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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 226    PRICE Family Collection**

½ box. 11 folders. 78 items. 1910-1951. Originals, photocopies.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Robert Yancy Price was born on 25 May 1887 to Thomas and Ellen (Holland) Price in the Galloways Mill neighborhood of Warren County, Kentucky. He attended public schools in Rockfield and was a member of Cedar Bluff Baptist Church. Price married Eva Virginia Dalton of Scottsville on 24 December 1919. The couple had two children: Eva Mae and Yancy. Eva Virginia Dalton taught elementary school in Scottsville, Kentucky prior to her marriage.

Robert was a farmer and according to his marriage announcement “a prominent architect of Bowling Green.” He served briefly in France during World War I. Mr. Price was killed in an automobile accident on 21 October 1937 near Brownsville, Tennessee;

Yancy Price attended Warren County schools and then went on to attend the Army Finance School. Lula E. Dalton was a half-sister of Eva Virginia Dalton; she graduated from WKU and was a math teacher for the U.S. military in Nuremberg, Germany and in Yokohama, Japan. She later returned to the United States and taught in Middletown, Kentucky.

**COLLECTION NOTES**

This small collection consists chiefly of courtship correspondence between Robert Yancy Price and Eva Virginia Dalton. A few letters, postcards, and official papers related to Robert’s service in World War I is also included. Because of Robert’s untimely death in an automobile accident in 1937, there are a number of condolence letters. The correspondence after Robert’s death is all addressed to Eva and includes letters from her son and her half-sister. Also included is a school census and attendance book for a school in Allen County; the book indicates that the school was closed for an entire month during the influenza pandemic of 1918.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Price Family Collection</b>	<b>1910-1951</b>	<b>78 items</b>
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Folder 5	Robert Yancy Price – Correspondence with Virginia Eva Dalton	1918	9 items
Folder 6	Robert Yancy Price – Correspondence with Virginia Eva Dalton	1919	3 items
Folder 7	Attendance and grade book kept by Virginia Eva Dalton for a one-room school in Allen County and poem about multiplication tables	1918	2 items
Folder 8	Condolence letters written to Virginia Eva (Dalton) Price upon the death of her husband	1937	8 items
Folder 9	Virginia Eva Price – Letters to	1920-1935	7 items
Folder 10	Virginia Eva (Dalton) Price – Letters to	1938-1951	12 items
Folder 11	Eva Mae Price – Letters to and savings account register	1926-1939	3 items

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

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