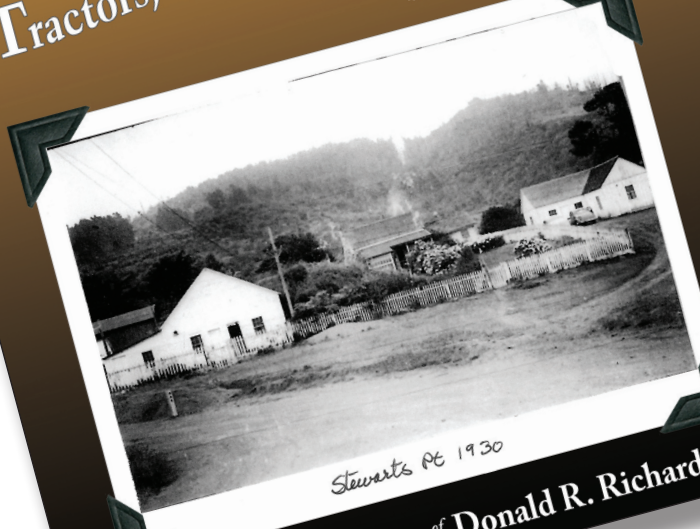


Tractors, Trains & Shipwrecks

Yesteryear recollections
of Sonoma County



The handwritten anecdotes of Donald R. Richardson

“If you’ve never been to Stewarts Point, add it to your road trip list but, first, read the late Donald R. Richardson’s memories as lovingly preserved by his daughter. There are enough mechanized adventures to justify the title, but the collection is also liberally laced with Tom Sawyer-type adventures of a North Coast kid.”

— **Gaye LeBaron**

Leading local historian

Longtime *Press Democrat* columnist (since 1959)

Sonoma County’s *Woman of the Year* (2015)

Step back in time...

& meet **Donald R. Richardson**—

a rancher, businessman, and pioneering environmentalist who relished growing up on

Sonoma County’s windswept coast in the 1920s. The Richardson family were early settlers in the area as his grandfather, Herbert Archer Richardson, arrived in 1876 from New Hampshire with his new bride and 40¢ to his name—later amassing 25,000 acres, eight miles of which were shoreline, including the small (unincorporated) seaside town of Stewarts Point, located 110 miles northwest of San Francisco.

Over the course of his life, he served as:

- ◆ Sonoma County Supervisor
- ◆ President of the Farm Bureau
- ◆ President of the Sonoma County Wool Growers, Vice President of the CA State Wool Growers Association
- ◆ Professional Forester for N. California/tri-state area & longtime adviser to Santa Rosa Junior College’s Forestry program
- ◆ Proprietor of Stewarts Point Store & Postmaster
- ◆ President of the Sotoyome Soil Conservation District
- ◆ Member of the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco & CA Coastal Commission among other groups

Born in 1914, he grew up in an era when ice was packed in sawdust, and he was one of only nine children attending Stewarts Point’s one-room schoolhouse—beginning high school at the age of 11, he rode the train weekdays to and from Santa Rosa High School.

These are his stories: firsthand exploits, oddities, and homespun yarns from his boyhood...and beyond. He penned these tales late in his life, and died in 1983.

NOTE: his handwritten originals comprise Part 2 of the book along with an array of vintage black/white photos throughout

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