

Stephen Pink Richardson  
Son of Bro. William Porter Richardson

Stephen Pink Richardson was born December 24, 1849 on what is now known as the Nelson Corkern place on the Enon Highway. He was the son of Bro. Wm Porter Richardson (1824 \* 1875) and was a brother of Bro. Hardy Chess Richardson (1869 - 1952).

Bro. Stephen P. Richardson married a daughter of Bro. John R. Burch and settled in the heart of the Fisher Community where he became a leader in that community and a citizen well known throughout Washington Parish.

In the Fisher Community, Bro. Richardson operated a large farm which is still owned and operated by his descendants. He, also, operated a General Store and Post Office.

Bro. Richardson's old store building burned in April of 1950. At the time it burned, it was one of the oldest "old time" store buildings left in Washington Parish. The building contained most of the original fixtures installed there by Bro. Richardson during his day.

Bro. Richardson donated the present site of the Fisher Methodist Church and, also, the land for the Fisher Cemetery. He was very active in the affairs of this old Church until the time of his death.

Bro. Richardson was active in the affairs of the Gorman High School which stood not far from his home. He was a Trustee of the school until it and other schools were taken over by the Washington Parish School Board under the present school board system. The Gorman High School was established prior to 1900 and operated until some years after Bro. Richardson's death in 1907.

It is said that Bro. Richardson became alarmed at the conduct of students of some other schools that he came into contact with. As a result he undertook the task of making a good school out of the Gorman School and was successful. During Bro. Richardson's day, the Gorman High School was regarded as one of the very best schools in the Parish.

Bro. Richardson served Washington Parish as Clerk Of Court twenty-five years. His service as Clerk Of Court reached back into the late eighteen-seventies. The writer has copies of several documents drawn up in the late eighteen-seventies by Bro. Richardson as Clerk Of Court. These documents were in connection with the granting of pensions to the widows of several Washington Parish citizens who in late 1814 joined Gen. Andrew Jackson in his successful effort to defeat the British in the Battle Of New Orleans in January of 1815.

Bro. Richardson was made a Master Mason in Lodge 101 in Franklinton on August 7, 1894. He died on May 6, 1907 and was buried in the Fisher Cemetery.

Bro. Richardson left many descendants in this area. His sons, who are today members of Lodge 101, are Brothers C.L. Richardson, John P. Richardson, Frank L. Richardson, and Lamar Richardson.