

Register of the  
**Richard E. Harris Collection**  
(Collection 9)

Adventist Heritage Center  
James White Library  
Andrews University  
Berrien Springs, Michigan  
1980

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### Biographical Information

The family of Richard Everett Harris, minister, teacher, editor, have been closely associated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church from its beginning. His great grandfather's sister, Rachel Harris Oakes Preston (1809-1868) of Vernon, Vermont, introduced the Sabbath teaching to the early Adventist believers at Washington, N. H. in 1844. His great grandmother, Mary E. Harris (1823-1903) of South Lancaster, Maine, was a close friend of Ellen G. White (1827-1915). Mrs. White refers to their pleasant association in her diaries. His grandfather, Chapin H. Harris (1852-1937) was looked upon as a son by Mrs. White and she gave him four letters of testimony cautioning him regarding his friendship with Martha B. Stratton (1857-1918).

Richard was born July 3, 1929, delivered by Dr. Lauretta Kress (1863-1955) at the Washington Sanitarium, Takoma Park, Maryland. Graduated from Washington Missionary College in 1948, he worked as Bible instructor, pastor, teacher and editor. From 1976-1980 he was an associate pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

### Scope

The Richard E. Harris collection was given to the Heritage Room at the James White Library, Andrews University, in 1980 by Richard E. Harris. They contain correspondence, manuscripts, and materials dealing with the Harris family. Of particular interest are letters to the Harris family from S. N. Haskell, J. N. Andrews, and Sara McEnterfer.

### Arrangement

Where possible the material has been kept in the arrangement made by Richard E. Harris himself. Folders and volumes are referred to as "fld" and "vol." They are numbered on the basis of topical sequence. To call for items in the collection, use "C9" with box and folder number as indicated in the following inventory. Citations to the collection or item in the collection should include the following: Richard E. Harris Collection, Heritage Room at the James White Library, Andrews University.

### Provenance

\_\_\_\_\_ The Richard E. Harris Collection was donated to the Andrews University Adventist Heritage Center by Mr. Harris.

### Use

All users of this collection will be required to complete the "Application to Use Unpublished Records," and to observe the regulations specified in the "Patron Agreement" and in the "Researcher's Code of Conduct." All records in this collection are open and available for research. Citation for this collection:

Box \_\_\_\_\_, folder \_\_\_\_\_, Richard E. Harris Collection (collection 9), Adventist Heritage Center, James White Library, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

## Inventory

### I. Correspondence, 1839-1934 and no date

- Bx 1 fld 1 Letters of Richard E. Harris family from 1839-1934. 12 letters.
- Bx 1 fld 2 Letters from S. N. Haskell, 1870-1897. 12 letters.
- Bx 1 fld 3 Letters from J. N. Andrews, 1875, 1878. 2 letters.  
Letters from Charles Andrews, 1875. 1 letter.
- Bx 1 fld 4 Letters from Sara McEnterfer, 1902, 1903. 2 letters.

### II. Miscellaneous Information on the Harris Family

- Bx 1 fld 5 Biographical information of Richard Everett Harris.  
Geneology of the Harris family.  
"Roots and Fruits" sermon text, delivered by Richard E. Harris,  
August 11, 1979, Pioneer Memorial Church Andrews  
University.  
Ellen G. White Estate Ms. Release 768.  
Obituary notices for Rachel Preston, Mrs. Mary E. Harris, and  
Chapin Harris  
Note on Rachel Harris.  
Catalogue of visual aids from an organization originated by  
Richard E. Harris.
- Bx 1 fld 6 Pages from Harris family Bible and Wedding Certificate.

### III. Tape

- Bx 1 tape 1 "Roots and Fruits" sermon by Richard E. Harris, August 11, 1979,  
Pioneer Memorial Church, Andrews Univeristy. See text in  
Bx 1 fld 5.

### IV. Autograph Albums

- Bx 1 vol 1 Autograph album of Hattie S. Stratton (Harris)
- Bx 1 vol 2 Autograph album of Chapin Harris.