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Richard Edward Griffith Papers
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EXTENT: 1.46 linear feet

CREATOR: Griffith, Richard Edward, 1886-1945

DATE: 1768 -1945

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES: Photographs in this collection have been digitized and are available to view online through the Past Perfect online database: <http://handley.pastperfectonline.com/>

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SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection contains genealogy inquiries and responses by Richard Griffith. Also included are Griffith family papers and correspondence.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Richard E. Griffith was born on Dec. 24, 1886, in Winchester, VA to Richard E. Griffith and Viola Hunt. He attended the School of Miss Virginia Sherrard and graduated from Shenandoah Valley Academy. For many years, he represented the Frick Co. of Waynesboro, VA. In 1918 he enlisted in the tank corps of the U.S. Army and saw action in France. Afterward he devoted his life to historical and genealogical research and writing of the Winchester-Frederick County, VA area. He authored several local history books. He married Ann Douglas Williams and had one son. Griffith died on Oct. 24, 1945, and is buried in Mt. Hebron Cemetery.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Quarles, Garland R. *Some Worthy Lives*. Winchester, VA: Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society, 1988.

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CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Genealogical inquiries and responses by Richard Griffith, c. 1940s, typescript and manuscript

Folders arranged by surnames researched

Surnames A-H

Allen	Anderson	Babb	Baker (see also Lusk)
Ball	Black	Boone	Borden
Bothwell	Bower(s)	Boyd	Brady
Brannon (see also Griffith)	Branson	Brent	Briarly (see also Bryarly)
Brooks	Bruce	Bryarly	Buck
Buffington	Burton	Byrd	Caldwell
Carter	Cather	Cheek	Clark
Claypoole	Cleveland	Coale	Colvert
Coontz	Cordell	Crumley	Dallas
Darlington (see also Hoge)	Davenport	Davis	Davison
Dean	Dick (see also Littler)	Drake	Dunbar
Elliot	Ellis	Fairfax	Farnsworth
Faulkner	Fawcett	Fisher	Friedley
Fry	Goodnight	Gore	Gray
Green	Griffith	Hackney	Harrison
Hawks	Helm (see also Goodnight)	Hensel	Henton
Hiatt	Higgins	Hill	Himmelwright
Hite	Hodgson	Hoge (see also Griffith)	Holliday (see also Smith)
Hollingsworth	Hough (see also Taylor)	Hulse	Hunt

BOX 2

Genealogical inquiries and responses by Richard Griffith

Folders arranged by surnames researched

Surnames J-S

Jack	Jacobs	Jenkins	Julian
Kagey	Kennedy (see also Gray)	Kerfoot	Kern/Keran
Lambert	Layton	Lee	Leith
Lessinger	Levan	Licklitter	Littler

Logan	Long	Lusk	Mathews (see also Leith)
Matson (see also Mercer)	McCarty	McDonald	McKay
McMechen (see also Bruce)	Mendenhall	Merchant	Meredith (see also Hodgson)
Michael	Minghinni	Moore	Moreland
Morgan	Moseley	Nichols (see also Farnsworth)	Nolen
Odicorne (see also Morgan)	Ord/Orr (see also Leith)	Ott	Parkins
Paynes	Perry (see also Boyd)	Pitzer	Pleasant
Province	Rader (see also Mercer)	Rankin	Redd (see also Williams)
Richards (see also Hollingsworth)	Richardson	Rogers	Ross
Rowles (see also Bryarly)	Russell	Rust	Schultz (see also Smith)
Singleton	Sleeth	Smallwood	Smith
Spinning	Sprinkel	Staley	Steinbarger/Stonebarger
Stephens	Stephenson	Stewart	Stickley
Stockton	Sydnor (see also Brent)		

BOX 3

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Surnames T-W

Taylor	Thatcher (see also Brannon)	Thornburg (see also Ellis)	Townsend
Trout	Troutwine (see also Lusk, White)	Turley	Turner
Vance	Ward (see also Lusk)	Washington	Waterman
Wayne	White	Williams	Willis
Wood (see also Griffith)	Worthington (see also Gore)		

BOX 4

1768 – Griffith, Mary - Faulkner, John, marriage certificate, 1768, York , Penn.,1 leaf, manuscript

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 13

1836—Griffith, R. Edward – Penmanship Copy Book, 1 item, manuscript

18?? 1849—Griffith Family Correspondence

1845-1856, Sept. 1871-May1876—Correspondence/Financial Papers Regarding Lydia Lytle

1845, 1859, 1865, 1872, 1896, 1897—Griffith Family Financial Papers and Correspondence, 58 items, manuscript

1850-1860—Griffith Family Correspondence

1860-1865—Griffith Family Correspondence

1865-1878—Griffith Family Correspondence

1868 July 1—Griffith, A.H.—Freedman’s Bureau Correspondence, 1 leaf, manuscript

1896 – Griffith, John, Correspondence, August 28, 1896, 2 leaves, manuscript and typescript

1870—Griffith, John—Diary, 1870, 1 item, manuscript

1870—Griffith, John—School Books—Latin book, Definition book, 2 items, manuscript

1876-1906 undated—Griffith Family Correspondence

undated—Miscellaneous Papers—Poetry, etc., 16 items, manuscript/printed

1905—Griffith, Richard E.—Griffith Family Notes, 10 items, manuscript/typescript

1917-1945—Griffith, Richard Edward—Correspondence—Personal and Business, unnumbered items, typescript/manuscript

1930-1945—Griffith, Richard Edward—Correspondence—Historical Subjects, 11 folders, typescript

“Colonial Houses in Winchester and Vicinity” by R. E. Griffith, July 22, 1935 – 3 leaves, typescript, 4 leaves, manuscript

Diplomas:

Shenandoah Valley Academy Diploma – June 14, 1898, Awarded to Richard Griffith for Junior Arithmetic, Geography, American History, and Elementary English, 1 leaf, printed

Shenandoah Valley Academy Diploma – June 14, 1900, Awarded to Richard Griffith for Preparatory Latin, and Junior English, 1 leaf, printed

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 13

Loganian Society, membership certificate of R. Edward Griffith, 1 leaf, printed

Physical Location: Oversize, Box 13

Miscellaneous Notes, unnumbered leaves, manuscript

Promotional Cards (c. 1860-1890s)—3 cards, printed

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