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Finding aid for the Mary Richmond Kendall photographs Collection 092

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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title:	Mary Richmond Kendall photographs
ID:	Collection 092
Date [inclusive]:	circa 1858-1913, n.d.
Physical Description:	0.24 Linear Feet One box
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Mary Richmond Kendall (1843-1918) was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the daughter of William Almy Richmond and Lorraine Page Richmond, prominent citizens of Grand Rapids. The bulk of her collection consists of photographs of her family members, ca. 1858-1892. Also noteworthy in the collection are interior photos of the Morton House (hotel), Grand Rapids, ca. 1884. Also included are photographs of "Heartsease," Mary Kendall's home in Hollywood, California, ca. 1913.

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Biographical / Historical

Mary Richmond Kendall (1843-1918) was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the daughter of William Almy Richmond and Lorraine Page Richmond, prominent citizens of Grand Rapids. Mary's father, William Richard, came to Grand Rapids in 1836 as one of the first settlers of the village of Grand Rapids. From 1842 to 1845 he served as Democratic State Senator and in 1845 was appointed by President Polk as Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Michigan and Wisconsin. The family was also associated with General George Armstrong Custer through Custer's wife, Elizabeth Bacon, who was a cousin of Rebecca and Mary Richmond. Mary Richmond married Charles Kendall of Grand Rapids, September 17, 1866. The couple then left Michigan, and eventually settled in California.

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists primarily of Richmond family photos. Some items are marked from the "Estate of Miss Rebecca L. Richmond." It is unknown if these items are actually Rebecca's instead of Mary's, or if Mary's Estate came to Rebecca, and then to the Library.

Included within the collection are interior views of The Morton House, Grand Rapids. Also included are interior views of homes, and an exterior photo of Charles Kendall's home in Topeka, Kansas.

In some cases the images in the collection appear to be published, rather than original, photographic prints, such as the images on paper of Wm. R. Richmond found in the first folder.

In Nov. 1999, 4 daguerreotypes were found in this collection and have been physically rehoused with other daguerreotypes in anticipation of future conservation projects. Better preservation housing is needed for these items, with cleaning and restoration by a professional conservator, and recasing for additional protection.

At least one item of correspondence by Mary is known to be housed currently with the Rebecca Richmond correspondence in Coll. 094. (10/12/2006)

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Related Materials

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Coll. 094, Richmond Family Papers. Included in this collection are documents belonging to Mary's father, mother and sister, and also occasional documents of Mary's herself. It is unknown why it was decided to process these images separate from the Richmond family collection. It is expected that Rebecca Richmond, a strong supporter of the Grand Rapids Public Library, was the donor of most of the father archival materials.

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Controlled Access Headings

- photographs
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History
- Richmond (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

Collection Inventory

People. Identified.

Scope and Contents

18 Photoprints & 4 Daguerreotypes

Processing Information:

Processing Information

4 Daguerreotypes, found here have been removed for housing with other Daguerreotypes.

Title/Description	Instances	
1. Wm. A. Richmond. Munsell & Co., N.Y. 8x10	Box 1	Folder 1
2. Wm. A. Richmond. Munsell & Co., N.Y. 7.25 x 5	Box 1	Folder 1
3. Abel Page (as a young man). Photo of an oil painting. Fred Heath, photographer. Father of Lorraine Richmond, grandfather of Rebecca, Mary & Jonathan.	Box 1	Folder 1
4. Mrs. Abel Page (as a young woman). Photo of an oil painting. Fred Heath, photographer.	Box 1	Folder 1

5. Mrs. L.Z. Richmond (Lorraine). Daughter of Abel Page, with of Wm. Almy Richmond, mother of Rebecca, Mary & Jonathan. 5x4 in.	Box 1	Folder 1
6. Mrs. Wm. A. Richmond. 3.75 x 2.5 in.	Box 1	Folder 1
7. Mrs. Richmond and daughters. Fred Heath, photographer. 4 x 2 5/8 in.	Box 1	Folder 1
8. Rebecca Richmond, left; Mary Richmond center, Mrs. Wm. A. Richmond (Lorraine), right. 4 x 2.5 in.	Box 1	Folder 1
9. Copy of the image in 8. with Mrs. W.A. Richmond and her daughters. Dated "New York, 1858." 4 x 2.5 in.	Box 1	Folder 1
10. Mrs. Wm. A. Richmond. Fred Heath, photographer. Hand written date "1869". Shows an old Lorraine Richmond.	Box 1	Folder 1
11. Miss Mary Richmond.	Box 1	Folder 1
12. Rebecca Richmond. Rebecca L. Richmond, 1869. 4 x 2.5 in.	Box 1	Folder 1
13. Jonathan & Rebecca as children. Photographic Gallery of Art, Warren Wykes, Grand Rapids. n.d.	Box 1	Folder 1
14. Jonathan Richmond, 1863.	Box 1	Folder 1
15. Mary Richmond. Fred Heath, photographer.	Box 1	Folder 1
16. Mary Richmond	Box 1	Folder 1
17. Rebecca L. Richmond. Gove (photographer?) Waukesha. 1895.	Box 1	Folder 1
18. Rebecca L. Richmond. Gove (photographer?) Waukesha. Note on verso may be in Rebecca's hand: Compliments of Sister Rebecca, Jan. 1896.	Box 1	Folder 1

People. Identified.

Title/Description	Instances	
1. Aunt Nancy R. Eagles, age 88. "Aunt Nancy R. Eagles, 87 years old 1914, Auburn N.Y." Died Feb. 23, 1917 at Auburn, N. York, aged 89.	Box 1	Folder 2
2. Mrs. Wm. A. Richmond S.R. Revenaugh(?) photographer, Ann Arbor, Mich. Verso: Married June 3, 1856, New Bedford, Mass. Same dress worn on Silver Wedding Anniversary, June 3rd 1881. Age 45.	Box 1	Folder 2
3. Mrs. Wm. A. Richmond.	Box 1	Folder 2
4. Mrs. Wm. A. Richmond	Box 1	Folder 2
5. As above	Box 1	Folder 2
6. As above	Box 1	Folder 2

7. Mrs. Wm. A. Richmond. Verso note: Mrs. Loraine Z. Richmond. Photograph taken at Kenosha, Wis., Dec. 19, 1898. Age 87 years.	Box 1	Folder 2
8. Mrs. Mary Richmond Kendall.	Box 1	Folder 2
9. Mary Richmond Kendall. Leonard (photographer) Topeka, Kansas. 1892.	Box 1	Folder 2
10. [Mary Richmond Kendall.]	Box 1	Folder 2
11. Mrs. Mary Richmond Kendall. Photo postcard. Verso note: Taken May 18, 1909	Box 1	Folder 2
12. Mary Richmond Kendall. Hastings. Boston, Mass. n.d.	Box 1	Folder 2

Morton House interiors, 1884, stereocards

Title/Description	Instances	
1. 1) Mrs. Richmond 2) Maud Withey, 3) Mrs. Earl 4) Mrs. Withey.	Box 1	Folder 3
2. L-R, Mrs. Earl, Mrs. Withey, and Mrs. Richmond.	Box 1	Folder 3
3. Duplicate	Box 1	Folder 3
4. Child (Maud Withey) seated on floor, Mrs. Richmond seated at table.	Box 1	Folder 3
5. Duplicate	Box 1	Folder 3
6. Contact print	Box 1	Folder 3
7. Contact print of a stereocard	Box 1	Folder 3

"Heartsease", 7070 Franklin Ave., Hollywood, California. ca. 1913

Title/Description	Instances	
1. Front porch, Nov. 1913. Shows a woman (Mary Richmond?) seated.	Box 1	Folder 4
2. View of Bridge over Arroya leading to front grounds, Heartseast, Nov. 1913. Shows a woman (Mary Richmond?).	Box 1	Folder 4
3. Side view of Heartsease, Nov. 1913.	Box 1	Folder 4
4. Likely Heartsease, ca. 1900-1920. Interior view of two women seated.	Box 1	Folder 4

"Charles F. Kendall's Residence

Title/Description	Instances	
"Charles F. Kendall's Residence, Topeka Kansas. No. 2" (winter scene)	Box 1	Folder 5

Houses. Interiors, n.d.

Title/Description	Instances	
1. A cluttered parlor. The seated image of Mary Kendall has been glued onto a chair.	Box 1	Folder 6
2. A woman in bridal dress is glued in front of an upright piano.	Box 1	Folder 6
3. A sitting room, potentially at Heartsease.	Box 1	Folder 6