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Stephenson-Richardson  
Papers, 1793-1922

*Organization*

John Stephenson  
Richard Stephenson  
Mary Stephenson Richardson  
Warren H. Richardson  
Rena Richardson  
Anita Richardson  
Nancy M. "Nannie" Richardson  
S. W. Richardson  
Other Individuals in Perry County, Ind.  
Ephemera

John Stephenson

Financial Papers

Promissory Notes (Stephenson was acting attorney), 1828, 1831,  
1878, 1887  
Tax Receipts, ca. 1808-71

Legal Papers

Court Order Granting Guardianship of Orphan Children, Perry  
County, Indiana Territory, May 10, 1816  
Letter pertaining to a court case involving Stephenson,  
written by his son-in-law, John C. Shoemaker, Aug. 25, 1861

Real Estate Papers, 1829 [see oversize cabinet], 1840, 1846

Richard Stephenson (son of John Stephenson)

Letters from John C. Shoemaker (brother-in-law), 1860, 1873

Subjects include agriculture, real estate, taxes, and  
emotional depression.

Financial Papers  
Tax Receipts, 1834-57

Real Estate Papers  
Correspondence and related legal documents, 1872, 1880  
Land Survey Plats, 1873

Mary Stephenson Richardson (daughter of Richard Stephenson)

Financial Papers  
Tax Receipts, 1854, 1857, 1879

Warren H. Richardson (son of Mary Stephenson Richardson)

Letter to Mary Stephenson Richardson, Breckinridge County, Ky., April 1, 1861, regarding family news and politics. Warren writes, "There is still some stur [sic] about politicks [sic] but I guess it will all blow over [,] at least that is the opinion of a great many who pretend to be politicians, it is uncertain how the storm will blow."

Financial Papers  
Tax Receipt (1866), Bills of Sale (1868, 1902), Promissory Notes (1888)

Rena Richardson (wife of Warren H. Richardson)

Correspondence, 1891, 1902-4, 1910, 1920, 1922

Correspondents include Ida Elsby (sister), Caleb J. Dodge (nephew), Elijah and Lilly Groves (uncle and aunt), Mollie Richardson (daughter), and Mrs. Crist (friend), regarding family news, news about friends and acquaintances, and the death of Rena's husband, Warren H. Richardson (letter dated March 1, 1904).

Financial Papers  
Insurance Forms, 1915

Anita Richardson (daughter of Warren and Rena Richardson)

Correspondence

1892, 1900, 1902: Correspondents include Jane Elsby (grandmother in Dallas, Tex.), Edith Groves (cousin), Elijah Groves (uncle) Walter Hill (friend), Ida E. Marshall (aunt), Nannie Richardson (sister), Rena Richardson (mother), and Vivian Richardson (sister), writing about family news; social functions (such as dances); boys; Warren and Rena's disapproval of Anita's behavior

with boys at dances at Valparaiso University, where she was a student; church; anti-Catholic sentiment; the importance of a good education (Warren Richardson finds a good education unnecessary for women); possible suitors for Anita's sisters (discussed by her grandmother, letter of Oct. 28, 1902); and the Perry County murder of Henry Cody by Edgar Jarboe (Nov. 11, 1902). In a letter dated Dec. 3, 1902, Anita's Uncle Elijah Groves takes her to task for insulting her father in Louisville.

1903: Correspondents include Ida Marshall (aunt), Nannie Richardson (sister), Rena Richardson (mother), and Warren H. Richardson (father), writing about family news, social gatherings, and Warren H. Richardson's illness (recurring pneumonia, which would kill him in Feb. 1904).

1904-5, 1910: Correspondents include Olive Lomax (friend), Rena Richardson (mother), and Belle [] (friend), writing about family news and news about friends.

School notebook, 1901

Nancy M. "Nannie" Richardson (daughter of Warren and Rena Richardson)

Correspondence, 1901-4

Correspondents include Edith Groves (cousin), Andrew [] (friend), and Arch [] (beau), writing about family news and news about friends.

S. W. Richardson (relation unknown)

Financial Papers  
Bills of Sale, 1919

Other Individuals in Perry County, Ind.

Marriage Licenses, 1819-24

Promissory Notes (persons include John P. Dunn and Joseph Springer), 1793, 1804, 1814, 1818-19

Tax Receipt, 1816

Ephemera

Advertisements and other promotional material, ca. 1890s-1920s