Overview of the Collection

Title: Richard Clough Anderson Papers

Dates (inclusive): 1781-1892

Collection Number: mssAND 1-1874

Creator: Anderson, Richard Clough, 1788-1826

Extent: 1865 pieces in 25 boxes

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Biographical Note

American statesman and diplomat Richard Clough Anderson Jr. (1788-1826), was born in Louisville, Kentucky, to Richard Clough Anderson (1750-1826), a Virginia Revolutionary officer, and Elizabeth Clark, sister of George Roger Clark. After studying law under St. George Tucker, he opened a practice in Louisville. He held a seat in the state House of Representatives from 1812 to 1816, and again from 1821 to 1823, when he chaired the Committee on Public lands. From 1817 to 1821, he served in the U.S. Congress, where he distinguished himself as an advocate of Latin-American independence. President Monroe appointed him minister plenipotentiary to La Gran Colombia in 1823, a post he held until his untimely death caused by a fever he contracted while serving as a minister.

Anderson was married to Elizabeth Gwathmey (Betsy) who was the daughter of Owen and Ann Clark Gwathmey. She died in Bogota in 1825. They had five children: Arthur? - c.1826; Louis? - 1822; Elizabeth 1811 - 1814; Elizabeth 1815 - 1864; Ann 1823 - 1843.

Richard Clough Anderson, Jr. (1788-1826), a son of Elizabeth and Richard Clough Anderson (1750-1826), graduated from William and Mary, became a representative in the Kentucky legislature from 1815 to 1817, a member of Congress from 1817 to 1821, speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives in 1822, and from 1823 to 1826 minister to Colombia, where he negotiated the first treaty between the United States and a South American country. He died of yellow fever to Cartagena en route to the Congress of Panama of 1826.

Scope and Content

Correspondence of the various members of the Anderson family, particularly Richard Clough Anderson, Jr. and his wife Elizabeth, as well as Richard Clough Anderson, Sr. and his sons Charles, Robert (1805-1871) (of Ft. Sumter fame), and Larz (1803-1878), a capitalist and a prominent citizen of Cincinnati, Ohio. Also included correspondence of the Clark and Gwathmey families.

Subject matter includes real estate transactions, legislation, and land speculation in Kentucky; Louisville and Kentucky politics; Ohio politics and government, especially during the Civil War; relations between Colombia and the U.S.; antislavery sentiment; the Civil War Correspondents include Richards Clough Anderson, Sr., Robert Anderson, Charles Anderson, Larz Anderson, John Jordan Crittenden and John Sherman

Correspondents include:
Richard Clough Anderson (1750-1826) - 59 pieces
Richard Clough Anderson Jr. (1788-1826) - 63 pieces
Robert Anderson - 26 pieces
Charles Anderson - 85 pieces
Larz Anderson - 56 pieces
John Jordan Crittenden - 16 pieces
John Sherman - 10 pieces

• Anderson Family Papers (mssAD 1-454)

Arrangement
Arranged in chronological order followed by miscellaneous documents and ephemera.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.

Subjects
Anderson, Robert, 1805-1871
Anderson, Larz, 1803-1878 -- Correspondence
Anderson family -- Archives
Sherman, John, 1772-1828 -- Correspondence
Crittenden, John J. (John Jordan), 1787-1863 -- Correspondence
Real property -- Kentucky
Antislavery movements -- United States
Ohio -- Politics and government -- 1861-1865
Kentucky -- Politics and government -- 19th century
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Sources
United States -- Foreign relations -- Colombia
Colombia -- Foreign relations -- United States

Forms/Genres
Family papers United States 20th century.
Letters (correspondence) United States 20th century.

Contributors
Anderson, Richard C. (Richard Clough), 1750-1826
Anderson, Robert 1805-1871
Crittenden, John J. (John Jordan), 1787-1863
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Includes invitations; newspaper clippings, ephemera, and printed items; miscellaneous legal briefs and notices; autographs and fragments of envelopes addressed to Richard Clough Anderson; incomplete letters and fragments; miscellaneous bills and receipts; the July 8, 1814, land settlement of the estate of John Clark, Louisville, Kentucky; and the January 4, 1800, issue of the *Ulster County Gazette* (Kingston, New York).