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**E.H. Crump Buggy and Harness Company
records**

Title: E.H. Crump Buggy and Harness Company records
Collection No: MSS.187
Creator: E.H. Crump Buggy and Harness Company
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet
Inclusive Dates: 1902-1911

Abstract: The collection comprises thirteen bound volumes of the E.H. Crump Buggy and Harness Company and its predecessor, Crump and Rehkopf Company, containing information on stock, sales and accounts from 1902 to 1911.

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Administrative information

Edward Hull Crump (1874-1954) was born in Holly Springs, Mississippi, and moved to Memphis, Tennessee, in 1893 where he began as a clerk in the Walter Goodman Cotton Company. In 1896 he joined the Woods-Chickasaw Manufacturing Company, a carriage-saddle firm, becoming secretary-treasurer in 1900. With the help of his new father-in-law, Robert McLean, vice-president of the William R. Moore Dry Goods Company, he bought the company, which became the E. H. Crump Buggy and Harness Company. His store was at 22 South Second Street and there was a warehouse at South, Fourth and Railroad. Crump was able to turn the nearly bankrupt business into a success, and although the company suffered a loss of \$30,000 after a serious fire around 1909, in 1910 Crump sold the company to John O. Flautt to devote himself to public office.

Crump was mayor of Memphis from 1910 to 1915 and again in 1940, but even out of office effectively ran the city from 1915 until the late 1940s. He also dominated state politics for most of the time from the 1920s to the 1940s. Crump served as a U.S. Congressman for two terms from 1930 and was on the Democratic Party National Committee from 1936 to 1945.

Scope and contents

Thirteen bound volumes of the E.H. Crump Buggy and Harness Company and its predecessor, Crump and Rehkopf Company, containing information on stock, sales and accounts from 1902 to 1911.

Subject terms

Account books--Tennessee--Memphis.
Crump, Edward Hull, 1874-1954.
Crump and Rehkopf Company.
E.H. Crump Buggy and Harness Company.

Inventory

Box 1

E.H. Crump Buggy and Harness Company receipt ledger, 1907 March 16-1911 January 2.

Cash sales, 1910 April 21-1911 January 2.

Stock inventory, 1902 December 19, by J.I. Woods.

E.H. Crump Buggy and Harness Company vehicle stock, 1908 December 1-1910 January 1.

Vehicle stock book, 1902 December 22.

Box 2

Crump and Rehkopf Company ledger, 1903 November-1904 March.

Crump and Rehkopf Company vehicle stock, 1904 June 1-1907 November 30.

Crump and Rehkopf Company saddlery stock: book #2, 1904 June 1-1907 December 1.

E.H. Crump Buggy and Harness Company register, 1908 February 3-1910 December 28.

“Saddlery Stock, Office Floor 12/19/1902”.

Box 3

E.H. Crump Buggy and Harness Company ledger E, 1908-1910.

Unboxed

Ledger, 1907 December-1911 July.

“City G” (individual order book), 1910 March 1-December 30.