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## SUMMARY

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<b>Inclusive Dates</b>	1864-1986, undated.
<b>Bulk Dates</b>	1955-1963.
<b>Languages</b>	English.
<b>Summary</b>	The Cary Johnson Richardson Papers contain manuscript materials collected by Cary J. Richardson, including correspondence, clippings, playbills, recipes, scrapbooks, volumes, and an original typescript for <i>The Ponder Heart</i> .
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**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Cary Johnson Richardson was born on June 30, 1908, in Jackson, Mississippi. She was married to Dr. Roger Walcott Richardson (1905-1988), professor emeritus and dean emeritus of the LSU College of Engineering. The Richardsons were avid collectors of historical records on a variety of subjects, such as the American Civil War and Reconstruction, social and literary life in the South during the late nineteenth century, and Louisiana political writings and printed items from the 1940s to the 1960s. Cary J. Richardson died on February 9, 1986, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Cary Johnson Richardson Papers contain materials collected by Cary J. Richardson, including correspondence, newspaper and magazine clippings, theater programs and Playbills, annotated cookbooks and recipes, manuscript volumes, and an original typescript of Joseph Fields' and Jerome Chodorov's 1956 play adaptation of Eudora Welty's *The Ponder Heart* (1953). Some of the manuscript volumes belonged to various family relatives of Richardson, such as Cora E. Harris (Vol. 1), Henry B. Richardson (Vol. 2), and Mrs. Hamilton Johnson (Vol. 9). The collection is stored in one box and is arranged chronologically.

**INDEX TERMS**

**Cookbooks.**

**Musical theater--United States.**

**Playbills.**

**Scrapbooks.**

**Theater programs.**

**Welty, Eudora, 1909-2001. Ponder heart.**

## CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u>			
<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)/Volume</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
12:25	1	1	Sketchbook, (1927)
		2-23	Playbills, (1955-1963)
		24	<i>The Ponder Heart</i> original typescript, (1956)
		25	Correspondence, (1956-1978)
		26-28	Clippings, (1956-1986, undated)
		29	Recipes, (undated)
		30	Miscellaneous clippings and ephemera, (undated)
		Vol. 1	Prayer book belonging to Cora E. Harris, (1864)
		Vol. 2	<i>Engineers' and Mechanics' Pocket Book</i> belonging to Henry B. Richardson, (1872)
		Vol. 3	<i>Anyone Can Bake</i> by Royal Baking Powder, (1928)
		Vol. 4	<i>The Service Cookbook</i> by Mrs. Ida Bailey Allen, (1933)
		Vol. 5	<i>Superchic</i> by James Brady (annotated copy), (1974)
		Vol. 6	<i>Studies in Philology</i> vol. 77, no. 5 (annotated copy), (1980)
		Vol. 7	<i>Louisiana Keepsake</i> Day Planner belonging to Cary J. Richardson, (1986)
		Vol. 8	Address book belonging to Cary J. Richardson, (undated)
		Vol. 9	Scrapbook of recipes belonging to Mrs. Hamilton Johnson, (undated)