene Davis. An exception is the Charles Cowles Gallery and Hokin Gallery files, which contain records of the estate inventory, sales, and loans. Records filed under Estate of Gene Davis mainly reflect Florence Davis's efforts to document the works of her husband, and to manage their exhibition, promotion, and sale after April 1985. Gallery files contain inventory lists, sales records, and some correspondence and span Davis's career. Museum files typically contain loan agreements, shipping records, insurance appraisals, records related to gifts and purchase of artwork, and invoices for artwork reproductions. Private sales include records of sales made directly by Davis to individual and corporate buyers, including his large-scale installation at Neiman Marcus in Boca Raton, Florida. Davis's exhibition *Child and Man: A Collaboration* (1983), which featured children's art juxtaposed with his own and curated by Washington Project for the Arts, is documented in a series of files for each of the five venues. The construction of Davis's home studio is documented with architectural drawings, correspondence, invoices, and 13 super 8 mm film reels shot by Davis.

Arrangement is alphabetical, with major headings grouping gallery, museum, and estate records. Additional material related to many of the transactions documented here, particularly related to sales and exhibitions, are found in series 2, Correspondence. Photographs of artwork and exhibitions are in series 7, Photographs.

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## Series 5: Writings, 1944-1990

### *2 Linear feet (Boxes 5-6, 17, 19)*

Writings include notes, articles, statements, essays, books, and research material by and about Gene Davis. Writings by Gene Davis include artist statements, magazine and newspaper articles about art, news stories written as a White House correspondent for Transradio Press Service, exhibition-related texts, notes, and a proposal for the site-specific "Grass Painting" at the Kennedy Center in 1974. Artist's statements were usually written for specific Davis exhibitions, and include a statement for the "Gene Davis Give-Away," a happening undertaken with Douglas Davis and Ed McGowin in 1969. Several of Davis's articles reflect specifically on the Washington, D.C. art scene. Most of the writings exist as typescripts. Photocopies of the published article are found for a few items.

Writings by others include articles and books about Gene Davis by various authors, and research notes by Percy North. Articles are filed by author. One of the books is a handwritten satire by Jim Lodge documenting the installation of a large work by Davis in a private office. Other books with records in this series are monographs on Davis; one by Donald Wall (1975) and another by Steven Naifeh (1982). Materials found for Wall's book include galley proofs for interviews of Davis conducted by Barbara Rose, Donald Wall, and Walter Hopps, and color proofs of the color plates. Materials found for the Naifeh book include an edited typescript of the text, black and white photographic prints of images from the book, and color transparencies and Chromalin prints of color plates. The photographs are heavily annotated with markup for print production, as well as some source information. Black and white photographs referred to as "reference prints" are photographs of Davis and others. The rest of the photographs and plates are of artworks.

Research notes by Percy North include photocopied published material with annotations by North, notes, a list of articles collected, and notes updating the bibliography and exhibition list for Naifeh's 1982 monograph.

Writings by Gene Davis are filed first, alphabetically by title, form, or subject, followed by writings by others, filed alphabetically by author. Where multiple drafts exist for a piece, the draft that appears to be closest to final is filed at the front of the folder. Published versions of many of the writings are found in series 6, Printed Materials. Original transcripts and one sound recording from the interviews contained in the 1975 Donald Wall book are found in series 2, Interviews and Lectures.

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Series includes annual reports of museums, published arts-related calendars, auction catalogs, brochures from organizations with which Davis had some affiliation, exhibition announcements and invitations, exhibition catalogs, magazine articles, newspaper clippings, newsletters, posters, press releases, and other published material. Most exhibition announcements and catalogs are for Davis's solo exhibitions or group shows in which his work was shown, although a few documents related to exhibitions of other artists are also found. A 1988 publication of proceedings from an Artists' Congress of the Coalition of Washington Artists is also found.

Photocopies are found of some printed material, most of which were assembled by Percy North in her bibliographic research on Davis after his death. When original copies of this material was not found in the collection, photocopies were integrated with other like materials during processing.

Series is arranged by type of material, and large groups such as catalogs and clippings are filed chronologically within each type. Drafts of many of the articles by or about Davis are found in series 5, Writings. Percy North's notes and annotated photocopies related to her bibliographic research are also found in series 5. Additional printed material is found in series 1, Biographical Materials, and series 4, Business and Estate Records.

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Box 17	Oversized Magazines from Box 10, folder 17
Box 17	Oversized Magazines from Box 10, folders 18-19
Box 18	Oversized Clippings from Box 10, folders 25 and 27
Box 18	Oversized Clippings from Box 11, folders 1-3

Box 18	Oversized Clippings from Box 11, folders 5-8
Box 18	Oversized Clippings from Box 11, folders 9, 10, and 12
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Box 18	Oversized Phonograph Album from Box 11, folder 34
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## Series 7: Photographs, 1920-2000

### 3.8 Linear feet (Boxes 11-15, 17, OV 19)

Photographs include personal photographs of Gene and Florence Davis and their families, portraits of Gene Davis, photographs of Gene Davis with artworks and working in the studio, Davis' art classes and students, installations of site-specific works, conceptual and video works, exhibition openings, and photographs of artwork, both installed in exhibitions and individually photographed. Also found are three disassembled photograph albums with similar content. Photographic media include prints, contact sheets, negatives, Polaroid prints, slides, and transparencies. Scattered 4x5" Copy negatives appear to have been created for the catalog to the 1987 memorial exhibition at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, and envelopes containing these negatives sometimes provide additional identifying information not on the original print.

Images of Gene Davis are scattered throughout the series, either alone or in groups, and other people pictured are not typically identified. Where people are identified on the original photographs, their names are included in the folder list below. Among those identified in photographs are Harry Truman, John L. Lewis, J. Edgar Hoover, Walter Hopps, Jacob Kainen, Ed McGowin, Douglas Davis, Jane Livingston, Joan Mondale, and Bob Woodward. Three photograph albums that were disassembled upon accession of the collection are filed at the beginning of the series. Many of the photographs in these albums are from groups of prints filed elsewhere in the series. Album photographs include portraits of Davis, childhood photographs, Davis working as a journalist and model early in life, snapshots from travels and social gatherings, Davis's Washington, D.C. home, Davis in his studio, art classes, installations of site-specific works, and artworks.

Loose photographs comprise the remainder of the series and include personal photographs and art-related photographs. Personal photographs include portraits of Gene Davis and Florence Coulson Davis, family photographs, and snapshots taken over a period of twenty years showing the Davis's with family and friends at home and traveling abroad. Portraits and snapshots are followed by several sets of photographs showing art classes, art students, and models for classes presumably taught by Davis. Other art-related photographs include openings for Gene Davis exhibitions, visits to other museum and gallery exhibitions, installations of Davis's site-specific works, and photographs of the 1969 "Giveaway" event. Snapshots of Davis's studio, some with Davis pictured and some without, are also found.

Photographs of artwork include prints, slides, transparencies, and Polaroid prints of drawings, paintings, and video art by Davis, shot individually and also shown installed in specific exhibitions. Prints are typically identified by title and date and sometimes collection, and some prints contain information about their creation or reproduction. Also found are exhibition views of installed works spanning Davis' career. Photographs of artwork and exhibition views are black and white prints unless otherwise indicated in the folder list. Among the exhibition views are four videocassettes (VHS) of the 1987 retrospective at the Smithsonian National Museum of American Art.

Snapshots are grouped in sets of photographs that were shot or processed at the same time wherever possible. Some of these sets include scattered individual shots not relating to the general subject matter named in the folder heading. Where photographs with similar content or from the same group of photographs have been divided between the albums and loose photographs, similar folder headings are used in both locations. Negatives are filed with corresponding prints wherever possible as well, but not all negatives have been matched to their prints in the series arrangement. Where negatives are known to have no corresponding prints in the collection, it is noted in the folder list.

Photographs documenting Davis's storage facility from 1985, presumably taken for estate assessment purposes, are filed with the Business and Estate Records. Photographs used in Steven Naifeh's monograph on Davis are filed with drafts of the book's manuscript in series 5, Writings. Photographs reproduced in a memorial photo album are filed with series 1, Biographical Material. Moving images containing footage of students and art classes are found in series 8, Artwork.

- Box 11                      Disassembled Photograph Album 1
- Box 11, Folder 43            Childhood Photographs of Gene Davis, circa 1920-1939
- Box 11, Folder 44            Davis Working as a Model for Detective Stories, circa 1940
- Box 11, Folder 45            Davis Working as a Journalist, circa 1945-1965  
With Harry Truman, John L. Lewis, and J. Edgar Hoover
- Box 11, Folder 46            Portraits of Davis, circa 1950-1975
- Box 11, Folder 47            Travel Snapshots and Photographs of Gene and Florence Davis, 1969-1970
- Box 11, Folder 48            Exhibition Openings, 1959-1975
- Box 11, Folder 49            Davis with Artworks, circa 1959-1972
- Box 11, Folder 50            Davis Working, circa 1970-1985  
See also Disassembled Photograph Album 3, and Studio photographs
- Box 11, Folder 51            Studio and Art Classes, 1968-1971  
See also Art Classes, Students, and Models and Studio Photographs
- Box 11, Folder 52            Installations of Site-Specific Works, 1969-1979  
Includes color slides of "Giveaway" and "Niagara" at ArtPark, and black and white prints of Franklin's Footpath, Grass Painting, and others.
- Box 11, Folder 53            Installation of *Magic Circle* at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, 1975
- Box 12                      Disassembled Photograph Album 2
- Box 12, Folder 1            Artwork, 1961  
Florence Davis and Walter Hopps pictured
- Box 12, Folder 2            Artwork, 1968-1972
- Box 12, Folder 3            Artwork, 1973-1978
- Box 12, Folder 4            Exhibitions, circa 1969-1987
- Box 12, Folder 5            Installation of *The Sentinels* at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C., 1981
- Box 12, Folder 6            House, 1970-1978

Box 12	Disassembled Photograph Album 3
Box 12, Folder 7	Portraits of Davis, circa 1977-1983
Box 12, Folder 8	Portraits of Davis, circa 1978
Box 12, Folder 9	Davis Teaching, circa 1976-1979
Box 12, Folder 10	Davis Working in the Studio, circa 1973-1983
Box 12, Folder 11	Davis with Jacob Kainen, circa 1979
Box 12, Folder 12	Davis with Artwork, circa 1982
Box 12, Folder 13	Davis with Artwork, by Mary Swift, circa 1982
Box 12, Folder 14	Davis with Artwork, by Percy North, 1983
Box 12, Folder 15	Davis with Artwork, by Ellen Page Wilson, 1983
Box 12, Folder 16-17	Exhibition at Walker Art Center, 1978
Box 12, Folder 18	Exhibition Opening, Max Protetch Gallery, 1977 Davis pictured with Bob Woodward
Box 12, Folder 19	Exhibition Openings, Corcoran Gallery, 1979
Box 12, Folder 20	Exhibition Opening, Unidentified, circa 1980
Box 12, Folder 21	Installations of Site-Specific Works, 1977
Box 12, Folder 22-23	Installation of Site-Specific Works, <i>Niagara</i> , ArtPark, Lewistown, NY, 1979
Box 12, Folder 24	Installation of Site-Specific Works, <i>Black Yo-yo</i> at Cranbrook Academy of Art, 1981
Box 12, Folder 25	Artwork, <i>Self-Portraits</i> , circa 1982
Box 12	Personal Photographs
Box 12, Folder 26	Portraits of Gene Davis, circa 1930-1945
Box 12, Folder 27	Portraits of Gene Davis, circa 1950-1985

	Oversized photographs in Box 17
Box 12, Folder 28	Portraits of Gene Davis by Joe Cameron (circa 1969), 2000
Box 12, Folder 29	Portraits of Gene Davis by Azar Hammond, circa 1975
Box 12, Folder 30	Portraits of Gene Davis by Rosalind Solomon, 1978 Oversized photographs in OV 19
Box 12, Folder 31	Portrait of Gene Davis by Deborah Haynes, 1983
Box 12, Folder 32	Portrait of Gene Davis by Ellen Page Wilson, 1983
Box 12, Folder 33	Portraits of Florence Coulson Davis, circa 1940-1990
Box 12, Folder 34	Portraits of Gene and Florence Davis, circa 1960-1980
Box 12, Folder 35	Family of Gene Davis, circa 1940-1960
Box 12, Folder 36	Family of Florence Coulson Davis, 1983, 1936-1960
Box 12, Folder 37	Gene Davis as White House Correspondent, circa 1946-1947
Box 12, Folder 38	Wedding and Honeymoon, 1960
Box 12, Folder 39	Dartmouth College Graduation, 1968
Box 12, Folder 40	Dupont Theater and Indonesian Embassy Exteriors, Washington, D.C., circa 1980 <i>Negatives only</i>
Box 12, Folder 41	Autographed Portraits of U.S. Presidents, circa 1945-1963
Box 12, Folder 42-45	Home, Friends, and Family Snapshots, 1964-1971
Box 12, Folder 46	Home, Friends, and Family Snapshots, circa 1974
Box 12, Folder 47-48	Home, Friends, and Family Snapshots, circa 1976 <i>Polaroids</i>
Box 12, Folder 49-52	Home, Friends, and Family Snapshots, circa 1977-1979
Box 12, Folder 53	Home, Friends, and Family Snapshots, 1981

Box 12, Folder 54	Home, Friends, and Family Snapshots, circa 1972-1985
Box 13	Travel Snapshots
Box 13, Folder 1	Jamaica, 1964
Box 13, Folder 2	Italy and Germany, 1969 April
Box 13, Folder 3	England and France, 1973
Box 13, Folder 4-5	France, Italy, and England, 1977
Box 13, Folder 5-7	France, Italy, and Spain, 1979
Box 13, Folder 8	New York City, 1980
Box 13, Folder 9-12	Austria, circa 1980
Box 13, Folder 13	Unidentified Travel Snapshots, circa 1975-1985
Box 13	Art Classes, Students, and Models See also moving images in series 8, Artwork
Box 13, Folder 14	Art Classes, Students, and Models, circa 1960-1985
Box 13, Folder 15	Art Classes, Students, and Models, 1968 Set stamped May 1968 contains photograph labeled "View of fires on 14th Street during race riots of 1968"
Box 13, Folder 16	Art Classes, Students, and Models, Skidmore College, 1969 Many of the photographs are labeled with names of those pictured; full names mentioned include Bob Reed, Sharon Duffy, and Karen Smiley.
Box 13, Folder 17	Art Classes, Students, and Models, 1974 Contains photograph of Gene Davis behind a video camera
Box 13, Folder 18	Art Classes, Students, and Models, 1977 Two photographs labeled with names Azar Hammond and Steve Ludlum.
Box 13, Folder 19	Art Classes, Students, and Models, 1978 Two photographs labeled with names Ann Purcell and Benita Berman
Box 13, Folder 20-21	Art Classes, Students, and Models, circa 1979 One photograph labeled with name Steve Kruvant.

- Box 13, Folder 22            Art Classes, Students, and Models, 1979-1980
- Box 13, Folder 23            Art Classes, Students, and Models, circa 1980
- Box 13, Folder 24            Art Classes, Students, and Models, 1985
- Box 13                        Exhibition Openings  
See also Disassembled Photograph Albums 1, 2, and 3
- Box 13, Folder 25            Dupont Theater Lobby, 1952
- Box 13, Folder 26            Watkins Gallery at American University, 1955
- Box 13, Folder 27            Jefferson Place Gallery, 1959
- Box 13, Folder 28            Jefferson Place Gallery, 1961
- Box 13, Folder 29            Unidentified Exhibitions, circa 1968-1985
- Box 13, Folder 30            Corcoran Gallery of Art, 1975  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 13, Folder 31            Max Protetch, 1977
- Box 13, Folder 32            Corcoran Gallery of Art, 1979  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 13, Folder 33            Corcoran Gallery of Art, Walk-through with Joan Mondale and Jane Livingston, 1979  
[Image\(s\)](#)
- Box 13, Folder 34            National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, 1987
- Box 13, Folder 35            Exhibition Visits, circa 1969-1982
- Box 13, Folder 36            Exhibition Visits, *Documenta 5*, Kassel, Germany, 1972  
*Negatives only*
- Box 13, Folder 37            Exhibition Visits, Walker Art Center, 1978
- Box 13, Folder 38            Exhibition Visits, Zoo, circa 1979
- Box 13, Folder 39            "Giveaway" at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C., 1969

Gene Davis pictured with Douglas Davis, Ed McGowin, and others; see also Box 11, folder 52 for color slide of event; see file of related documentation in series 8, Artwork.

- Box 13                    Installation of Site-specific Work  
See also Disassembled Photograph Albums 1 and 2
- Box 13, Folder 40            Unidentified Site, 1970
- Box 13, Folder 41            Neiman Marcus in Bal Harbour, Florida, 1971, 1977
- Box 13, Folder 42            *Franklin's Footpath*, Philadelphia, PA, 1972  
Oversized photographs in Box 17
- Box 13, Folder 43            *Magic Circle* at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., 1975
- Box 13, Folder 44            *Niagara* at ArtPark, Lewistown, NY, 1979
- Box 14, Folder 1            *Black Yo-yo* at Cranbrook Academy of Art, 1980
- Box 14, Folder 2            *Ferris Wheel* at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, 1982
- Box 14, Folder 3            Studio Photographs, 1970, 1982
- Box 14, Folder 4            Studio Photographs, circa 1977-1979  
Davis and assistants pictured
- Box 14, Folder 5            Studio Photographs, circa 1960-1982  
Davis pictured
- Box 14, Folder 6            Studio Photographs, circa 1985  
Snapshots possibly taken at the time of Davis's death
- Box 14                    Photographs of Artwork
- Box 14, Folder 7-8            Abstract Impressionist Paintings, undated
- Box 14, Folder 9            Collages, undated
- Box 14, Folder 10-13            Drawings, undated
- Box 14, Folder 14            Drawings from *Child and Man* Exhibition , 1983
- Box 14, Folder 15-16            Drawings and Paintings in Smithsonian National Museum of American Art  
Exhibition, 1987

Box 14, Folder 17	Gene Davis Signature Boxing Trunks and Robe, 1983 <i>Color prints</i>
Box 14, Folder 18	Micropaintings, undated
Box 14, Folder 19	Micropaintings, undated <i>Color print</i>
Box 14, Folder 20	Neon Sculpture <i>The Sentinels</i> , circa 1981 <i>Color print</i>
Box 14, Folder 21-31	Paintings, undated Oversized photographs in box 17
Box 14, Folder 32-33	Paintings, undated <i>Color prints</i> Oversized photographs in Box 17
Box 14, Folder 34	Paintings, undated <i>Color transparencies</i>
Box 14, Folder 35	Paintings, undated <i>Color slides</i>
Box 14, Folder 36-37	Plank Paintings, undated
Box 15	Photographs of Artwork
Box 15, Folder 1	Plan for Proposed Grass Painting, 1974
Box 15, Folder 2	Video Art Stills and Exhibition View, 1971
Box 15, Folder 3	Watercolors, undated
Box 15, Folder 4	Photographs of Artwork by Others, undated
Box 15	Photographs of Artwork, Exhibition Views
Box 15, Folder 5	Axiom Gallery, 1969
Box 15, Folder 6	Brooklyn Museum of Art, circa 1982
Box 15, Folder 7	Charles Cowles Gallery, 1983-1986



Box 15, Folder 8	Cleveland Museum of Art, circa 1973-1974
Box 15, Folder 9	Corcoran Gallery of Art, circa 1979 <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 15, Folder 10	Corcoran Gallery of Art, Ferris Wheel, 1982
Box 15, Folder 11	Denver Art Museum, 1984 <i>Color prints</i>
Box 15, Folder 12	Fischbach Gallery, 1966-1977 <i>Black and white prints and color slides</i>
Box 15, Folder 13	Guggenheim Museum, 1972
Box 15, Folder 14	Jefferson Place Gallery, 1961, 1967 <i>Black and white prints and color slides</i>
Box 15, Folder 15	Max Protetch Gallery, 1976
Box 15, Folder 16	ArtPark, <i>Niagara</i> , 1979
Box 15, Folder 17	Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1983
Box 15, Folder 18	Milwaukee Art Museum, circa 1980 <i>Includes 1 color print</i>
Box 15, Folder 19	Muscarella Museum of Art, <i>Sun Sonata</i> , 1983 <i>Color prints</i>
Box 15, Folder 20	Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, circa 1970
Box 15, Folder 20	Osuna Art Gallery, circa 1980-1990 <i>Color prints and negatives</i>
Box 15, Folder 21	Paris Art Fair, 1977
Box 15, Folder 22	San Francisco Art Museum, circa 1966
Box 15, Folder 23-24	Smithsonian National Museum of American Art, 1987 <i>4 Videocassettes (VHS)</i> Also contains 1 color snapshot
Box 15, Folder 25	Tate Gallery, circa 1970

Box 15, Folder 26	University of Nebraska, Sheldon Art Gallery, circa 1973 <a href="#">Image(s)</a>
Box 15, Folder 27	Walker Art Center, 1978 <i>Contains color prints</i> <i>See also disassembled photograph album 3</i>
Box 15, Folder 28	Washington Gallery of Modern Art, 1968
Box 15, Folder 29	Unidentified Exhibitions, circa 1968-1983 <i>Contains color prints, polaroids, and slides</i>
Box 17	Oversized Photographs from Box 12, folder 27
Box 17	Oversized Photographs from Box 13, folder 42
Box 17	Oversized Photographs from Box 14, folder 21
Box 17	Oversized Photographs from Box 14, folder 32
Box 20	Oversized Photographs from Box 12, folder 30

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## Series 8: Artwork, 1930-1985 (bulk 1968-1971)

### 2.2 Linear feet (Boxes 15-16, 18, FC 21-34)

Artwork includes a wide variety of material, including conceptual art, photographs, drawings, and moving images. Conceptual works include "The Artist's Fingerprints Except for One which belongs to someone else," created by Davis, and documentation of the 1969 "Giveaway," a collaboration between Davis, Ed McGowin, and Douglas Davis. Records related to the "Giveaway" include printed artist statements from Douglas Davis, Ed McGowin, and Gene Davis, and photocopied correspondence and notes documenting the event. Artworks by others include a conceptual writing piece by Juan Downey, and documentation of a happening by Wendy Stern, which includes witnessing "Air Displacement," a happening performed by Gene Davis in 1970.

Sketches appear to be ideas for stripe paintings, some with detailed notes written by Davis. Art photographs include a range of compositional experiments and appear to have been taken by Davis. Drawings are mainly informal drawings of Davis made by others. A Handmade sign reading "Allan Kaprow [sic] Happening" is also found.

Moving images include both film and video, with two finished works and 13 super 8 film reels which appear to be Davis's initial experiments with the medium. "Patricia" is a black and white 16mm film of a closely composed face of a woman changing facial expressions. Unlike the super 8 films, "Patricia" has an identifying title frame and appears to be a finished work. "Video Puzzle" documents a happening in a gallery in 1971 and may be the only surviving video from Davis's period of experimentation with video art.

The super 8 films contain a variety of content. Four of the reels contain static, rhythmic compositions of Davis's stripe paintings. Two of the reels indicate they were made in a class setting and contain compositions of interior lighting and close ups of faces. Another two reels are labeled "Masks, Corcoran," and contain static shots of Davis and others posing with handmade masks. Four additional reels contain street footage of kids in a park, young people gathered outside, Davis's dogs, and the exterior of his Pennsylvania Avenue studio.

Still images from additional video art by Davis videos are found in series 7, Photographs. Additional information about the Giveaway event is found in series 3, Correspondence, series 5, Writings, and series 7, Photographs. Additional moving images are found in series 1, Biographical Materials, series 4, Business and Estate Records, and series 7, Photographs.

Box 15, Folder 30	<i>The Artist's Fingerprints Except for One Which Belongs to Someone Else</i> , 1971
Box 15, Folder 31	<i>Giveaway</i> Documentation, 1969
Box 15, Folder 32	<i>A Novel</i> by Juan Downey, circa 1968
Box 15, Folder 33	<i>Self Portrait in Washington</i> by Wendy Stern, 1970
Box 15, Folder 34	Art Photography, circa 1979
Box 15, Folder 35	Drawings, circa 1930-1968
Box 15, Folder 36	Handmade Sign for Allan Kaprow Happening, circa 1965
Box 15, Folder 37	Sketches, circa 1960-1985

## Box 15                      Moving Images

- Box 15, Folder 38;  
Item FC 21                      *Patricia*, circa 1970  
1 Film reel (black and white, silent; 16 mm)
- Box 15, Folder 39                      *Video Puzzle*, circa 1971  
1 Videoreels (1/2 inch) (black and white, sound)
- Box 15, Folder 40-41;  
Item FC 22;  
Item FC 23;  
Item FC 24;  
Item FC 25                      Art Films of Stripe Paintings, 1969  
1 Film reel (color, silent; film boxes labeled "stripe paintings" and numbered 1-4; Super 8 mm)
- Box 15, Folder 42;  
Item FC 26;  
Item FC 27                      Abstract Compositions from Art Classes, circa 1969  
1 Film reel (color, silent; film boxes labeled "film made in class" and "A.V. class"; Super 8 mm)
- Box 15, Folder 43-44;  
Item FC 28;  
Item FC 29;  
Item FC 30                      Davis and Students Posing with Masks, circa 1969  
3 Film reels (color, silent; film boxes labeled "Masks, Corcoran"; Super 8 mm)
- Box 16, Folder 1-2;  
Item FC 31;  
Item FC 32;  
Item FC 33;  
Item FC 34                      Street Films, circa 1969  
4 Film reels (color, silent; film reels and boxes labeled "negro kids, my first film", "Hippies," "ants, Old Studio"; Super 8 mm)
- Box 16, Folder 3                      Unidentified Motion Picture Film, circa 1970  
2 Film reels (Unprocessed, exposed film; Super 8 mm)

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