

**RICHARDS, SAMUEL P.**  
**Samuel P. Richards diaries, 1848-1909**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Richards, Samuel P.  
**Title:** Samuel P. Richards diaries, 1848-1909  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 518  
**Extent:** 3 microfilm reels (MF)  
**Abstract:** Microfilm copy of Georgia stationer and book dealer Samuel P. Richards diaries.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Administrative Information**

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**Citation**

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**Collection Description**

**Biographical Note**

Samuel P. Richards, stationer and book dealer, was born March 3, 1824, in Hooknorton, Oxfordshire, England, and died April 18, 1910, in Atlanta, Georgia. His family immigrated to the United States, first to New York and then to Penfield, Georgia, when he was young. He attended Mercer University in Penfield (1846-1848). He and his brother, Jabez, opened a retail book and stationery business in Macon, Georgia (J.J. and S.P. Richards), and moved it to Atlanta, Georgia,

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in 1861. The business name was changed to S.P. Richards and Son, when Richards bought out his brother and took his oldest son, Arthur, into the business. Richards retired in 1894 (after Arthur's death), and his other sons, Russell, George, and Walter, took over the business (S.P. Richards Co.).

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of a microfilm copy of Samuel P. Richards' diary during the years 1848-1909. The entries detail Richards' daily activities, including Baptist prayer meetings, church services, and family life. Richards also gives an account of the shelling and evacuation of Atlanta, after which he moved to New York. He lived there as a refugee for one year.

