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1 box. 11 folders. 38 items. 1893-1963. Originals, photocopies, and typescripts

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Sarah Frances “Sadie” Price was born in 1849 in Evansville, Indiana, the third child of Alexander and Maria (Morehouse) Price. The family moved to Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky when Sadie was an infant. During the Civil War the Prices, Union sympathizers, returned to Indiana where Sadie was educated at St. Agnes Hall in Terre Haute. The Prices resettled in Bowling Green following the war, but the decade of the 1870s saw the death of Sadie’s parents and of her brother Edward. Sadie taught painting and her sister Mary did fancy embroidery to supplement their inheritance. In the late 1880s, despite ill-health, Sadie began her career as an amateur botanist by gathering, cataloging, and illustrating the region’s plants and birds. She organized and taught nature classes from her home. She wrote papers, gave lectures and discovered and named new species of aster, clematis, dogwood, sour grass, and violets. Her collection of plant specimens numbered almost 3,000. Her water color paintings of Warren County plants were awarded a first prize in the Herbarium Sketch Work Exhibit at the Chicago Columbian Exposition of 1893. Before her death she published three books: Flora of Warren County, Kentucky (1893), Fern Collectors Handbook and Herbarium (1896), and The Trees and Shrubs of Kentucky (1898). Sadie died suddenly on 3 July 1903 in Bowling Green and is buried in Fairview Cemetery. Today her extensive collection of specimens and paintings is housed at the Missouri Botanical Gardens in St. Louis. The Kentucky Library & Museum does own several of her paintings.

COLLECTION

This collection consists of published and unpublished botanical works by Sarah Frances “Sadie” Price. The published works include the book Flora of Warren County, Kentucky and five journal articles. Among the unpublished materials are Price’s scrapbook, pen and ink and water color illustrations, and a botany card game, “The Phaenogamia.” Also includes photographs of Price and tributes to her after her death.
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<td>Folder 1</td>
<td>Inventory</td>
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<td>Botany scrapbook</td>
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<td>Folder 3</td>
<td><em>Flora of Warren County, Kentucky</em></td>
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<td>Folder 4</td>
<td>Five articles by Price published in journals and magazines</td>
<td>1898-1906</td>
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<td>Folder 5</td>
<td>Ink drawing of “Apios Priceana”; verses transcribed by Price onto a maple leaf-shaped cutout; color sketches of “Viola Priceana;” [hand-drawn?] calling card of Sadie Price</td>
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<td>Folder 6</td>
<td>“The Phaenogamia,” a botanical game developed by Price for Stella Riggs Fitch; note from Fitch’s family giving game to Kentucky Library</td>
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<td>Folder 8</td>
<td>Game of artists developed by Price; Christmas booklet containing plant specimens</td>
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<td>Folder 9</td>
<td>Photographs of Price, her garden, and child Emory Smith in her garden</td>
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<td>Folder 10</td>
<td>Comments about Price after her death and news clipping about her and her home</td>
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<td>Folder 11</td>
<td>Correspondence related to Price; bibliography of her articles about birds; Christmas poem by Frank M Thomas with cover painted by Price; calling cards of Sadie and sister Mary Price</td>
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CATALOG CARD

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

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