
James Taylor Richards—Geologist

James Taylor Richards died at his home near Orlando, Florida on June 29, 1953, at the age of 61 years.

He had been ill for some time and had retired from his position as geologist with the Gypsy Oil Corporation after 30 years of service and moved to Florida in 1952.

"Dick", as he was known to most of his friends, attended the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute from 1911 to 1915 and was graduated with the degree of Civil Engineer. During the next two years he studied geology at the University of Oklahoma and the University of Chicago and prepared for the work of a petroleum geologist which he followed throughout the remainder of his active life.

He was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, of Sigma Xi, and was one of the organizers of the Oklahoma City Geological Society.

During his long professional life he contributed greatly to our knowledge of Oklahoma Oil Geology. He had a genial, happy personality and leaves behind a host of personal and professional friends to mourn his loss.

—O. F. EVANS, University of Oklahoma, Norman.