



Guide to the William T. Richards papers, 1788-1923 and undated, bulk 1845-1903

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Summary

Collection Title:

William T. Richards papers, 1788-1923 and undated, bulk 1845-1903

Creator:

Richards, William T.

Abstract:

Merchant in Augusta, Georgia. Chiefly correspondence of William T. Richards and his family and friends. Richards was a New England native, and three early letters from the 1840s are from a sister in Danbury, Connecticut. One letter from Chattooga County, Georgia (1865 Aug. 31) speaks of the devastation in that area from the Civil War. An early item is a power of attorney of 1833 from the merchant Joseph Ganahl to Francis Ganahl. Also includes a bill for goods bought in New York, N.Y. in October, 1865; invitations; announcements; and clippings which relate to William Hill, once Secretary of State for North Carolina. One item is an announcement of William T. Richard's retirement in 1903 as treasurer and paymaster of the Georgia Railroad. Some materials relate to the Hill and Thomas families in N.C., but their relation to the Richards family is unknown.

Extent:

0.5 Linear Feet
Approx. 342 Items

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Language:

English

Language:

Material in English

Collection ID:

RL.01086

Permalink:

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Background

Scope and Content

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Acquisition Information

The William T. Richards papers were received by the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library as a gift in 1971 and 1972.

Processing Information

Processed by Rubenstein Library staff

Encoded by Joanne Fairhurst, March 2013

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Accession(s) described in this finding aid: 71-199 and an accession from 1972.

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Names and Subjects

- Georgia Railroad
- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Danbury (Conn.)
- Chattooga County (Ga.) -- History -- 19th century
- Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877) -- Georgia
- Merchants -- Georgia -- Correspondence
- Georgia -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Richmond County (Ga.) -- History
- Thomas family
- Richards, William T.

- Hill, William, 1773-1857
- Richards, William T.
- Hill family

Collection Inventory

William T. Richards papers, 1788-1923

Physical Description: 2 boxes

Scope and Contents note

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Correspondence: 1788-1857	Box 1
Correspondence: 1858-1876, 1881-1923, and undated	Box 2
Legal papers	Box 2
Financial papers	Box 2
Printed materials and clippings	Box 2

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