

Richardson Family Papers

MSS 128



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Collection Summary

Title

Richardson Family Papers, 1822-1924

Call Number

MSS 128

Creator

Richardson family

Language of Materials

English

Extent

Items: 3 boxes

Linear Feet: 1

Abstract

The Richardson family owned large land holdings north of Chico on which they raised cattle. The resort of Richardson Springs was developed on a part of this property. This collection consists of deeds, mortgages, title abstracts, agreements, a share certificate for the Mammoth Channel Gold Mining Company (1907), a bill of sale for personal property (1919), and correspondence.

Information for Researchers

Access Restrictions

Collection is open for research without restriction.

Usage Restrictions

No restrictions.

Publication Rights

The library can only claim physical ownership of the collection. Users are responsible for satisfying any claimants of literary property.

Alternate Form of Material

No other forms of material.

Acquisition Information

Source unknown.

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Online Catalog Headings

These and related materials may be found under the following headings in online catalogs.

Richardson, Jared V.

Richardson, Joseph H.

Richardson, Alonzo W.

Richardson, Martha Ann

Richardson, Clarence

Richardson, Harry E.

Richardson, P. C.

Richardson, Elisha

Land titles—California--Butte County

Richardson Springs (Calif.)—History

Richardson Springs (Calif.)

Biographical/ Historical Note

The Richardson family consisted of brothers: William, Cyrus, Jared, Alonzo, Pierce, Joseph, Elisha, Orlando and sisters: Elizabeth, and Caroline. The first Richardson to arrive in California was Pierce who came in 1860. He was followed in 1866 and 1869 by Jared and Alonzo respectively. Eventually Joseph and Orlando, along with their sisters and their parents, joined them at the Mud Creek Ranch, north of Chico. The family gained prominence through real estate development, cattle ranching and the development of the resort of Richardson Springs.

Richardson Family Tree

Father and Mother:

Thomas Bruce Richardson and Eliza Chamberlain

Thomas was born 12-4-1800, and Eliza was born 6-15-1807, and the two were married 11-6-1831 in Morgan Co., IN.

Surviving children:

William "Bill" Horn Richardson b. 4-25-1832

Cyrus Richardson b. 8-3-1835, d. 11-14-1864

Jared V. "Jerrie" Richardson b. 1-2-1837

Alonzo Wrinker "Lon" Richardson b. 1-6-1838

Pierce Chamberlain "Bott" Richardson b. 3-20-1840

Elizabeth (McClard) "Lizzie" Richardson b.3-14-1842*

Joseph Harryman "Jo" Richardson b. 8-1-1843

Elisha Jasper "Lish" Richardson b. 2-8-1847

Orlando Jux "Leathers" Richardson b. 1-9-1848

Caroline Carlotta (Thomasson) "Cal" Richardson b. 12-24-1853*

*indicates a married name in parentheses

Scope and Content/Collection Overview

The collection contains records of the large land holdings of the Richardson family. The records include: deeds, mortgages, title abstracts, usage agreements, and a share certificate for the Mammoth Channel Mining Company from 1907. The collection also contains a bill of sale for Richardson family personal property in 1919. As the brothers came to California they corresponded with family in Iowa and Indiana. Family correspondence dates from 1822-1909.

Arrangement

Deeds and mortgages

Correspondence 1822-1869

Correspondence 1870-1909, history of Richardson family, journal, photographs.

Material Cataloged Separately

No material cataloged separately.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Box 1

Folder 1: Deeds and Mortgages. 1872-1898

Folder 2: Deeds and Mortgages. 1907-1919

Folder 3: Bill of Sale. 1919

Box 2 Correspondence

Folder 1: Notes and Receipts. 1822-1825

Folder 2: Receipts for taxes. 1824, 1833-1836

Folder 3: June 2, 1835

Folder 4: James & Nance Nanty to Thomas & Elizabeth Richardson. Jan. 1845

Folder 5: Joseph Harris to Thomas & Eliza Richardson. Jan. 27, 1849

Folder 6: William H. Richardson to Thomas B. Richardson. Jan. 20, 1850

Folder 7: 1858

Folder 8: 1859

Folder 9: 1860

Folder 10: 1861

Folder 11: 1862

Folder 12: Mason's Certificate. Cyrus Richardson. 1862

Folder 13: 1863

Folder 14: 1864

Folder 15: Odd Fellows certificate. A. W. Richardson. 1864

Folder 16: 1866

Folder 17: 1867

Folder 18: 1868

Folder 19: 1869

Box 3 Correspondence

Folder 1: 1870-1871

Folder 2: 1872

Folder 3: 1873

Folder 4: 1874-1875

Folder 5: 1876-1877

Folder 6: 1880-1884

Folder 7: 1885-1886

Folder 8: 1887-1889

Folder 9: 1900-1901

Folder 10: 1915-1956

Folder 11: 1902-1909

Folder 12: Envelopes without letters, 1 letter no date

Folder 13: Typed copies of correspondence. 1822-1909

Folder 14: History of the Richardson Family. 1924

Folder 15: Journal Dr. Cyrus Richardson

Folder 16: Photographs, Pierce Richardson & Larry V. Richardson