Guide to the George Mann Richardson Papers

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Overview

Call Number: SC0285

Creator: Richardson, George Mann, 1863-

Title: George Mann Richardson papers

Dates: 1860-1971

Physical Description: 1.5 Linear feet

Summary: Correspondence, photographs, legal papers, albums and biographical material of George Mann Richardson, his wife Margaret Watson, their sons Alan and Remond, and Watson family relatives. Correspondence includes a family letter describing a trip to Colorado and New Mexico, 1887; letters by George, 1894, and Margaret, 1896, describing hiking trips in the Sierras (what is now Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks), and correspondence of Alan Richardson, 1918-1957, including one letter from Lou Henry Hoover. Photographs, 1898-1924, include early views of the Stanford campus, damage from the 1906 earthquake, the Richardson house on campus, family members, beach and mountain scenes, and Remond W. Richardson in his military unit in Texas, 1916-1917. There is a scrapbook kept by Remond W. Richardson, 1910-1923, containing programs, newsletters, clippings, and other items pertaining to his school and military activities; and a scrapbook kept by George Mann Richardson, 1881-1890, containing programs, clippings, tickets, ribbons, newsletters, and other items largely pertaining to Lehigh University athletic events and Psi Upsilon fraternity matters. The collection also includes a diary kept by George C. Richardson, 1860; letters by Robert Watson, 1885-1926; letters of Esther E. Watson, primarily on the death of her father William T. Watson, 1926; and other materials pertaining to the Watson family.

Language(s): The materials are in English.

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Biographical/Historical Sketch

Professor of Organic Chemistry at Stanford (1891-1902). Richardson, born in Springfield, Ohio 3 October 1863, obtained his A.B. in Chemistry from Lehigh University (1886) and his Ph. D. in Chemistry from John Hopkins University (1891). He died in 1902.

Description of the Collection

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**Access Terms**
- Hoover, Lou Henry, 1874-1944.
- Richardson, Alan.
- Richardson, George C.
- Richardson, George Mann, 1863-
- Richardson, Margaret.
- Richardson, Remond W.
- Watson family.
- Watson, Esther E.
- Watson, Robert.
- Albums.
- Hiking -- Sierra Nevada Mountains (Calif. and Nev.).
- Kings Canyon National Park (Calif.).
- Photoprints.
- Sequoia National Park (Calif.).

### Papers

| Box 1, Folder 1 | Snapshots and photographs of GMR, family and campus (5) |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Portraits of GMR (5) |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | Portrait - Mrs. GMR |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | Snapshots - children |
| Box 1, Folder 5 | Photos - house (Stanford?) (6) |
| Box 1, Folder 6 | Snapshots - GMR bicycle trip (3) |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | Photo - four men in the woods |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | Photo - schoolchildren |
| Box 1, Folder 9 | Photos - campus shots (5) |
| Box 1, Folder 10 | Newsclipping, obituary |
| Box 1, Folder 11 | Richardson family correspondence, 1881-1957 |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Biography of GMR |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | "The Gospel of Work" by GMR |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Theta Xi publication "TAU-LK" |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Citizenship Certificate |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | San Francisco Memorial Souvenir of 1906 earthquake |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Poems |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Birth proof for Alan Campbell Richardson |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Program of the Chit Chat Club |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Silver Quill awards dinner program |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | 1890 conferring of degrees, Johns Hopkins University |
| Box 2 | Four photograph albums |
| Box 3 | One photograph album |
| Box 4, Folder 1 | Douglas, Howard Grey. Library of Congress [reproductions of architectural and mural decorations] |
| Box 4, Folder 2 | Holiday cards, 1923-37 |
| Box 4, Folder 3 | Miscellaneous family letters, ca. 1971-73 |
| Box 4, Folder 3 | Miscellaneous items |
Box 4, Folder 4  Clipping re S. U. fencing team
Box 4, Folder 4  Milton P. Duffy Testimonial Dinner program, 1964
Box 4, Folder 4  Poem (printed) by Elizabeth York Case, 1907 with note by MWR on reverse
Box 4, Folder 4  Copy of map of Oregon Territory
Box 4, Folder 4  Harrison, Ross Granville, On the Occurrence of Tails in Man, with a Description of the Case Reported by Dr. Watson. 1901 reprint
Box 4, Folder 4  The Phonographic World, Aug. 1890
Box 4, Folder 4  Brochure [possibly pages from a book] on Westminster Abbey
Box 4, Folder 5  Negatives of coastal scenes
Box 4, Folder 6  Negative of a family group, ca. 1900
Box 4, Folder 7  Negatives of family groups and an individual
Box 4, Folder 8  Negatives of a seaside or lakeside town
Box 4, Folder 9  Photographs: Bob and Will Watson, Lake Chelan, and relief map of California
Box 4, Folder 10  Postcards, 1905-1910
Box 4, Folder 11  Reik, Mary Watson, letters to Margaret, 1937 and undated
Box 4, Folder 12  Richardson, Alan C. - biographical materials, 1927, 1960-ca. 1971
Box 4, Folder 13  Richardson, Alan C. - correspondence, 1911, 1924 and undated
Box 4, Folder 14  Richardson, Alan C. - patents, 1967
Box 4, Folder 15  Richardson, Alan C. and Marna C. - documents
Box 4, Folder 16  Richardson, George C., diary, 1960
Box 4, Folder 17  Richardson, George C., loose items from diary
Box 4, Folder 18  Richardson, George M., calling cards and train ticket
Box 4, Folder 19  Richardson, R. W., fishing license 1923, S. U. study list spring quarter 1920, and letter to Uncle Bob, 1912
Box 4, Folder 20  Richardson family documents - copies
Box 4, Folder 21  San Antonio, Texas, souvenir, ca. 1916
Box 4, Folder 22  Swain, Robert E., letter to Alan Richardson, 1952
Box 4, Folder 23  Washington High School Cadets, programs, 1915-17; The Review, Central High School, Washington, DC, Feb. 1917
Box 4, Folder 24  Watercolor sketches, unsigned
Box 4, Folder 25  Watson, Doug, letters received on the death of his father, 1926
Box 4, Folder 26  Watson, Esther, letters to Doug, 1926, and other family letters, 1971 and undated
Box 4, Folder 27  Watson, Robert, letters to family, 1885-1926
Box 4, Folder 28  Watson, Robert C., clipping, 1955
Box 4, Folder 29  Watson, William T., obituary, 1926, and photograph
Box 4, Folder 30  Watson family, genealogy and miscellaneous items
Box 5  Photo album: family groups, scenic views, dogs
Box 5  Original Kodak negative album [negatives removed and housed in box 4]
Box 6  Memorabilia of G.M. Richardson, R. W. Richardson, and other unidentified family members; includes athletic and military pins and medals; GMR's leather card case; and NRA buttons
Box 7  Album kept by G. M. Richardson, 1881-1890, containing programs, clippings, tickets, ribbons, newsletters, and other items largely pertaining to Lehigh University athletic events and Psi Upsilon fraternity matters