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**HAROLD E. RICHARDSON PAPERS  
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## **Biographical Note**

Harold E. Richardson (1922-1993) was born in Portland and attended West School and Portland High School, graduating in 1941. He and his brother Clifford founded Kippy's Service, an office cleaning business. He married Helen J. Payne of Fredericton, New Brunswick, and had four children. He was a member, over time, of the Green Memorial Church, the West Congregational Church, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Presbyterian Church.

Richardson was first voted onto the Portland Water District Board in 1963. In 1967 he was elected president of the Board. He served continuously until at least 1987. He was elected to or affiliated with the following organizations: Deering Lions Club, Mt. Lebanon Masonic Lodge, Little League 2 Association, Portland Boy's Club, West End Business Men, Portland Veteran Fireman Association, Cumberland County Fireman's Association, Maine State Law Enforcement Planning and Assistance Agency, Portland Fire Buffs Club, Southern Maine Comprehensive Health Association, Civil Service Commission, and the Central Maine Branch of the NAACP.

## **Description of the Papers**

The papers document Harold Richardson's political and civic activities and his affiliations with various groups such as the Deering Lions Club and Mt. Lebanon Masonic Lodge.

The scrapbook contains mostly newspaper clippings (primarily from the Evening Express and Portland Press Herald), also original photographs that appeared in newspapers, letters and notes to Richardson, usually congratulating him on an election or thanking him for his support and/or help, membership certificates, and certificates of appreciation. The newspaper clippings are about Richardson and the organizations

with which he was involved, particularly the Portland Water District (PWD), civil servants in Portland including police, and the Civil Servant Commission.

Box	Folder	Description	Date
1	1	Photograph, Richardson and John E. Gray, Deering Lions Club	1970 May
	2	Photograph, Richardson and Portland Water District Board	undated
Material detached from Scrapbook			
	3	Inside front cover, clippings and photographs re: Little League Team	1967
	4	Attached to page 6, clippings re: 1963 election; 1 <sup>st</sup> African American candidate and holder of public office in Maine	1963
	5	Between p.10-11, photograph of Richardson, fire truck, and men	[1968]
	6	Attached to p.21, photograph of Richardson and man at event re: water policies	[1970-71]
	7	Between p.34-35, clippings re: high school sports and invitation to 1957 gubernatorial ball	1939-1957
	8	Between p.82-83, clippings re: PWD, primarily	1970, 1980-90
	9	Between p.82-83, letters and invitations	1980, 1983
	10	Between p.82-82, clippings	1986
	11	Between p.96-97, clippings	1978-89
	12	Inside back cover, clippings	1970-91
	13	Inside back cover, various ephemera including photographs, biography, printed pamphlets and leaflets	1938, 1957-90

Box	Folder	Description	Date
1	14	Inside back cover, letters and certificates of appreciation	1969-88
2	1	Certificate of Membership, Mt. Lebanon Masonic Lodge	1949 Jul 21
		Scrapbook	
		Framed certificate of special recognition of Richardson, by Portland City Council	2002 Feb 4