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005 Delaware Agricultural Museum Collection  
006 Business and Financial Records  
140 John and John E. Richards Ledger  
200 1833  
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220 1833-1842, 1853-1866  
240 0.05 cf.  
241 1 volume in 0.41 box  
261 Financial record maintained by John Richards, 1833-1842, and his son John E. Richards, 1853-1871. The Richards were farmers in North West Fork Hundred, west of Greenwood.  
270 The ledger shows the grain, liquor, meat, and other food items the Richards were selling as well as rent payments, and the payments they received, often by work on the farm. The entries show the name of the account, date, items or services sold, amount, date of payment, how paid, and amount. Some entries record the days that laborers worked for the Richards. A few entries show that African-Americans (slaves?) were hired out to others. After John died in 1853, there are accounts for his minors, John E., Philip, Charles F., and Mary E. with their mother Ann P. appointed guardian. In the 1860s portion of the book are notations of peaches being sold. Also included in the volume is a newspaper clipping from November 7, 1862 showing the election results from New Castle County. On the reverse is an advertisement with illustration for The Living Home and the Delaware Home for Insane in Wilmington.  
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330 Within each account, arranged chronologically by date of entry.  
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