

FORMER CONSUL AND POST TRADER DIES

Charles C. Richardson, Pioneer El Pasoan, Dead at the Age of 76.

Charles Cunningham Richardson, post trader, former United States consul in Juarez and pioneer El Pasoan, died Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Magoffin residence, where he has been making his home for the past ten years. He was 76 years old. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in charge of the Pioneers' association.

Mr. Richardson was a native of Mississippi, having been born in Woodville, January 15, 1835. He owned a large plantation there, which he afterwards sold, gave his slaves their liberty and removed to Baird's Station, near St. Louis, where he remained until he came to El Paso in 1858. He was educated at Harrisburg, Ky., where his grandparents lived. He was married to Miss Josephine Magoffin, sister of Judge Joseph Magoffin, of El Paso, on January 15, 1856, his 21st birthday anniversary. The marriage was performed by archbishop Kendrick, of St. Louis. Accompanied by Mrs. Richardson, he came to El Paso in 1858 and became a member of the firm of Magoffin & Richardson, post traders at Fort Bliss. In 1860 he returned to St. Louis and remained until 1868, when he returned to make El Paso his permanent home.

He was American consul in Juarez during the administration of presidents Garfield and Arthur and made his home in the building which now adjoins Cowboy park. There he had a large orchard and vineyard where he carried on extensive experiments in the culture of grapes and southwestern fruits. His wife died about 20 years ago.