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Descriptive Summary

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Unit Date

1840-1905

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Abstract

The Price Family Collection includes letters, photograph albums, receipts, and other ephemera. The collection is divided into three series: Correspondence, Photographs and Artifacts, and Ephemera.

Extent

1.6 Cubic Feet 2 Boxes

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

Use Restrictions

Permission to publish material from Price Family Collection must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

Acquisition Information

Materials in the Price Family Collection were purchased by Special Collections in August 2012.

Processing Information

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Biographical Note

The Price family arrived in Southwest Virginia from Germany in the 1740s. Samuel Winston Price was born September 14, 1871 to James Bane Price and Sarah Winston Price. Samuel married Della Hickman of Hickman, Virginia, in 1897. The couple had five children: Ferdinand, Theodore Roosevelt, Julia Winston, Florence Alma, and Helen Elizabeth. Samuel inherited Price's General Store after his father's death and leased it to others. According to the letters he received, he was a practicing attorney in Price's Fork Virginia. Samuel had health problems that lead him to be hospitalized at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore for a time in 1899. These health problems continued to plague him until his death in 1911. Sources:

The James Bane Price Country Store at Price's Fork, Montgomery County, Virginia.[Prices Fork, VA: P. G. Johnson, 1983?]. (F232 .M7 J35 1983 Spec/Genealogy)

Price, H. L., *Outlines of Montgomery County Families*,Vol. 2. [Blacksburg, VA: s.n., 1940]. (CS69 .P75 Spec/Genealogy)

Scope and Content

The Price Family Collection includes letters, photograph albums, receipts, and other ephemera. The collection is divided into three series. Series I: Correspondence, includes letters to Samuel Winston Price primarily from his wife Della Hickman-Price, a few from his mother and business colleagues. The letters from Della begin in 1894 and serve as a record of her flirtations and courtship with Mr. Price until they were married in 1897. Letters after 1897 are from Della to Sam during their marriage. She discusses their children in some, but mostly they chronicle her everyday life while she is out of town away from her husband. In 1899, Samuel Price stayed in Johns Hopkins Hospital for some time. Though it is unclear why he was in the hospital, letters from Della and his Mother express love and concern for Sam.

Series II: Photographs and Artifacts, contains two photograph albums. The large, blue album contains pictures of members of the Price and Hickman families and appear to be from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The second album is a smaller, brown volume that appears to be from the same time period but with vague persons pictured. Included is also a small tobacco pouch from the 19th century.

Series III: Ephemera, contains receipts, ticket stubs, and medical bills of various members from the Price family from 1840-1903.

Related Materials

Special Collections houses several manuscript collections and publications relating to various Montgomery County and Southwest Virginia branches of the Price family, including, but not limited to:

- Anne H. Price Yates Papers, 1975-1985. Ms89-087. [Finding aid](#) available online.
- Anne H. Price Yates Papers II, 1898-2005. Ms2010-065. [Finding aid](#) available online.
- Harvey Lee Price Papers, 1853, 1927-1949. Ms75-001. [Finding aid](#) available online.
- Yates, Anne Hayden Price, and W. Conway Price. Increase in Prices: Some Descendants of David and Agnes (Hoffman) Price of 17th Century Germany. Ridgecrest, CA: A.H. Yates, 1985. CS 71 .P946 1985
- James Bane Price Account Ledgers, 1871-1897. Ms88-008. [Finding aid](#) available online.
- Price, Harvey Lee. *Outlines of Montgomery County Families*. 1940. CS 69 .P75

Keywords

Women -- History

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Local/Regional History and Appalachian South
Price, Della Mae Hickman -- Correspondence
Price, Samuel Winston, 1871-1911 -- Correspondence
Price family

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in three series. Series I: Correspondence is arranged in chronological order. Series II: Photographs is in its original order in two albums. Series III: Ephemera is arranged by material type.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Correspondence

Unit Date 1894-1905

Scope and Content

The correspondence is primarily from Della Hickman-Price to Samuel Winston Price during their courtship and after their marriage. There are also some letters to Samuel W. Price from his mother, and one in particular that he wrote to Della.

Correspondence

Unit Date 1894

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date January-March 1895

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date April-June 1895

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date July-September 1895

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date October-December 1895

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date January-March 1896

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date April-June 1896

box-folder 1 (box)
Container 7 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date July-September 1896
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 8 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date October-December, 1896
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 9 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1897
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 10 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1898
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 11 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1899
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 12 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1900-1901
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 13 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1902-1903
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 14 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 1905
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 15 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date n.d.
box-folder 1 (box)
Container 15 (folder)

Series II: Photographs and Artifacts

Two albums

box 2

Tobacco pouch

box 2

Series III: Ephemera

Financial Records

Unit Date 1840-1903

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Scope and Content

Folder contains receipts, tax records, medical bills, and letters stating transactions for Price Family Members.

Envelopes

Unit Date 1896-1901

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Train Ticket/Post Office Note

Unit Date 1892-1895

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)