



Pictured left: Allan Richardson and Bill Bynum at one of many open houses in the 1940s. Right: R&R completed an addition to Carlsbad Library in the 1960s.

2020 Marks Our 70th Year!

This year marks the 70th anniversary of our company's founding. My dad, Allan K. Richardson, built his first house in late 1949. After its completion, he decided to add home building to his real estate and insurance business. Throughout the 1950s, he built many homes in Carlsbad, New Mexico for the growing population, including the one I grew up in on Lakeside Drive. Potash, a soil nutrient mineral, had been discovered in the area in the late 1930s, and the mines were expanding and hiring.

As a small boy, I remember spending time at open houses with my dad and Bill Bynum, one of his realtors, pictured above left. I even earned a \$50 "commission" for showing a 3-bedroom home (for the second time) to a couple while Bill was at lunch. That was the start of my boyhood savings account.

In 1959, my dad partnered with Jim D. Courson to form Richardson & Courson, Inc. for the purpose of constructing commercial projects and schools in the Southeast New Mexico area. For larger projects, they partnered with Tom W. Heflin of Artesia, New Mexico. Mr. Heflin was one of the "original" building contractors in the state, starting in the early 19-teens.

Richardson & Richardson Launches Education Initiative

Richardson & Richardson held a meeting in early January at the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Workforce Training Center, pictured right.

We kicked off our next decade and made plans to launch a new education initiative for our people in the field. In addition to a revision of our systems manual, we are also holding weekly classes to develop baseline skills, and to further our workforce training. Successful completion of each module will garner a pay raise. The first module will be Plan Reading, and it will be taught by our Field Operations Director Jim Wilson.



This arrangement built many projects in the early 1960s, including Park Junior High in Artesia (the world's largest underground school – it was the Cold War era), numerous Safeway stores, and a dormitory for the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped in Alamogordo.

R&C completed a project adding onto the Carlsbad Library, pictured above right, a project designed by local architect Arthur Gorrell. During the demolition and foundation work, the job was stalled when they uncovered what was thought to be a child's skeleton! After much research and forensic investigation, it was determined to be somebody's monkey that had been buried in the lawn of the library.

My first job was helping out on the Quickie convenience store in Carlsbad. I was paid the princely sum of 12 ½ cents an hour (\$1.00 per day), a job that every kid in the neighborhood wanted! In 1965, my dad bought out Mr. Courson and the company became Richardson & Richardson as we know it today. Next time, I'll continue our story into the late sixties and seventies.

—Hap Richardson



Jim Wilson Celebrates 20 Years With R&R

Congratulations to our Field Operations Director, Jim Wilson, on 20 years with Richardson & Richardson! During our holiday luncheon, President Hap Richardson said a few words of thanks and presented him with a watch. Jim is one of our most valuable team members. He has filled a lot of roles during his time here, from estimator to project manager, to safety coordinator and overseeing job sites. Jim is also an instructor with our local Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Craft Program and he has previously taught at Community College of New Mexico (CNM). He will also be the one to oversee our new internal education initiative. Attaboy, Jim!



Pictured left: Field Operations Director Jim Wilson. Right: President Hap Richardson, left, presents Jim Wilson with a watch for his 20 years of service at R&R.



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Just What DO We Do?

Although we are categorized as a commercial general contractor, that may not tell you much about what we actually do. In fact, most of our work is not new construction, but renovation or tenant improvement! Here are a few things you may not know we can help you with:

- New construction
- Design-build
- Renovations and tenant improvements
- Additions and expansions
- Butler® Pre-Engineered Metal Building Systems
- Unusual projects



What's Happening?

We are installing a completely new exterior façade for the **Lowe's Call Center** in Albuquerque, New Mexico. **Karsten Homes** is having a newly remodeled break room completed at their facility early this year. **Cliff's Amusement Park** will be getting a new storage building on their campus. The **All Saints Orthodox Church** in Albuquerque, New Mexico is wrapping up the design phase and should break ground this Spring.



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