

THE RICHARDSON FAMILY

RANSOM C. RICHARDSON was born December 19, 1809 in Johnston County, North Carolina, in the east central part of the state. He married a Johnston County girl, Lucinda O'Neal, on October 2, 1833. Lucinda had been born on October 30, 1815, so she would have been 18 years old when they married. Richard O'Neal acted as bondsman for the couple.

There were members of the Richardson family living on both sides of the county line between Johnston and Wake Counties. It is unknown to which of these Richardson families that Ransom Richardson belonged. Several of the North Carolina Richardsons migrated on to Alabama, settling in Greene, Sumter and Pickens Counties.

A story that has been passed down in the Richardson family is about when they left North Carolina. According to the story, the Richardson's wagons were all packed and ready to leave for their new home the next morning, on the night that the stars fell. They must have taken this as a good omen, for the migration began the next morning on schedule. The historical event of the stars falling was supposed to have happened on November 13, 1833.

Ransom and Lucinda Richardson arrived in Lauderdale County, Mississippi one Thursday night two years later in September, 1835. They stayed in Lauderdale County - they had to. One of their horses got sick and they could not go on. They slept that night in their wagon.

The next morning they were rested and looked about at the land where they had camped. It seemed like pretty good land where they were and water was nearby, so they thought they might as well stay right where they were. Ransom staked a claim and bought the land from the Columbus Land Office. He built a lean-to for Lucinda and baby Bryant, and there they stayed. At first there were no near neighbors, but soon other families came in and before long they had a community going. There was a beautiful all-year spring near their home that they named Drip-off Springs. The community where Ransom Richardson bought his land was named for the spring and was called Drip-off Community. [A hundred years later the community was called Center Hill, named for the consolidated school that was built about two miles west of the Richardson's homeplace.]

In April of 1838, on the Saturday before the second Sunday, there was a meeting held over at Ben Carpenter's home to organize a Baptist church. Lucinda Richardson became a member of that church, which was named Fellowship. When the church members divided in 1849 over differences in their beliefs, Lucy stayed with the church at Gumlog. Ransom wouldn't join either faction of the Baptists.

Ransom Richardson bought and sold land about the county until he had acquired several hundred acres. On April 13, 1843, he sold Gray Sanderford of Pine Springs 159 acres in Sec. 23, Township 8, Range 15E for \$349. It was said that upon his death, he was able to leave each of his eleven children a small farm. He was on 1858 land tax roll for 440 acres in S-26, T-8, R-15E.

Lucinda Richardson died June 10, 1871, and was buried at the Gumlog Baptist Church cemetery. Ransom outlived Lucy by 37 years, but he never found anyone to take her place. He lived until April 17, 1895 and was buried in the Gumlog cemetery beside Lucy. His will is recorded in Lauderdale County.

Ransom C. Richardson's youngest child, Ransom S., moved to Pine Springs in 1909. His grandson, Sam'l D. Kinerd, moved there in 1900.

file 1438
Ransom Richardson vs
L. A. Baines
Judgment
June 26, 1845

file 832
SC Hatcher vs
Ransom Richardson
& Lucinda H. MITT
Call on prob. note
183 -

1860
Ransom Richardson
lived in Beat 3
owned land worth
\$5000, property worth
\$3000 - had 3 slaves

IN 1858
Ransom on Tax Roll
for 440 acres
all in 26-8-15
1892 TAX
R. Richardson
160 AC - Nov 24 -
26-8-15
200 AC - 30-8-15

CHILDREN OF RANSOM C. RICHARDSON

^{GASTON}
I. GASTON BRYANT RICHARDSON

Born: Ca 1834, Alabama? ^{MISS} Died: Neshoba County, Miss.

Married: Ann Elizabeth Denton, (^{ELIZA ANN}) Oct. 28, 1856

Lived in Neshoba County. He was a man that was known for his great strength. It was said of him that he could lift a bale of cotton that weighed 500 lbs.

Children: Had "several" children, names unknown.

II. LUNSFORD RICHARDSON

Born: Ca 1836, Lauderdale Co, Ms. Died: Bur. Magnolia Cem, Meridian

Married: ~~MARTHA~~ ^{MARIA} ~~DARKER~~

Lived near Drip Off Springs [Center Hill] a while, later moved nearer Meridian, bought land in area that later became Northwood Country Club.

Children: (May have had more) ^{IN 1892, LUNSFORD RICHARDSON, MAS. D.A. RICHARDSON, and MRS. NANCY L. VINSON became members of Poplar Springs Meth. Ch. in Meridian}

1. BETTIE RICHARDSON 1859-1888, 29 yrs. old, headstone at Gumlog Cem. says "Daughter of L. & M. Richardson."
2. ALTUNA ^{"ANNIE"} RICHARDSON 1866-1886, m. Mack L. Vinson, owned a furniture store in Meridian. ^{HE WAS BRO. OF CLINT VINSON, WHO AT ONE TIME WAS MAYOR OF MERIDIAN. THEY WERE SONS OF WM. L. AND NANCY VINSON.} Altuna (^{ANNIE}) died at twenty and was buried at Gumlog Cem.
3. DANIEL LEE RICHARDSON 1890-1990, Infant. Headstone reads "Infant son of L. & M. Richardson"

^{EUNICE RICHARDSON JOINED P.P. CH. IN 1901 DIDN'T SHE MARRY A WHITE? ?}

III. MARTHA RICHARDSON

Born: ca 1838, Lauderdale Co. Died: 1860's, Lauderdale Co.

Married: WILLIAM GABRIEL, Jan. 8, 1857, Lauderdale Co.

Martha and William were listed in 1860 census with two young children. By 1870, Martha had died and the children were living with their grandfather, Ransom Richardson. William may have died in the Civil War.

Children:

1. MARY GABRIEL 1857-
2. RANSOM THOMAS GABRIEL 1860-1936, m. Willie D. _____ (1861-1909)

IV. REBECCA J. RICHARDSON

Born: 1839, Lauderdale Co. Died: 1897, bur. Fellowship (Pace's) Ch.

Married: DAVID M. BROWN (1812-1894) about 1858. He was an older man, a neighbor who lived not far from the Richardsons. His first wife had died leaving ten children, so young Rebecca had some adjusting to do. The Brown home was near the former site of the old Center Hill Schoolhouse. Rebecca had ten children of her own, so there were twenty Brown offspring. Children: (Rebecca's. See Brown family # 1 history for David's 1st ten)

- 1, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BROWN 1859- m. Fannie _____, died in childbirth, 1907
2. MARY ALICE BROWN 1860-
3. LAURA LOUVENIA BROWN 1862- m. _____ Smith of Collinsville.
4. ROBERT LEE BROWN 1863-
5. WALTER SCOTT BROWN 1865-1939, m. Mrs. Fostina "Tina" (Phillips) Wright She was a teacher, widow of Wm. Wright, dau. of James Phillips of Kemper (See Wright and Phillips history)
6. OSCAR LAVELLE BROWN 1866- m. Mattie M. McDonald, Dec. 21, 1889. She was

1885 School Cert

- Altoona 18 1869
- Walter 16 1869
- ANNA 14 1871
- Minnie 12 1873
- Willie 10 1875
- Alma 10 1875
- Lebbie 7 1878

*Was #1
of David Brown's 1st
born 1860-67*

- a dau. of Wm. C. & Mary (Gallespie) McDonald.
7. VICTOR EUGENE BROWN 1872- m. Addie Pool, 1902, Perry Co, Ms.
 8. IDA L. BROWN 1874-
 9. MINNIE LEE BROWN 1876-1951, m. Robert Lee Miles (1872-1962), on Dec.3,1895. He was son of Jasper and Mary (McDonald)Miles.
 10. REDMAN BROWN 1878-

V. SARAH RICHARDSON

Born: ca 1840-43, Lauderdale Co. Died: *After 1895*

Married: TALBERT

Mentioned as Ransom's dau, Sarah Talbert, in his will. Unknown which Talbert she married.

Children: Unknown.

VI. ELIZABETH RICHARDSON

Born: 1844, Lauderdale Co. Died: *after 1895*

Married: TALBERT (Which one?)

Was mentioned as dau, Elizabeth Talbert, in Ransom's will.

Children: Unknown.

VII. LUCINDA RICHARDSON

Born: 1846, Lauderdale Co. Died:

Married: (?)

Nothing whatever is known about this daughter.

VIII. HARRIET ELLEN RICHARDSON

Born: July 4, 1847, Lauderdale Co. Died: Jan.10,1931, bur.Gumlog Church

Married: JOSEPH W. TALBERT (1847-1929), Feb.3,1869,Lauderdale Co,Ms.

They lived in Drip-off Community, (now Center Hill).

Children: (Probably had more)

1. LUNA JANE TALBERT

IX. VIRGINIA JAMES "JENNY" RICHARDSON

Born: June 18,1851,Lauderdale Co Died: Dec.19,1936, bur.Gumlog Church

Married: CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS KYNERD (1855-1934) in 1873,Laud. Co,Ms.

He was son of Salathiel W. and Martha Ann (Wilkerson) Kynerd.

It was said that Aunt Jenny was a determined person, stood up for what she believed was right. Did fine needlework, making quilts, embroidery and tufting work, most of which she sold or gave as gifts. Children enjoyed visits to her house where they could be sure to get some of her special tea cakes or gingerbread.

Their home was located on today's Hwy. 495 near the water tower near Fellowship Baptist Church.

Children:

1. WILLIAM FRANKLIN KYNERD 1874-1890, died, 16 yrs. old.
2. MARTHA LOUELLA KYNERD 1876-19__, m. Van L. Murphy, 1892, lived in Marshall, Bell County, Texas.
3. ROSEY ANNA KYNERD 1878-1969, m. (1)Willie Hendon,divorced (2)Rufus Brown, died in Oklahoma.
- § 4. SAMUEL DAVID "SAM" KINARD 1880-1953, m. Laura C. Jones, 1900, the dau. of Spinks M. and Lucinda (Ballard) Jones of Pine Springs. Sam and Laura bought land in Section 3, Pine Springs, from her father, reared their family there. Their story is under Kinard family history.

5. MARY ETTA KYNERD 1882-1949, m. Henry Monroe Stevens, 1902, lived on Lauderdale Co, both bur. Fellowship Church.
6. RANSOM SELATHIEL KYNERD 1884-1963, m. Mary Alice Talbert, 1909, both buried Fellowship Church.
7. IRA RESTON KYNERD 1886-1907, died, 21 yrs. old, bur. Gumlog Ch.
8. MAUDE CHERYLAIN KYNERD 1888-1953, m. Walter Alex. Brown, both bur. Fellowship Church.

X. WILLIAM THOMAS RICHARDSON

Born: Feb. 10, 1854, Lauderdale Co, Ms. Died: April 4, 1889

Married: SALLIE ELIZABETH WILLIAMS (1857-1893)

Lived in Lauderdale County.

Children:

1. GEORGE VESTER RICHARDSON 1876-1962, m. Annie Brown. Were memb. of Fellowship Ch.

Children:

A. William Thomas "Tom" Richardson 1894-1966, m. Emma Lucile Brown, dau. of Robert Cornelius and Mary I. "Molly" Brown of Gumlog.

Children: a. Mollie V. Richardson 1918-1923, died, 5 yrs old.

b. Cecil Brown Richardson 19___, m. Jeanette _____

c. Rita Nell Richardson 1926, m. Chas. Snowden.

B. Sallie Estell Richardson 1897-1949, m. Jefferson James Wilson (1891-1978), son of George W. and Dicia (Talbert) Wilson of Obediah.

Children: a. Georgia Wilson, 1922, m. Lamar Snowden of Pine Spgs.

b. Kenneth R. Wilson 1923-1923

c. George Vester "GV" Wilson 1928, m. Dora Wedgeworth.

C. Cecil Richardson 1898-1917, died, 19 yrs. old.

D. Jesse Wall Richardson 1900-1971, m. Willie Sue Harvey (1905-1978)

Children: a. George W. Richardson, 1945, m. Vivian T. Ollhoft

E. Jodie Mac Richardson 1904, m. Carrie Ann Ross (b. 1946)

F. Louise Richardson 1905-1978, m. W. Henry Ollhoft (1905-1978)

G. George Edward Richardson 1916-1980, m. Essie Graham (b 1917SC).

Had no children, but reared Essie's bro, Bobby Graham.

2. JOSEPH BAXTER RICHARDSON 1879-1955, m. Ida Pearl Miles (b1880), dau. of Wm. Jasper (b1840) and Mary Annie (McDonald) Miles.

Children:

A. Cleon Richardson, Infant son.

B. Cline Antone Richardson 1901-1967

C. Opal Linda Richardson 1905, m. Raymond Leslie Harvey (1900-1981)

Children: a. Carol Elaine Harvey 1933

D. Reynolds Lamar Richardson 1907-

E. J. Thurman Richardson 1911-1973, m. Olene Haguewood (1915-1972)

F. Carnell Richardson 1914-1981, m. Helen Norrene Cunningham (b 1917)

G. Ida Lois Richardson 1918-

H. Elsie Will Richardson 1921-

3. EFFIE ESTELLE RICHARDSON 1881-1908, m. Chas. M. Chantry Weatherford, son

4. LULA ELIZABETH RICHARDSON 1883-1898, died, 15 yrs. old.

W.G. "Doc" Weatherford
Sons of Pine

Bunnie is Calabornia @ a white
BUNIE

XI. RANSOM S. RICHARDSON

Born: 1856, Lauderdale Co, Ms. Died: Dec. 25, 1913, bur. Gumlog Church
Married: BUNNIE VINSON (1872-1955), ca 1890, Lauderdale Co. Bunnie was
dau. of Wm. L. and Nancy Vinson and sis of Mack, who had married Ransom
Richardson's neice.

Ransom and Bunnie bought 40 acres of land in Section 3 of Pine Springs
from Spinks M. Jones on November 13, 1909. It was the land adjoining
Ransom's nephew, Sam Kinard. Ransom died on Christmas Day, four years
later in 1913 at the age of 53. He left Bunnie with five children when
he died, two of them were minors.

Bunnie stayed on the little farm until the spring of 1919 when she
sold it to Wallace and Ruby Lang. The Langs were living in Meridian
at that time, where Wallace was employed at a buggy factory. They never
did move to Pine Springs. They sold the land to Sam Kinard in the fall
of the same year they bought it.

Bunnie lived until 1955. She did not marry again.

Children:

1. BERTHA RICHARDSON 1891-1937, m. James White (1886-1977) in 1912. He was the oldest son of Greenberry Franklin "Frank" and Pernecia A. (Rodgers) White. (Pernecia was the grand-daughter of Hays Rodgers, Sr., pioneer settler of Pine Springs in the 1830's.)

Bertha and James White lived in the house across the road from Mt. Carmel Church in Obediah.

Children:

- A. Cameron White 1906-197_, m. Edwina Byrd
- B. Milton White 19___, m. (1) Estelle Pratt (2) _____
- C. Calvin White 19___, m. Juanita Hudnall

- > 2. BRUCHELL RICHARDSON - DAISY WASHINGTON - moved to LA.
3. LUCINDA RICHARDSON 189 - ___, m. (1) Robert Earl White, 1914. He was son of William V. and Frances E. "Fannie" (Satcher) White of Toomsuba. Lucinda, still a teenager, ran off with another guy and her family never heard from her again. Robert Earl was heartbroken. He got a divorce and left for the north. He made a new life for himself in Michigan, working as a detective on the Detroit Police Force. He never came back to Mississippi but one more time and that was after he was an old man.

4. CAUDIE RICHARDSON 1904-1933, died, 29 years old.
- 5, BUNNIE VIOLA RICHARDSON 1906-___, ~~_____~~ m. Howard Pogue

Children:

- A. Rita ~~_____~~ 19___ - 1985 m. ~~Howard Pogue~~ Terry

Ransom's
1st
Pastor
of
Bunnie, Ms.
Spent Aug 25, 1890
then Jan. 6, 1890
DC June 1899
papers to TOPTON
Lived @
TOPTON

NW⁴ of NW⁴ Sec 3 - 40 ac 114-386

Robert Earl
White
she was heartbroken

Ransom RICHARDSON.

all same 40 acres

March 19, 1909 114-386

Spinks Jones sold R.S. Richardson NW⁴ of NW⁴ - 40 AC - Section 3 / W

March 10, 1919 132-589

Ransom R.S. Richardson to W.P. Lang (same 40 acres) W

Apr 19, 1919 133-519

Revised Mrs B.V. Richardson to W.P. & R. Lang W

May 24, 1919 - 136-34

Mrs. B.V. Richardson, Adm., to W.P. & R. Lang D

May 20, 1919 17-24 (min) C. & V. Richardson (minors) to Chane

Oct 18 1919 WP Lang et ux to Sam Kinard W 138-28

Lang ^{part but} Mrs OB Clara Strickland late 80's - 2658 Ralston Rd. Mobile - 36603
May Greene - 681-6223 (Haines/Wage Coalington)
John Lewis Lang - Hazel Rd ~~483-7550~~ 679-5938

~~Ransom (C.) Richardson on 1848 poll tax list (papa) (Ransom's son)~~

RICHARDSON FAMILY
RECORD

Ransom C. Richardson, Married Lucinda O'Neal, 2 October 1833, in Johnston County, North Carolina. (Richardson O'Neal was a Bondsman, so he probably is her father, or a brother???)

The Richardson's (some of them) lived both sides of the County Line, between Wake County, North Carolina and Johnston County, North Carolina.

According to F.H. Richardson, of Ruston, La. Many Richardson's went to Alabama. (Green, Sumpter, and Pickens Counties). Some accounts say that some were all packed and ready to go on the night the Stars Fell. Supposedly this was 13 Sept. 1833. According to the Encyclopedia, 1833 was a year of Exceptionally Bright Meteoric Showers.

Family Tradition has it that Ransom Richardson, arrived in Lauderdale County, Sept. 1835. Which was a Thursday night. Ransom had to stop, because their horse got sick. He Built a Lean-To for his family and it was there they settled. This place was across from the old Talbert Home Place, in Drip-Off Springs. Now known as the Center Hill-Bailey Community.

Working with Ransom Richardson's Will and the Lauderdale County Census, we get the following Children of Ransom and Lucinda Richardson.

G. Bryant Richardson-----	Born	CIR 1834
Lunsford Richardson-----	Born	CIR 1836
Martha Richardson-----	Born	CIR 1838
Rebecca J. Richardson-----	Born	1839
Sarah Richardson-----	Born	CIR 1840/1843
Elizabeth Richardson-----	Born	CIR 1844
Lucinda Richardson-----	Born	CIR 1846
Harriet Ellen Richardson--	Born	1848
Virginia James Richardson-	Born	1851
Thomas Richardson-----	Born	1854
Ransom Richardson-----	Born	1856

RICHARDSON FAMILY RECORD

Martha Richardson-----Born CIR 1858. Died between 1860
and 1870. Married William
Gabriel--(1860 Census) Had two
Children. Mary, Born CIR 1857,
and Ransom Thomas Gabriel.

The 1870 Lauderdale County Census has Mary and Thomas
Gabriel living with their Grandfather, Ransom

Ransom Thomas Gabriel was born 16 Dec. 1860, Died 8 May
1936

Willie D. Gabriel-----Born March 12, 1861, Died
5 May 1909

Both of the above are buried in the Fellowship Baptist
Church Cemetery, Meridian-Bailey, Miss.

Sarah Richardson-----Born CIR 1840/43. We know
from Ransom's WILL that she married a Talbert. It has
been said that the Richardson Girls Married Brothers.
At this time we do not know which one.

Elizabeth-Richardson---Born CIR 1844. Do not know
when she died. Again from Ransom's WILL it says she
married a Talbert.