Edwin A. Price Scrapbooks, ca. 1899 through ca. 1904

Collection Summary

Creator: Price, Edwin A., 1860-1933 **Title:** Edwin A. Price Scrapbooks

Inclusive Dates: ca. 1899 through ca. 1904

Summary/Abstract: A collection of two scrapbooks and a few additional unbound pages of newspaper clippings compiled by Edwin A. Price, who served as Nashville's City Attorney and later as the Attorney General for Davidson County in the late 1890s and early 1900s, respectively. The materials document local politics and municipal city government, including numerous articles about the legal battles between railroads and streetcar companies pertaining to franchises and rights of way. Includes a few newspaper articles about American politicians William Jennings Bryan and Robert G. Ingersoll. The unbound materials are comprised of Nashville newspaper reports of the Tom Cox murder trial, spanning the dates circa Dec.10, 1903, through March 20, 1904, concerning the pistol duel between Tom Cox and Patrolman Ben Dowell.

Physical Description/Extent: .75 cu. ft. (3 boxes)

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Chronology

1860 Edwin Armstrong Price was born in Alabama to Dr. George W.

Price and Elizabeth Pooser Price of South Carolina.

Price graduated from Vanderbilt Law School in Nashville,

Tennessee.

1888 Price joined the Tennessee Bar Association.

Dec. 21, 1898 Edwin A. Price married Margaret Shook, daughter of Colonel and

Mrs. Alfred Shook of Nashville.

ca. late 1890s- Edwin A. Price served as City Attorney of Nashville during

ca. 1902 the legal battles between railroads and streetcar companies.

July 4, 1899 City Attorney Price gave a patriotic speech, standing in for the

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	Mayor, when the City of Nashville received Admiral Dewey's cannon, captured from the Spaniards at Cavite, a province of the Philippines.
Aug. 1, 1899	Messrs. Price and McNeilly, candidates for City Attorney met in joint debate on the corner of Stonewall and Church Street and additional debates ensued during the course of the race.
Aug. 22, 1899	The <i>Banner</i> newspaper published the opinion of City Attorney Price on the pending street railway bill.
Sept. 18, 1899	The two candidates for City Attorney present a joint debate at Moore's Hall: Messrs. Edwin A. Price and E.L. McNeilly.
Sept. 28, 1899	Democratic primary election held for the selection of candidates of Mayor, City Attorney, and other city government positions. The official list included James M. Head for Mayor and Edwin A Price for City Attorney.
ca. 1902	Price's election as Attorney General for Davidson County, after serving two terms as Nashville's City Attorney.
1906	Price resigned as Attorney General to return to private practice, forming Price, Schlater, and Price, with his son Edwin Price, Jr.
1911	Price was chosen to introduce President Taft at his reception at the Ryman Auditorium during his visit to Nashville in 1911.
Oct. 5, 1933	Edwin A. Price died of a heart attack at his law office. He was survived by his wife; three sons; Edwin Jr., Alfred S., and George H.; and his daughter, Margaret Price Voss.
2001	Edwin P. Voss, grandson of Edwin A. Price, donated his grandfather's scrapbooks to the Nashville Public Library's Special

Biographical/Historical Sketch

Edwin Armstrong Price (1860-1933) was born in Alabama to Dr. George W. Price and Elizabeth Pooser Price of South Carolina. Edwin and his siblings were educated by their father, a renown educator and president of the Huntsville Female College. Edwin attended the Parks Field School in Tuskegee and Alabama Polytechnic in Auburn, Alabama, prior to graduating from Vanderbilt Law School in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1880, when the prominent family resided in Nashville. Edwin's father was an influential Nashville leader and served as president of the Nashville College for Young Ladies and was a professor of physiology at Vanderbilt Medical School.

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Price served as City Attorney of Nashville in the late 1890s during the legal battles between railroads and streetcar companies pertaining to franchises and rights of way. Ca. 1902 Price was elected Attorney General for Davidson County, serving in this public office until 1906, when he resigned to establish a private firm, Price, Schlater, and Price, with his son Edwin Price, Jr. He remained active in the Tennessee and Nashville Bar Associations, and was also a member of a number of fraternal organizations and clubs, including the Knights of Pythius, Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks, the Erskine Club, Hermitage Society, and Nashville Board of Trade. Price was a well-known orator and was chosen to introduce President Taft at his reception at the Ryman Auditorium during his visit to Nashville in 1911. Edwin A. Price died of a heart attack at his law office on October 5, 1933, and was survived by his wife, three sons and a daughter.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

The collection consists of two scrapbooks and a few additional unbound pages of newspaper clippings compiled by Edwin A. Price, who served as Nashville's City Attorney (circa late 1890s-circa1902) and later as the Attorney General for Davidson County (circa 1902-circa 1906). The bound volumes, spanning January 6, 1899, through October 6, 1899, include numerous articles about the legal battles between railroads and streetcar companies pertaining to franchises and rights of way, city government, the mayoral campaign and election of 1899, capitalism, gas companies, and related civic topics. Includes a few newspaper articles about the American politicians William Jennings Bryan and Robert G. Ingersoll.

The unbound materials consist of newspaper reports of the Tom Cox murder trial, spanning the dates circa December 10, 1903 through March 20, 1904, concerning the pistol duel between Tom Cox and Patrolman Ben Dowell that occurred in Nashville, Tennessee.

Organization/Arrangement of Materials

The collection is organized into two series:

Series I. Bound Scrapbooks **Series II.** Unbound Scrapbook Pages

Arrangement:

Each series is arranged in chronological order.

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Associated and Related Material

An associated collection is the Edwin A. Price, Jr., Family Papers, 1855-1934, available at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. This collection primarily relates to Edwin A. Price, Sr. (1860-1933), consisting of .75 cubic feet of correspondence, copies of speeches, and legal documents. A finding aid is available online at the repository's website.

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I. Scrapbooks, Jan. 6, 1899-Oct. 6, 1899, .5 cu. ft. (2 vols.)

Series Abstract/Description

This series consists of two bound scrapbooks compiled by Edwin A. Price, who served as Nashville's City Attorney (circa late 1890scirca1902) and later as the Attorney General for Davidson County (circa 1902-circa 1906). These volumes consist of newspaper articles derived from local newspapers about local politics and municipal city government, especially coverage of the street railway city ordinance in the late 1890s. The documentation spans the dates Jan. 6, 1899, through December 6, 1899, derived from the *Nashville Banner* and the *Nashville American* newspaper journals, papers that were usually on opposite sides of any political issue. In addition to municipal matters, the clippings provide information about several politicians, city officials, and businessmen such as Mayor Richard Houston Dudley, William Jennings Bryan, Edward E. Barthell, E.B. Stahlman, John H. DeWitt, A.S. Colyar, Major Eugene C. Lewis, E.L. McNeilly and other individuals.

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The unbound materials consist of newspaper reports of the Tom Cox murder trial in Nashville, Tennessee, spanning the dates circa December 10, 1903, through March 20, 1904, concerning the pistol duel between Tom Cox and Patrolman Ben Dowell that occurred on December 6, 1903. Includes 1 hand-drawn street map diagram of the movements of where four principal individuals were seen during and prior to the duel that occurred at the corner of Market Street and Lindsley Avenue. Includes articles about Mrs. Nell McDonough of McDonough's Saloon, the sister of Tom Cox, who was jailed as an accessory, trial testimony, the jury's disagreement, Attorney General Price's position in the perjury cases, and the ruling of the court that Tom Cox would be hung in the Davidson County jail yard on May 27, 1904. Includes a *Banner* newspaper article dated Dec. 10, 1903, concerning the tributes by Rev. S.M. Cherry of Grace Church and the eulogies for the slain patrolman and the burial of his remains at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

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