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Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Richardson, Benjamin Parker, Papers, 1814-1857</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Misc. mss. boxes "R"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>1 folder, 53 items</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>For a biographical sketch of Benjamin Parker Richardson, see the <u>New England Historical and Genealogical Register</u>, vol. 26, no. 1 (January 1872), pp.1-3. For a history of the Richardson family, consult Jeffrey Richardson, Jr., <u>Genealogical and Biographical Sketches of the Name and Family of Brackett and Richardson</u> (Boston: n.p., 1860)</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Source unknown</p>	
<p>Collection Description:</p> <p>The chronologically arranged collection includes papers of Benjamin Parker Richardson (1802-1870), a member of the Massachusetts General Court who represented Boston in the House of Representatives from 1845 to 1849. He was also a director of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Evangelical Knowledge.</p> <p>These papers include receipts for books purchased and bound, as well as for clothing and hotel expenses. There is also incoming correspondence, primarily relating to Richardson's part in the preparation of various religious publications, such as the <u>Christian Witness</u> and the <u>Protestant Churchman</u>. Subscription lists and distribution plans are also discussed. There are communications from Henry Gasset (1813-1886) which request Richardson to provide him with House documents and information concerning the Freemason and Antimasonic movements.</p> <p>This collection also includes various receipts, church pew assessments, club membership cards, and tax records of Benjamin Parker Richardson's mother, Rebecca Brackett Richardson (1764-1843), and his brothers, Jeffrey (1789-1879) and James Brackett Richardson (1793-1875). The three Richardson brothers were in partnership as iron merchants on Central Wharf, Boston, for many years.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">25 February 1977 rev. 28 April 1980</p>	