

VIII.—ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY.—THE THREE  
RICHARDSONS.

(SUPPLEMENTAL PAPER).

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The publication of a paper with the above named heading in the last volume of *Archaeologia Aeliana*, has led to an interesting correspondence with Miss Florence Emily Todd of Prahran, near Melbourne, Victoria, and her uncle, Mr. James Frederick Richardson of Fairfield, near Sydney, New South Wales. Miss Todd is a granddaughter, and Mr. James Frederick Richardson is the only surviving son of Moses Aaron Richardson, whose life in Newcastle as an author and publisher, together with that of his eldest son and co-worker, George Bouchier, formed the principal part of the paper above mentioned. The correspondence affords materials for one or two corrections in the narrative.

M. A. Richardson did not quit Newcastle, as was supposed, through lack of appreciation of his efforts in elucidating local history, but entirely from considerations of health. He had at the period of his emigration an excellent business and was a prosperous and well-to-do citizen. But his physical powers, never very strong, were overtaxed by his labours, and he was ordered by his medical adviser, Dr. Benjamin Tulloch, a well-known practitioner in Newcastle,



MOSES AARON RICHARDSON.  
Circa 1870.

to try a more genial climate. Madeira was recommended, but having a family of ten dependent upon him, he was tempted by glowing accounts of antipodean sunshine and colonial expansion to seek renewed vigour for himself, and opportunities of employment for his children, in the southern parts of Australia.

After a short period of vicissitude in Melbourne, he settled down at Prahran, five or six miles distant, where he built himself a house to which, from his ancestral home in Northumberland,



GEORGE BOUCHIER RICHARDSON.  
*Circa 1853.*

he gave the name of Sharpley. Speculation in other land and houses during the gold fever brought him considerable wealth and influence, much of which was afterwards lost by over confidence in others, and finally, although retaining his home of Sharpley, with its seven acres of meadow and pasture, garden and pleasure, he accepted the responsible post of rate officer for the suburb of Prahran, and there in 1871, as previously recorded, he died.

When M. A. Richardson first contemplated emigration he proposed to take all his family with him. But

his eldest son, George Bouchier, was 26 years of age, had been, like himself, elected a member of the Society of Antiquaries, and was distinguishing himself in archaeological pursuits. As soon, therefore, as it became known that the son was to accompany the father, a deputation from the Society waited upon the latter, and pointed out the impolicy of removing the young man from a sphere of such marked usefulness, and placing him in a new

colony, where his special gifts would be unavailable. Dr. Bruce and Mr. John Fenwick formed the deputation and their reasoning prevailed. Mr. Richardson was induced to take premises in Clayton street, furnish them with printing machinery, type, and other stock in trade, to the value of about 400*l.*, instal his son therein, and place another sum of 400*l.* in the hands of his antiquarian friends as trustees, to be used at their discretion in providing working capital for carrying on the business.

George Bouchier Richardson, as was shown in the previous paper, had no proper business habits. He could decipher ancient MSS., compile pedigrees, write lucid papers, lecture fluently and well, sketch with pen and pencil, and charm his friends with music and song. But for the dry details of making both ends meet he had no liking. Within four years from his establishment on his own account, the trustees sent a message to the father, then newly settled in his home at Prahran, desiring him to make room for his son in Australia. It was under these circumstances that, in the summer of 1854, George Bouchier sailed to Melbourne.

With the assistance of her uncle, James Frederick, Miss Todd has provided materials for the following pedigree. She has kindly supplied, also, the portraits of her grandfather and uncle George, which are herein reproduced.\*

PEDIGREE OF MOSES AARON RICHARDSON.

Towards the middle of the 18th century, THOMAS RICHARDSON of Sharpley, in the parish of Simonburn, co. Northumberland,

\* Miss Todd has written, and generously presented to the writer of these notes, a copious and most interesting account of the lives and labours of her grandfather and uncle, George Bouchier, and also of her father, Mr. A. A. Todd, in which much useful information respecting Newcastle life in the latter half of the nineteenth century appears.

yeoman, married DOROTHY, daughter of CUTHBERT RIDLEY of Tecket, near Simonburn, said to have been a descendant of the Ridleys of Willimontswick, and had among other issue:

GEORGE RICHARDSON, born Aug. 7, 1749, married, 1st, Oct. 30, 1780, FRANCES, daughter of JOHN and RUTH HUTCHINSON of Newcastle (born Jan. 23, 1755, died April 16, 1782); 2nd, Oct. 19, 1782, JANE, daughter of THOMAS and ELEANOR MILES of Newcastle, born Oct. 24, 1750. George Richardson, leaving Sharpley, settled in Newcastle as master of the parish school of St. Andrew, where he died, Dec. 16, 1806. Jane, his widow, died Sept. 7, 1830. They had issue, five sons and a daughter:

1. THOMAS MILES, the eminent artist, in the details of whose life and work local history abounds. Born May 15, 1784; died March 7, 1848.
2. GEORGE, born Oct. 9, 1786; died July 6, 1799.
- 3-4. MOSES and AARON, twins, died in infancy.
5. DOROTHY ELEANOR, who also died in infancy.
6. MOSES AARON, born July 8, 1793.

MOSES AARON RICHARDSON, born as above, printer, publisher and author, married, Oct. 18, 1821, at St. Andrew's church, Penrith, ANN, 3rd daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Bewsher of Barton, Westmorland, born Oct. 18, 1801, at Islington, London. He emigrated with his family to Melbourne, Australia, in 1849, and died at Sharpley, Prahran, near Melbourne, Aug. 7, 1871. His widow died at Prahran, April 21, 1875. They had issue, five sons and seven daughters, all born in Newcastle and baptized at St. Andrew's church:

1. GEORGE BEWSHER (afterwards GEORGE BOUCHIER), born Oct. 26, 1822, journalist, antiquary and author, succeeded his father as printer, publisher, etc., but

joined the family in Australia in 1854, and edited several colonial newspapers. Married ELLIE, widow of — KRUSE, and died without issue at Adelaide, Nov. 28, 1877. Widow still living there.

2. JOHN, born June 26, 1824, died Nov. 21, 1825.
3. JANE WEATHERLEY, born April 15, 1826, died Jan. 23, 1827.
4. ELIZABETH JANE WEATHERLEY, born April 12, 1829, married at St. Peter's, East Melbourne, Dec. 15, 1850, JOHN CLUTTERBUCK FORSTER, 4th son of Francis Forster of Buston and Alnmouth. She died Jan. 5, 1879; he died at Petersham, near Sydney, Feb. 27, 1899. They had issue nine children, whose names, etc., appear in the pedigree of Forster of Low Buston, new *County Hist. Northd.*, vol. v. p. 228.
5. ANN, born Aug. 18, 1830, married at St. Paul's, Melbourne, April 14, 1855, ALFRED ADDISON TODD, born Nov. 17, 1821, 3rd son of Robt. Todd, merchant, Picton House, Newcastle. He died July 22, 1868; widow still living at Prahran. They had issue seven children, of whom three survive, viz., Florence Emily (before named) and Alfred Richardson, living with their mother; and Laura Worden, married May 25, 1888, to P. S. Johnsson, and residing with him at Woodstock, Cape of Good Hope.
6. FRANCES JANE, born May 8, 1832, married at John Knox church, Melbourne, May 26, 1862, JAMES GORDON STUART GRANT, M.A., of Kilmore. She died at Dunedin in 1878; he died there Feb. 27, 1902, aged 68. They had issue two daughters, one of whom survives.

7. JANE BEWSHER, born Dec. 5, 1833. Living, unmarried.
8. JOHN THOMAS, born June 30, 1835, artist and engraver, married 1st, ANASTASIA AGATHA O'NEIL (died s.p. Jan. 9, 1875); 2nd, MATILDA PAYNE, by whom he had issue nine children. Died at Richmond, near Melbourne, July 27, 1898.
9. JAMES FREDERICK, born April 24, 1837, estate agent at Fairfield near Sydney, married July 7, 1861, MARY, 2nd daughter of John and Elizth. McKenzie. Both living at Fairfield. They have had issue seventeen children, of whom eleven survive.
10. DOROTHY ELEANOR, born June 25, 1839, married in 1866, HENRY FITZ-WILSON, J.P., sometime mayor of Gladstone, New Zealand. Both living there, having had issue five sons and two daughters, also living.
11. MARY ANN, born June 24, 1841, married at Malvern, near Prahran, in 1875, FRANCIS COLLINGWOOD RICHARDS. They have issue a daughter. All three living.
12. CUTHBERT RIDLEY, born July 19, 1843, married in 1868, a daughter of Capt. James Bamford of H.M.'s Ordnance. He died Oct. 6, 1895. They had issue six children. Widow living.

### ERRATA.

Page 200, line 25, for 'Aug. 7, 1871,' *read* 'Aug. 2, 1871.'

Page 202, line 8, for 'MARY' *read* 'MAY,' and line 17, for 'FRANCIS COLLINGWOOD RICHARDS' *read* 'FRANCIS COLLINGS RICHARDS.'





