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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: WA MSS S-3643

CREATOR: Price, Robert Beverly, 1832-1924, author

TITLE: Robert Beverly Price papers

DATES: 1853-1942

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.83 linear feet (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, photographs, printed materials, drawings, and other papers, by or relating to Missouri banker, Robert Beverly Price. Includes 60 autograph and typescript letters, signed, 1860-1922, undated. Letters concern either the Boone County National Bank of Columbia or the Price family, with most letters being from Robert Beverly Price to his wife, Evaline Hockaday Price, or granddaughter, Emily Blair Henrotin. There are also newspaper articles (loose and in a scrapbook) regarding Price and the Boone County National Bank of Columbia, 1914-1964, undated. Present are an ambrotype of Price, salt print honeymoon portrait of Price and Evaline, tintype and 7 cartes-de-visite of the Price family, 2 ambrotypes of Florence Price, and 7 other photographs of Price and his family, with individuals identified, circa 1850-1925. Also in the collection is typescript correspondence, signed, from Mrs. Lawrence B. Cummings concerning the gift of painted portraits of Price family members to the College of William and Mary, 1942; 4 framed reproduction prints of the portraits, undated; the Price family coat of arms, undated; and 3 typescript works on the history of the Price family, 1910-1928. Also included are 17 pencil drawings, signed, made by Price while a draftsman, circa 1853-1858, with a copy of The first and second annual reports of the geological survey of Missouri (Jefferson City [Mo.]: James Lusk, public printer, 1855). In addition to depicting geographical features and landscapes of the state, Price's sketches show views of Palmyra, Quincy, Hannibal, and Parkville, Missouri. Accompanied by a Missouri broadsheet concerning the 1885 mayoral election, 1885 March.

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- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from William Reese Co. on the Frederick W. and Carrie S. Beinecke Fund for Western Americana, 2017.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Processing Information

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These materials have been arranged and described according to national and local standards. For more information, please refer to the Beinecke Manuscript Unit Processing Manual.

Robert Beverly Price

Robert Beverly Price (1832-1924) of Charlotte County, Virginia, studied engineering and geology at the University of Missouri. Following his graduation, he worked for 4 years as a draftsman for the State Geological Survey of Missouri. His father-in-law, Moss Prewitt, encouraged him to enter banking and as a result, Price opened the Boone County National Bank of Columbia, the first bank under the national system in Missouri, in 1857. Price had 2 children with his first wife, Emma B. Prewitt (1837-1859), and 1 child, Florence Price (1861-1935), with his second wife, Evaline Hockaday (1833-1922).

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, photographs, printed materials, drawings, and other papers, by or relating to Missouri banker, Robert Beverly Price. Includes 60 autograph and typescript letters, signed, concerning either the Boone County National Bank of Colombia or the Price family, 1860-1922, undated. Also present are newspaper articles, clippings, and a scrapbook regarding Price and the Boone County National Bank of Colombia, 1914-1964, undated. There are also 17 pencil drawings, signed, made by Price while a draughtsman, circa 1853-1858, with a copy of The first and second annual reports of the geological survey of Missouri (Jefferson City [Mo.]: James Lusk, public printer, 1855). Price's sketches are preliminary views for the report and depict geographical features and landscapes of the state as well as Palmyra, Quincy, Hannibal, and Parkville, Missouri. Photographs in the collection include an ambrotype of Price; a salt print honeymoon portrait of Price and his second wife, Evaline Price; a tintype and 7 cartes-de-visite of the Prime family; 2 ambrotypes of Price's daughter, Florence Augustus Price; and 7 other photographic prints of Price and his family, with individuals identified. Additionally, there are papers pertaining to the Price family, specifically typescript correspondence, signed, from Mrs. Lawrence B. Cummings concerning the gift of painted portraits of Price family members to the College of William and Mary in 1942, the Price family coat of arms, and 3 typescript works on the history of the Price family created between 1910 and 1928. Accompanied by a Missouri broadsheet concerning the 1885 mayoral election, 1885 March.

Arrangement

Organized into five series: I. Correspondence, 1860-1953, undated. II. Geological Survey Work, 1853-1858. III. Newspaper Articles, 1912-1964, undated. IV. Price Family Papers, 1840-1942, undated. V. Other Papers, 1885-1953.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1860-1953, undated

English

Series I contains 60 autograph and typescript letters, signed, concerning either the Boone County National Bank of Columbia or the Price family, with Robert Beverly Price as the principal recipient of business letters. There are also letters from Price to his wife, Evaline Hockaday Price, and his granddaughter, Emily Blair Henrotin. Later letters are from Robert Beverly Price, II, to Henrotin, his wife.

Series I is arranged chronologically.

b. 1, f. 1	1860-1870 English	1860-1870
b. 1, f. 2	1874-1895 English	1874-1895
b. 1, f. 3	1896-1897 English	1896-1897
b. 1, f. 4	1898-1901 English	1898-1901
b. 1, f. 5	1904-1910 English	1904-1910
b. 1, f. 6	1911-1912 English	1911-1912
b. 1, f. 7	1913-1918 English	1913-1918
b. 1, f. 8	1920-1953, undated English	1920-1953, undated

Series II: Geological Survey Work, circa 1853-1858

English

Series II contains 17 pencil drawings, signed, made by Robert Beverly Price while a draftsman for the State Geological Survey of Missouri. In addition to depicting geographical features and landscapes of the state, Price's sketches show views of Palmyra, Quincy, Hannibal, and Parkville, Missouri. There is also a copy of The first and second annual reports of the geological survey of Missouri (Jefferson City [Mo.]: James Lusk, public printer, 1855).

Series II is arranged chronologically.

b. 4, f. 39	Drawings	circa 1853-1858
b. 1, f. 9	The first and second annual reports of the geological survey of Missouri (Jefferson City [Mo.]: James Lusk, public printer, 1855)	1855

Series III: Newspaper Articles, 1912-1964, undated

English

Series III contains newspaper articles, clippings, and a scrapbook concerning Robert Beverly Price and the Boone County National Bank of Colombia. Some articles pertain to the Price family.

Series III is arranged chronologically.

b. 1, f. 10	Scrapbook	1912, undated
b. 4, f. 40	Newspaper articles English	1914-1915
b. 4, f. 41	Newspaper articles English	1916
b. 4, f. 42	Newspaper articles English	1917
b. 1, f. 11	Newspaper clippings	1922-1961, undated
b. 4, f. 43	Newspaper articles English	1953-1964, undated

Series IV: Price Family Papers, 1840-1942, undated

English

Series IV contains family histories, photographs, and other papers relating to the Price family. Correspondence pertains to the donation of 4 painted portraits of Price family members to the College of William and Mary in 1942 and is accompanied by miniature, framed reproductions. Present are an ambrotype and photographic prints of Robert Beverly Price; Price and his wife, Evaline Price; and Price and his great grandson, Preston Blair Henrotin.

Series IV is arranged alphabetically.

	Subseries 1: Family History English Sub-series is arranged chronologically.	1910-1942, undated
b. 2, f. 12	Coat of arms	undated
b. 2, f. 13	Correspondence	1942 July 11- September 10
b. 3, f. 32	Framed reproduction of painting of Edwin Price	undated
b. 3, f. 33	Framed reproduction of painting of Pugh Williamson Price	undated
b. 3, f. 34	Framed reproduction of painting of Susan Scott	undated
b. 3, f. 35	Framed reproduction of painting of Elizabeth Williamson	undated
b. 2, f. 14	John Price the emigrant by Reverend Benjamin Luther Price	1910
b. 2, f. 15	Price	1928 December 4
b. 2, f. 16	Price family in Virginia by Margaret Scruggs-Caruth	1921
	Subseries 2: Photographs Sub-series is arranged alphabetically.	circa 1840-1919, undated
b. 2, f. 17	Edwin Price	circa 1840
b. 2, f. 18	Emma B. Price (carte-de-visite)	circa 1855
b. 2, f. 19	Evaline Hockaday Price (cartes-de-visite)	circa 1865
b. 3, f. 36	Florence Augustus Price (ambrotype)	circa 1861
b. 3, f. 37	Florence Augustus Price (ambrotype)	circa 1863
b. 2, f. 20	Florence Augustus Price (cartes-de-visite)	circa 1868
b. 3, f. 38	Robert Beverly Price (ambrotype)	circa 1855
b. 2, f. 21	Robert Beverly Price	1859-1919, undated
b. 2, f. 22	Price family	1864 December 20

Subseries 2: Photographs (continued)

b. 2, f. 23	Price family	1919, undated
	Subseries 3: Other Papers Sub-series is arranged chronologically.	circa 1840-1874, undated
b. 2, f. 24	Illustration of Pugh Price	circa 1840
b. 2, f. 25	Obituary of Edwin Price	1858
b. 2, f. 26	Report card of Florence Augustus Price	1874
b. 2, f. 27	Memorial to Eva Hockaday Price	undated

Series V: Other Papers, 1885-1953

English

Series V contains materials relating to Boone County National Bank, a broadsheet concerning the 1885 mayoral election in Missouri, a pamphlet celebrating the anniversary of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Spahr Laws, and a program for Robert Beverly Price's 86th birthday celebration.

Series V is arranged alphabetically.

b. 2, f. 28	Boone County National Bank materials	1918-1953
b. 2, f. 29	"Francis" platform broadsheet	1885 March
b. 2, f. 30	Pamphlet celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Spahr Laws	1910 February
b. 2, f. 31	Program for birthday celebration of Robert Beverly Price	1916 October

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

College of William and Mary

Occupations

Bankers -- Missouri -- 19th century
Bankers -- Missouri -- 20th Century
Drafters -- Missouri -- 19th century

Acquired From

William Reese Co., bookseller

Geographic Names

Boone County (Mo.)
Hannibal (Mo.) -- Pictorial works
Missouri -- Pictorial works
Missouri -- Surveys
Palmyra (Mo.) -- Pictorial works
Parkville (Mo.) -- Pictorial works
Quincy (Mo.) -- Pictorial works

Genres / Formats

Ambrotypes (photographs)
Cartes-de-visite (card photographs)
Drawings (visual works)
Family histories
Genealogies (histories)
Photographic prints
Photographs
Portraits
Salted paper prints
Scrapbooks
Sketches
Studio portraits
Tintypes (prints)

Names

Blair, Florence Price, 1861-1935
Henrotin, Emily Blair, 1883-1965
Price, Emma B., 1837-1859
Price, Evaline, 1833-1922

Families

Price family

Corporate Bodies

Boone County National Bank