

**Finding Aid for the
Albert Crow papers
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Title: Albert Crow Papers

Dates: 1896-1903, c. 1954, n.d.

Quantity: 0.46 c.f.; 1 document storage container

Abstract: Business and personal correspondence and documents relating to the businesses in which Albert Crow was engaged from the 1890s through 1902. Albert Crow's various businesses including the Arkadelphia Telephone Company, the Crow Brothers Drug Store, the Arkadelphia Novelty Company, the St. Louis, Iron Mountain, Southern, and Fort Smith Railways, and from his service as Clark County assessor.

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Scope and Contents and Arrangement

Correspondence is arranged according to the activity to which it pertains (e.g., assessment, land sales, telephone exchange). Papers also include checks, receipts, invoices, railroad timetable, business cards, and DAR application of Norma Crow Rudolph.

Biographical summary

Albert Crow was born on 17 March 1868, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, the eldest son of Austin M. Crow and Abigail Mendenhall Crow. As a citizen of Arkadelphia, he founded the Arkadelphia Telephone Company with his brother-in-law William Gerig in 1891. He was also secretary of the Arkadelphia Novelty Company as well as co-owner of the Crow Brothers Drug Store. In addition, he was involved in business dealings with the Poplar Bluff Telephone Company in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. By 1900, he owned an insurance and real estate company with his father and became the tax assessor for Clark County. In 1902, he became an advertising agent for St. Louis, Iron Mountain, Southern, and Fort Smith Railway. He died of typhoid fever on August 7, 1903.

Keywords

Arkadelphia (Ark.)
Ashbaugh, S. G.
Blake, James Dwight (1870-1951)
Clark County (Ark.)
Correspondence
Crow, Austin McClain (1833-1911)
Crow, Albert (1868-1903)
Gerig, William Lee (1866-1944)
Patriotic societies
Public land sales
Railroads
Rudolph, Norma Crow (1880-1966)
St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway
Tax assessment
Telephone – Private branch exchanges

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Box/Folder Contents Inventory

1371/001	Correspondence related to Arkadelphia Telephone Exchange, 1899-1901.
1371/002	Correspondence related to St. Louis, Iron Mountain, and Southern Railways, 1901-1902.
1371/003	Correspondence related to insurance and real estate, 1900-1902.
1371/004	Correspondence related to tax assessment, 1901-1902
1371/005	Correspondence from S. G. "Doc" Ashbaugh, Vice-President of the Poplar Bluff, Missouri, telephone company, 1899-1902.
1371/006	Correspondence from Dwight Blake, 1900-1902
1371/007	Correspondence from William Gerig, 1900-1902
1371/008	Business correspondence, 1900-1902
1371/009	Personal correspondence, 1900-1902
1371/010	Arkadelphia land advertisements printed by A. M. and A. Crow, land agents for the St. Louis, Iron Mountain, and Southern Railway, not dated. 2 copies.
1371/011	Checks, 1898-1899
1371/012	Bills and receipts from various Arkadelphia businesses, 1900-1902, and not dated
1371/013	Tax assessor documents, 1900-1901
1371/014	Tax receipts, 1896-1901
1371/015	Warranty deeds, 1883-1902
1371/016	Ephemera, including railroad schedule, business cards, and wedding invitation, 1901 and undated
1371/017	Daughters of the American Revolution application for Norma Crow Rudolph, 1954
1371/018	Newspaper articles, including Albert Crow obituary and article on telephone exchange

