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**Stephenson-Richardson Family  
Papers, 1793-1922**

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### **Stephenson Family Papers**

#### John Stephenson

##### Financial Papers

Promissory Notes (Stephenson was acting attorney), 1828, 1831, 1878, 1887

Tax Receipts, circa 1808-1871

##### 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, August 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, 1834-1857

##### 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

### **Richardson Family Papers**

#### Warren H. Richardson (son of Mary Stephenson Richardson)

Correspondence, April 1, 1861 (see appendix for details)

##### 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 (see appendix for details)

#### Anita Richardson (daughter of Warren and Rena Richardson)

Correspondence, 1892, 1900, 1902-1905, 1910 (see appendix for details)

School notebook, 1901

- Nancy M. "Nannie" Richardson (daughter of Warren and Rena Richardson)  
Correspondence, 1901-1904  
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, Indiana  
Marriage Licenses, 1819-1824  
Promissory Notes (persons include John P. Dunn and Joseph Springer), 1793, 1804, 1814, 1818-1819  
Tax Receipt, 1816
- Ephemera  
Advertisements and other promotional material, circa 1890s-1920s

## Appendix

Additional details on Warren H. Richardson correspondence to Mary Stephenson Richardson, April 1, 1861

Letter to Mary Stephenson Richardson, Breckinridge County, Kentucky, 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."

Additional details on Rena Richardson correspondence, 1891, 1902-1904, 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).

Additional details on Anita Richardson correspondence, 1892, 1900, 1902-1905, 1910  
1892, 1900, 1902:

Correspondents include Jane Elsby (grandmother in Dallas, Texas), 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 October 28, 1902); and the Perry County murder of Henry Cody by Edgar Jarboe (November 11, 1902). In a letter dated December 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 February 1904).

1904-1905, 1910:

Correspondents include Olive Lomax (friend), Rena Richardson (mother), and Belle (friend), writing about family news and news about friends.