WILLIAM B. RICHARDSON
PAPERS, 1832–1889

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VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box

COLLECTION DATES: 1832–1889

PROVENANCE: Alma Swan, 3806 Nanz Avenue, Apartment 3, Louisville KY, 1964
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William Braughton Richardson (1809–96) was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, and came with his family to Perry County, Indiana, in 1815. In 1829 he moved to Spencer County, near Eureka. Educated in a log schoolhouse, Richardson taught school for a few years. He then settled on a life of farming and married Mary Ann Luce in 1833. They had ten children. In 1836 he settled on the farm which he occupied for the rest of his life.

A Democrat from the inception of the Jacksonian party, Richardson served as justice of the peace from 1842 to 1847. He was then elected to terms in the Indiana House of Representatives (1849–50, 1853) and in the Indiana Senate (1855, 1857), where he served on the Agriculture Committee. Most of his life, however, was spent as a successful farmer.

Sources:
Materials in collection
Biographical Directory of Indiana General Assembly
Historical Atlas of Spencer County, 1879

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection, filling one manuscript box, consists of bills, receipts, cards, and invitations dating from 1832 to 1889. Most of the material relates to Richardson, but many of the receipts from the 1830s, 1840s, and early 1850s concern John Carter of Rockport, and Richardson as an agent for Carter.

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