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Son of Robert and Anne Williams (Shaw) Davis, was born March 5, 1854, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He made a public confession of his faith in the Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh at the age of fifteen. His preparatory studies were pursued at the Newell Institute of Pittsburgh, and he graduated from Princeton University in 1879. He spent the year 1879-80 as a student in the University of Bonn, Germany, as classical fellow, and the following year in general study and travel in Europe. He entered the Seminary at Princeton in 1881 and graduated in 1883. He was licensed October 4, 1882, by the Presbytery of Pittsburgh. He was instructor of Hebrew in the Seminary, 1883-84. He then spent the two following years as Hebrew Fellow in the University of Leipsic, Germany. He was instructor of Hebrew in Princeton Seminary from 1886 to 1888. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Pittsburgh April 26, 1887. He was Professor of Hebrew and Cognate Languages from 1888 to 1892, Professor of Semitic Philology and Old Testament History from 1892 to 1900, and Professor of Oriental and Old Testament Literature from 1900 until his death. He died June 21, 1926, in the Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., in the 73rd year of his age. He was buried at Princeton, N.J. He received the degree of Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1886, the degree of D.D. from the same university in 1898, and the degree of LL.D. from Washington and Jefferson College in 1902. He published: *Genesis and Semitic Tradition*, 1894, and a *Dictionary of the Bible*, 1898. The fourth edition of the latter was published in 1924. He wrote many articles and reviews of books for the *Presbyterian Review*, the *Presbyterian* and

Reform Review, and the Princeton Theological Review. He also wrote articles for the Bible Student and the Biblical World, as well as articles for other magazines together with critical notes in the Westminster Teacher from 1899 to 1907.

He was married June 13, 1889, in San Francisco, Calif., to Marguerite Scobie who, with two sons and four daughters, survives him.