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**EDWARD M. WHITE**  
**PAPERS, 1898–1905**

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Edward M. White ([1861]-1934), lawyer, prosecutor, and politician, was born in Decatur County, the son of Isaac G. White, a farmer. After graduating from the law school of the University of Michigan, he moved to Muncie, and practiced law in partnership with W. F. White. His wife was a writer and dramatic reader.

White was active in Republican politics. In 1898 he was named prosecuting attorney for Delaware County, and in 1902 he was elected city commissioner in Muncie. In both offices he took stands against monopolies and utilities--traction, water, electric. In 1905 he was named judge of city court in Muncie.

He spent four years in Washington, D. C., as a legal adviser at the Justice Department. For sixteen years he was assistant attorney general of Indiana, serving under four different attorneys general. In this position he took action against gambling, notably at French Lick and at a notorious pool hall in Lake County.

White ended his legal career in Indianapolis, in partnership with James Bingham, one of his former chiefs at the state justice department.

Sources: Materials in collection  
Indiana Biographical Series, Vol. 13 page 64

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection, filling two folders, consists of letters, commissions, clippings, and pages from a scrapbook. The dated items run from 1898 to 1905.

Material in the collection traces White's legal and political career, mainly in his Muncie years. Included are his commissions as prosecuting attorney (1898) and city judge (1905) (both in OM 0289).

Clippings in Folder 2 give election tallies, notices of White's appointment to various offices, and press reports of some of his political and prosecutorial exploits.

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