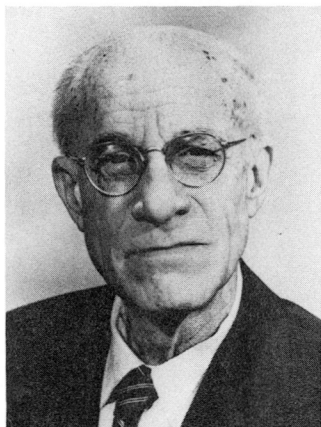


Memorial to Horace Gardiner Richards (1904-1984)

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Horace Richards was a leading East Coast specialist in Cenozoic mollusca, being associated for many years with the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences and the University of Pennsylvania. An indefatigable traveler, he developed an abiding interest in the faunas and forms of the late Cenozoic raised beaches around the world. He compiled and edited the invaluable *Annotated Bibliography of Quaternary Shorelines*, which spanned half a century and appeared in five volumes, including supplements. He served eight years (1969-1977) as president of the Shorelines Commission of INQUA, the International Union for Quaternary Research. His first paper was published in 1929; he published 292 titles during his lifetime, including seven books.

Richards was born in Philadelphia, March 21, 1906, where he spent most of his life. He died there on November 19, 1984. He was never married and lived with a sister, Marie A. Richards. His father was a professor of physics at the University of Pennsylvania. The family had a summer home at Cape May, New Jersey, where the abundant fossil beds attracted Richards' attention at an early age. He went to the William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia and then on to the University of Pennsylvania where he earned his A.B. (1927), M.S. (1929), and Ph.D. (in zoology and geology, 1932). He was associated with the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries on a survey of the marine life of the New Jersey coast from 1929 to 1931. In 1931-1932, he served as Associate Curator of Mollusks at the U.S. National Museum in Washington, D.C., and then became a research associate at the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton (1934-1940).

Richards joined the staff of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia in 1937, serving as Associate Curator of Geology (1942-1960), chairman of the Department of Geology (1960-1972), and from then to the time of his death as Curator Emeritus. In connection with the Academy's survey of the coastal plain of North Carolina, which he organized, he was made Associate in Paleontology at the North Carolina State Museum in Raleigh, N.C. (1941-1943). In addition, he held part-time positions as lecturer in geology, University of Pennsylvania (1949-1971) and geologist (W.A.E.) in the Groundwater Division, U.S. Geological Survey, Trenton, N.J. (1949-1971). He was appointed Senior Research Associate at Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory, Columbia University, Palisades, New York, in 1960.

The American Association of Petroleum Geologists honored Richards with its "President's Award" in 1946 for his work on the Cenozoic of the Atlantic Coastal Plain. For many years in the AAPG *Bulletin* he reported regularly on drilling progress there. Also appearing in the *Bulletin* was his excellent review of the Coastal Plain stratigraphy, from Long Island to Georgia. An extension of this work appeared in "Pal. cubed" (*Palaogeography*, etc.) in 1968. The usefulness of the eustatic concept for correlation was clearly brought out, but care was taken to demonstrate how persistent transverse structures (like the Cape Fear Arch and others) subdivided the belt into distinctive embayments which developed in more or less discrete facies and sequences. He served the AAPG also on the Geologic Names and Correlation Committee (1946-1956), on the Subcommission on the Mesozoic (1946-1948), and on the Committee on Stratigraphic Correlation (1958-1963). He travelled on the AAPG Distinguished Lecturer circuit in 1946.

Richards was elected a Fellow of the Geological Society of America in 1942. He was also a member of the Paleontological Society, the American Malacological Union, and the Association Senegalaise pour Etude Quaternaire, as well as local societies, including the Cape May Geographic Society (past president).

Richards' field work took him to many parts of the USA, Arctic Canada, the Caribbean islands, Central America, South America, Easter Island, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, USSR, Japan, Fiji Islands, and elsewhere. He always seemed to be able to scrape up the funds for a student or associate to join him on his collecting travels. He is remembered with great affection by his many friends and students.

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