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## **DAV**

Papers of G.E. Davis/G.E. Davis and Davis Bros.,  
Manchester.  
ca 1870-1906.

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The papers of Davis, George Edward (1850-1907)/G.E. Davis and Davis Bros., Manchester.

Includes testimonials, correspondence, legal agreements and advertisements relating to Davis's firms of Davis's Chlorine Processes Ltd. and Davis Bros and to his connection with the Alkali Inspectorate, the Society of Chemical Industry and the Sulphate of Ammonia Manufacturers. There are also some papers on the Chemical Trade Journal which Davis founded and some family correspondence.

In 1878 having had a varied 10 years of experience in the chemical industry, Davis was appointed a sub-inspector to the Alkali Industry. He resigned from the Alkali Inspectorate in 1883 and went to work at Messrs. Newton Chambers' gasworks at Rockingham. During this time he was also acting as a chemical consultant and it was this business which prompted him to leave Rockingham in 1886. One year later Davis published the first edition of the Chemical Trade Journal and in 1890 formed a partnership with his brother Alfred R. Davis to continue the consultancy work and publication of the Journal. The two brothers also formed a company Davis's Chlorine Processes Ltd. in Lostock Gralam in 1890. Davis is perhaps best remembered for the publication of the Handbook of Chemical Engineering in 1904.

The papers of G.E. Davis were purchased from J & L Spake of Dawlish in 1984.

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### **1. Personal Papers**

1. 1862-1902 Personal Correspondence and family papers
2. 1871 and Testimonials  
1872
3. Examination Papers and Science Classes.

### **2. Papers relating to Davis's Work and Career pre 1889**

1. 1871-1886 Correspondence etc.
2. 1878-1884 Alkali Inspectorate
3. 1879-1889 Agreements re Publications

4. Davis Chemical Engineer Consultancy Service

**3. Davis Bros. 1889-1906**

1. Formation and Dissolution
2. Agreements with other individuals
3. 1906/7 Tax Returns

**4. Davis's Chlorine Processes Ltd. 1891-1900**

1. Legal Agreements
2. Correspondence

**5. Davis Bros Contracts**

1. 1901-1902 Hugh Barrett, Castleton Chemical Works v LYR
2. 1901-1902 Borough of Torquay Refuse Destructor
3. 1893-1903. Miscellaneous contract work

**6. The Chemical Trade Journal**

1. 1887-1916 Miscellaneous Administrative Papers
2. 1889-1929 Correspondence
3. 1887-1906 Publicity and Advertising Material
4. 75th Anniversary Issue Material
5. 1900-1902 The Handbook of Chemical Engineering
6. Miscellaneous Articles for possible publication by the Journal
7. 1890. The Permanent Chemical Exhibition

**7. Societies with which Davis had connections**

1. The Association of Sulphate of Ammonia Manufacturers
2. The Society of Chemical Industry

3. Other Organisations.
8. 1911-31. G.K. Davis papers
9. Miscellaneous Newspaper Cuttings.

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