

## **EARL C. RICHARDSON**

*Project Consultant – Finney County*



Earl Cranston Richardson

*1925 Yearbook Coffeyville (Kansas) High School*

**EARL CRANSTON RICHARDSON**, son of Jeremiah Wesley Richardson (1879-1952) and Lillian Groves Frazier (1880-1949), was born on 31 Jan 1908 in Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas. He graduated from Coffeyville High School, and in 1930, graduated from Kansas State University. He was editor of the Manhattan Chronicle before moving to Garden City, where he became the Garden City Daily Telegram Newspaper editor. Earl was also the publisher of the town college annual yearbook. He was the secretary-manager of the Chamber of Commerce and editor of the former 'Garden City News' just before being called into the service in 1942. During those years, they lived on 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Garden City.

Earl married **EVA BERNADETTE HIXSON**, daughter of John G. Hixson (1871-1953) and Ella Elizabeth Marquand (1871-1963), on 24 Oct 1931 at Wakeeney, Trego County, Kansas. Eva was born on 15 Dec 1907 in Ogallah, Trego County, Kansas.

After Earl and Eva were married, they made their home in Garden City until 1946, when the family moved to Michigan. There, Earl began working for Michigan State University's Information Services and Cooperative Extension Services. In September of 1959, he went on leave to spend a month in Italy on a special assignment with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He served at the International Fair of Dairy Cattle at Cremona, Italy.

Earl and Eva had three children: **JOHN HUGH RICHARDSON** (1933-2022), **ROBERT EARL RICHARDSON** (1935-2022), and **MARY ANN RICHARDSON**. They were all

three successful in life. Robert received his doctorate of medicine from the University of Michigan, John attended Michigan's State School of Veterinary Medicine, and Mary Ann, attended Michigan State University. She was married to Donald W. Crewes on 28 Sep 1963 in Lansing Michigan.

Earl Richardson passed away on 14 Jun 1970 in Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan. Eva died there on 2 Sep 1992. A plaque presented by the family to the Peoples Church Courtyard in Detroit, Michigan, gives honor to the couple.

EARL AND EVA (HIXSON) RICHARDSON

*Newspaper photographs*



Newspaper Obituaries

EARL C. RICHARDSON

*Lansing (Michigan) State Journal – Monday, 15 Jun 1970*

Earl C. Richardson, 63, associate professor and agriculture editor at Michigan State University, died Sunday afternoon at the Lansing hospital, where he was under treatment for a heart ailment.

He was an information specialist for 24 years at the Michigan State University Department of Information Services and the Cooperative Extension Services.

He worked with MSU extension specialists throughout the state, assisting them with communication programs. Before joining the MSU staff in 1946, Mr. Richardson was a newspaper editor associated with newspapers in Manhattan and Garden City, Kansas. For two years, he was secretary-manager of the Garden City Chamber of Commerce and was later president of that organization.

He was a U.S. Army Captain in World War II. He served for two years and then one year as chairman of the U. S. Department of Agriculture extension editor advisory committee.

In 1948 he was assigned by the Federal Extension Service to prepare a national report for the U.S. Congress. He was an information officer for two feed grain exhibits of the Foreign Agricultural Service in England and Italy.

He was a past president of the Central Michigan Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, the Professional Journalism Society, a past president of the American Association of Agricultural College Editors, and a past president of the East Lansing Kiwanis Club. He was a former member of the East Lansing City Planning Commission.

He wrote numerous articles for farm trade and professional magazines. He was a journalism graduate of Kansas State University and received a master's degree from MSU.

Surviving is his wife, Eva, who lives in East Lansing. Also surviving is a daughter, Mrs. Donald Crews of Traverse City, Michigan; two sons, Dr. John Richardson of Farmington, Michigan, a Veterinarian, and Dr. Robert Richardson of Santa Rosa, California, a Surgeon; and eight grandchildren.

He was a former member of elders at the Peoples Church in East Lansing, where a memorial service will be conducted on Tuesday. Cremation will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Detroit. Arrangements by Lansing's Gorsline-Runciman East Chapel.

### EVA BERNADETTE (HIXSON) RICHARDSON

*The Lansing (Michigan) State Journal – Friday, 4 Sep 1992*

Eva Hixson Richardson, of East Lansing, age 84, died on 2 Sep 1992 at Sparrow Hospital after a short illness. She was born on 15 Dec 1907 in Ogallah, Trego County, Kansas. Eva graduated from Kansas State College in 1930. In 1931, she married Earl C. (*Richardson*) of Coffeyville, Kansas, and lived in Kansas until they moved to East Lansing in 1946. Earl was an Extension Editor at Michigan State University and died in 1970. Mrs. Richardson was a homemaker and volunteer.

Surviving children are Dr. John H. Richardson, Dr. Robert E. Richardson, and Mary Ann Crewes, 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Memorial Plaque  
EARL & EVA (HIXSON) RICHARDSON



PEOPLES CHURCH COURTYARD  
Detroit, Michigan

The family presented this plaque, giving honor to the couple.  
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