

Richard, Romeo J. photograph scrapbooks

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Summary Information

Repository:	Friends of Wood Memorial Library and Museum
Creator:	Richard, Romeo
Title:	Romeo J. Richard photograph scrapbooks
ID:	1996.09
Date:	1945
Date [inclusive]:	1985-1995
Physical Description:	2 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Romeo J. Richard (1915-2011) was a South Windsor, CT, resident who documented town events occurring in South Windsor, CT, during 1985-1995, including the Wapping Fair, South Windsor 150th birthday, Strawberry Festival, parades and picnics, and other civic events. The collection consists of 10 albums and a group of loose materials that had been stored in the albums.

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Biographical / Historical

Romeo J. Richard (1915-2011) was born in Sanford, ME, on March 6, 1915. His parents were of French Canadian descent. His father moved to New Hampshire to work as a shipbuilder, building war boats out of wood. In 1917, the US government discovered that his father was a Canadian and sent him and his family home for him to sign up for the draft. The Canadian government found out that his father had worked on a farm and sent his father and his family to Calgary in the province of Alberta to be a farmer. Romeo Richard spent his young years

growing up working on a farm. After the war, his family moved to Montreal, Canada, where he was educated.

In 1932, he graduated from Superior School (high school). He then returned to the United States and moved to Biddeford, Maine where he worked pouring cast iron in foundaries. In 1937, he moved to Willimantic, CT, working there as a mason for approximately one year. In 1938, he moved to Hartford, CT. After completing an apprenticeship, he worked as a master tool and die maker for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, retiring in 1977. During that time, he also worked part time in many smaller shops as well. In 1956, Mr. Richard moved to South Windsor.

On May 2, 1941, Richard was married to Marie Paradis at Saint Ann Church in Hartford, CT. Romeo and Marie Richard have had three sons and a daughter in their fifty-nine years together. Their children;s names are Raymond, Benoit, Fred, and Linda.

He was a member of numerous organizations including the Knights of Columbus, National Rifle Association, and Founding President of the Super Sixty Sportsman Club of South Windsor. He was also a member of the South Windsor Senior Citizens Club, Rotary Club of South Windsor; which awarded him the Paul Harris Fellow, as well as a communicant and usher for 45-years at St. Margaret Mary Church in South Windsor. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He enjoyed photography and captured many town activities, anniversaries, celebrations, and parades.

Richard died on July 29, 2011.

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Scope and Contents

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Controlled Access Headings

- South Windsor (Conn.)

Collection Inventory

Scrapbooks

Title/Description	Instances
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Vol. 1, 1945

Scope and Contents

VE Day, May 8, 1945 (Victory in Europe Day)

Vol. 2, 1985-1986

Scope and Contents

1985, Memorial Day Parade, Wapping fair, Hurricane Gloria, Memorial Day Service, Senior Citizen Picnic, 1986 Connecticut River Pow Wow & Rendezvous

Haddam Meadows, assorted views, Yankee Patchwork
Weekend.

Vol. 3, 1988

Scope and Contents

South Windsor Memorial Day Parade; tree honoring
the memory of Charles Enes, May 30, 1988; South
Windsor Berry Fest; South Windsor Volunteer Fire
Department 50th Anniversary Parade; Wapping Fair;
Taste of South Windsor; Harvest Celebration on South
Windsor Historic Main St.; traffic at four corners.

Vol. 4, 1989

Scope and Contents

Pictures of a display in 1989 of photographs taken
by Howe Brothers from 1882-1907, Memorial Day
Ceremony, dedication of flowering tree to Harold J. A.
(Stubby) Collins, Memorial Day, South Windsor Berry
Festival, Wapping Fair, Taste of South Windsor.

Vol. 5, 1990

Scope and Contents

Mexican Fiesta Party Senior Center 10th anniversary,
Memorial Day, South Windsor Berry Festival, senior
citizen summer picnic, Wapping Fair, Strawberry
Festival, Rossi metal sculptures, Wapping Fair.

Vol. 6, 1991

Scope and Contents

Construction South Windsor Community Center and
dedication.

Vol. 7, 1992

Scope and Contents

Wapping Fair.

Vol. 8, 1995 May 13

Scope and Contents

South Windsor 150th birthday celebration.

Vol. 9, 1995

Scope and Contents

Special Olympics Torch Run, Strawberry Festival, summer picnic.

Vol. 10, 1995

Scope and Contents

Flag Day, flag raising, canteen, photos of individuals.

Loose materials from scrapbooks

Scope and Contents

Folders referring to photo albums and containing loose papers from photo albums:

Photo Album Vol 1: 1945. VE Day - May 8, 1945 (Victory in Europe Day). Associated item: xerox copy of appreciation placard from the South Windsor Senior Center World War II Anniversary Commemoration Committee & Friends.

Photo Album Vol 2 associated items: 1985 Town of South Windsor 150th Anniversary calendar, South Windsor Volunteer Fire Department 50th Anniversary booklet, Town of South Windsor 1985 Annual Report.

Vol 3. 1988. South Windsor Memorial Day Parade 1988, Tree honoring the memory of Charles Enes May 30, 1988, South Windsor Berry Fest, SW Vol Fire Dept 50th Anniversary Parade, 1988 Wapping Fair, 1988 Taste of South Windsor, Harvest Celebration on SW Historic Main St., Traffic at four corners. Vol 3 associated items: newsclippings and dedication text (Enes).

Vol 4. 1989. Photographs taken by Howe Brothers from 1882 - 1907, 1989 Memorial Day Ceremony, Dedication of flowering tree to Harold J. A. (Stubby) Collins Memorial Day 1989, South Windsor Berry Festival 1989, Wapping Fair 1989, Taste of South Windsor.

Vol 5: 1990. Mexican Fiesta Party Senior Center 10th Anniversary, Memorial Day 1980, South Windsor Berry Festival 1990, Senior Citizen xxxx of summer picnic August 1990, Wapping Fair, Strawberry Festival June 11, Rossi Metal Sculptures, Wapping Fair 102 annual

Vol 6: 1991. Construction SW Community Center and Dedication

8. 1992. Wapping Fair

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9. 1995. 150 birthday celebration May 13, 1995, Dept of Human Services

10. 1995. Special Olympics Torch Run, Strawberry Festival, Summer picnic

Each album has related news clippings and pamphlets.

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