

Title: Richardson Family Papers

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Inclusive Dates: 1891 – 1952

Bulk: 1.0 cu. ft.

Location: WC, Sh. 111

Scope and Content: Emmet L. Richardson was a prominent Milwaukee lawyer. He was born in Evansville, Indiana, in 1870 and attended the University of Indiana and Stanford University and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1897. He came to Milwaukee in 1898 and established a successful law practice, eventually becoming senior partner in the law firm of Upham, Black, Russell & Richardson. Emmet served on the Milwaukee Board of School Directors, was first president of the Milwaukee Art Commission and was a trustee of the Public Library and Public Museum. He also was an avid lawn bowler. He met Harriet J. Fyffe at Stanford and they married in 1896. Harriet – a cousin of Illinois politician Adlai Stevenson – was born in Normal, Illinois, in 1872. She was a civic leader in her own right, serving with the Milwaukee division of the American Association of University Women, the Woman's Club of Wisconsin, the Legal Aid Society and University Settlement. Harriet passed away in 1952 and Emmet in 1960.

The collection largely consists of correspondence between Emmet and Harriet during their courtship. The remaining correspondence primarily discusses various family matters. Harriet's diaries offer glimpses into Milwaukee life during World War I, the Great Depression and World War II. The photos depict Harriet and Emmet, Emmet's lawn bowling activities, and interior/exterior photos of their home at 2734 E. Bradford Avenue in Milwaukee.

Administrative Note: The collection was donated by Robert Richardson in March 2011 and January 2019. It was processed by Kevin Abing, June 2014 and January 2019.

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Harriet Fyffe Richardson		
Diaries, 1908-1917	1	1
Diaries, 1918-1927	1	2
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Correspondence received from Emmet Lee Richardson, 1892-1898	1	6
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Correspondence received from Emmet Lee Richardson, 1930-1943	1	8
Correspondence with Clara Fyffe (Harriet's mother), 1892, 1914-1915	1	9
Correspondence received from family members, 1895-1952	1	10

Correspondence received, miscellaneous, 1895-1951	1	11
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Emmet Lee Richardson		
Correspondence received from Harriet Fyffe Richardson, 1892-1893	1	13
Correspondence received from Harriet Fyffe Richardson, 1894-1895, 1925, 1928	1	14
Correspondence received from family members, 1892-1893, 1914-1936	1	15
Correspondence received, miscellaneous, 1892-1937	1	16
Correspondence Sent, 1892-1941	1	17
Publications from George Lewis Phillips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>England's Climbing-Boys: A History of the Long Struggle to Abolish Child Labor in Chimney-Sweeping</i>, 1949 – “Quakers and Chimney-sweepers” [reprint], 1950 – “Abolition of Climbing Boys,” <i>American Journal of Economics and Sociology</i>, July 1950 – “The Clean Conscience of a Dirty Sweep: McGuffey's ‘Little Chimney Sweep’ and Another [reprint], 1951 – “Climbing Boys of Scotland” [reprint}, 1951 – “Two Seventeenth-Century Flue-Fakers, Toolers, and Rampsmen” [Offprint], 1951 	1	17A
Robert Dale Richardson		
Correspondence and Miscellaneous	1	18
Miscellaneous Family Members		
Correspondence	1	19
PHOTOS: See M-223		