

## W. B. Richardson Collection

**Repository:** Rockingham Co. Historical Collections  
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**Title:** W. B. Richardson Collection

**Accession No.:** 99-039

**Extent:** 1 box

**Provenance:** Donated by William B. Richardson, III, of Dallas Texas on February 10, 1999

**Inclusive Dates:** 1917-1999

**Subject Headings:** Art & Travel Club  
Chase Bag Company  
Edna Cotton Mill  
Reidsville Bag Company  
Reidsville Garden Club  
Richardson, Marie Lineberger, 1897-1991  
Richardson, William B., Jr., 1888-1979

**Items Separated:**

**Related Collections:** Art & Travel Club Records, 98-078

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**Biographical Sketch:** William Benjamin Richardson, Jr. was born in Newton, Mississippi in 1888. His parents were W. B. Richardson Sr., and Martha Brown Richardson. He attended Bingham Military School in Nashville, Tennessee and the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia.

Richardson moved to Reidsville, NC in 1910 and served as

superintendent of Edna Cotton Mill until the early 1930's. He and a partner formed the Reidsville Bag Company which was later sold to Chase Bag Company. He was manager of Chase Bag until his retirement in 1954. He was active in Main St. Methodist Church and a member of civic clubs in Reidsville. He married Marie Lineberger, a native of Cleveland Co., NC in 1921. She was born in 1897 and was a graduate of Woman's College in Greensboro, NC in 1918. The couple built a home on Maple Ave. in Reidsville in 1922-23. Marie was active in the Reidsville Garden Club and the Art and Travel Club during the years it was active (1922-1984).

The Richardson's had two children, W. B. Richardson III of Texas and Marie R. Baker of Florida, as well as six grandchildren. Mr. Richardson died in August of 1979 at age 91, and his wife died in January of 1991 at age 94. They were buried at Greenview Cemetery in Reidsville.

**Descriptive Note:**

William B. Richardson, Jr. was manager of the Chase Bag Company in Reidsville. This collection includes business information, letterheads of many Reidsville businesses from the 1920s-1950s, information on various civic groups and clubs, and other miscellaneous items.

**Contents:**

Folders:

Chase Bag Company, 1951, 1938, 1950s

Correspondence, 1920s-1970s

Clubs, Miscellaneous, 1920-30, 1967

Financial records, 1920s-1960s

Miscellaneous receipts, 1930s

Newspaper articles, 1923-1972

Reidsville Garden Club Yearbook, 1924-1930, 1976-1977

Reidsville letterheads, 1915, 1920-1924, 1926-1932, 1934, 1948-1951

Telephone book, 1945

Houses, 1922-1923

World War II material, 1944

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