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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

William Ben Cravens was born January 17, 1872, in Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas. He attended military academies at Louisville, Kentucky, and Staunton, Virginia, before graduating from the University of Missouri at Columbia's law department in 1893. He was admitted to the bar that same year and began his law practice in Fort Smith. He served as City Attorney for Fort Smith, 1898-1902, and as Prosecuting Attorney for the 12th Judicial District, 1902-1908. He was a member of the United States Congress, 1907-1913. He was not re-elected the following session and resumed his law practice. However, he returned to Congress in 1933 and served until his death January 13, 1939.

William Fadjo Cravens, son of William Ben Cravens, was born February 15, 1899, in Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Arkansas. He graduated from Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, in 1920. He was admitted to the bar that same year and joined his father's law practice in Fort Smith. He served in the United States Navy during World War I. After the war, he returned to Fort Smith and served as the City Attorney for 10 years. He was elected by special election to fill the congressional seat left vacant by his father's death in 1939 and continued to serve in that capacity until 1949. He died April 16, 1974.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains personal correspondence, legal documents and correspondence pertaining to the law firm Cravens, Cravens, & Friedman of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Items relate principally to Fort Smith, Little Rock, and Mena.

Administrative Information

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Arkansas Book House, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1955.

Collection Inventory

Legal documents

1920 July 2: Summons, The Sisters of Mercy of the Female Academy, Fort Smith, Arkansas

1920 July 2: Notice of suit, Kansas City Southern Railway Company versus Sisters of Mercy

1933 March 21: Act 131 of Arkansas

1933 August 14: Act 3 of Arkansas, Special Session

1934 August 3: Corporation deed, City of Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Continental Oil Company

Correspondence

1920 June 15: Troy Pace, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Ben Cravens, Fort Smith, Arkansas

1920 July 1: James B. McDonough, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Oglesby, Cravens, and Oglesby, Fort Smith, Arkansas

1920 July 12: T.W.M. Boone, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Oglesby, Cravens, and Oglesby

1920 July 13: Troy Pace, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Ben Cravens, Fort Smith, Arkansas

Correspondence

1920 August 9: Troy Pace, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Ben Cravens, Fort Smith, Arkansas

1921 June 30: John Schaap and Sons Drug Company, Fort Smith, to Dr. S.W. Ruff, Dover, Arkansas

1931 December 30: George W. Dodd, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to H.C. Lane, Fort Smith, Arkansas

1931 December 30: George W. Dodd to H.C. Lane

1931 December 30: City Attorney to H.C. Lane, Fort Smith, Arkansas

1932 December 6: Carl Whisenant, Mena, Arkansas, to Ben Cravens, Fort Smith, Arkansas

1932 December 10: Ben Cravens to Carl Whisenant, Mena, Arkansas

1932 December 14: R.L. Williams, Muskogee, Oklahoma, to Ben Cravens, Fort Smith, Arkansas

1933 January 23: Ben Cravens, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Judge R.L. Williams, Muskogee, Oklahoma

1933 September 22: Earl E. Buck, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Messrs. Cravens, Cravens, and Friedman, Fort Smith, Arkansas

1934 September 10: Ben Cravens, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Jim Jordan, Fort Smith, Arkansas

1936 January 15: James B. McDonough, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Fadjo Cravens, Fort Smith, Arkansas

1936 February 1: James V. McDonough, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Fadjo Cravens, Fort Smith, Arkansas

Correspondence

1936 May 19: Harry P. Daily, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Fadjo Cravens, Fort Smith, Arkansas

1937 October 28: Receipt, J.R. Poindexter

1937 November 2: Fadjo Cravens, Fort Smith, Arkansas to Paul Lynch, Fort Smith, Arkansas

1938 October 20: Hill, Fitzhugh, and Brizzolara, Fort Smith, to Fadjo Cravens, Fort Smith, Arkansas

1938 November 25: C.W. Wofford, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Fadjo Cravens

1939 November 21: Charles I. Evans, Booneville, Arkansas, to David R. Boatright, Fort Smith, Arkansas