



Sid W. Richardson 1969

Sid Richardson was born in Athens, Texas, April 25, 1891. He attended what is now Hardin-Simmons University and Baylor, but left school to begin the career we recognize tonight.

Sid Richardson was at Ranger and Burkburnett, but made his first discovery in the Basin at the Keystone field in Winkler County in 1929. He was involved in the development of the Slaughter Field. Another milestone was the discovery of the Halley Field in Winkler County in 1956. He had close ties in Monahans and Kermit.

He undertook natural gasoline and carbon black ventures in West Texas, moved his wildcatting into Louisiana, acquired a refinery at Texas City, became interested in ranching, radio, and politics. He had a premier patent position in the development of underground storage facilities in salt formations, among many others.

Sid died in 1959 after placing most of his assets in a philanthropic foundation.

He was one of that rare breed of wildcatters who wrote oil history through daring ventures no one else would undertake. His organizational skills were many. His deeds were exceptional. Yet on a personal level he always commanded the loyalty of a host of friends and was in turn loyal to them.