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**OLD HICKORY FURNITURE COMPANY
PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1925**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: One photograph folder

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1925

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RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: A History of the Old Hickory Chair Company and the Indiana Hickory Furniture Movement: "the best gall darn furniture you ever did see", TS806.I6 K94 1995; Old Hickory: hand-made furniture for bungalows, verandas, lawns, golf clubs, country clubs and summer camps, TS887 .O46 1910; Old Hickory Porch and Garden Furniture: Furnishing the porch and garden with Old Hickory TS887.O5 O5 1925; Old Hickory Porch and Garden Furniture, TS887.O5 O5 1926; Style Guide of Americana in Home Furniture: Old Hickory American provincial and Old Hickory rustic, TS887.O5 S8 1942

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1988.0205

NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

In the 1890s, Billy Richardson of Martinsville, Indiana, began selling chairs made from hickory trees. Other people in the area took notice of the business potential for Richardson's furniture, and a group of Martinsville area residents formed the **Old Hickory Furniture Company** in 1892.

The name applied to the wood but also honored former President Andrew Jackson, whose nickname was Old Hickory. Thus, the name of the business also connected to one of Richardson's finest (possibly rumored) sales: a set of chairs and rockers for the Hermitage, Jackson's home in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Old Hickory Furniture Company incorporated in 1899. The furniture proved to be popular, especially in places like national parks across the United States. Yellowstone National Park still uses the dining chairs the park purchased from Old Hickory in 1904. The company is still in operation and based in Shelbyville, Indiana.

Sources:

"A Look At Our Past." Old Hickory Furniture Company.
<<https://www.oldhickory.com/history>>.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains one folder of photographs that accompanied a pamphlet titled "Old Hickory Porch and Garden Furniture: Furnishing the porch and garden with Old Hickory."

There are twelve photographs of twelve separate pieces of furniture. Each photograph is labeled on the back with the name/type of the piece along with its dimensions, save one.

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