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E. F. Richardson  
(1856-19??)

Mr. Richardson was born near the flourishing town of Horse Cave, Ky, July 12, 1856. He remained with his father on the farm until he was' twenty-one years of age, during which time his educational advantages were very limited. At the age of eighteen he could not write his name so that it could be read. However, he became interested in penmanship through the influence of a public school teacher and advanced rapidly, soon being able to write well enough to teach several classes in the neighborhood. He later attended he penmanship class of J. W. Lively, a good penman and teacher. In a few years Mr. Richardson became one of the most skillful penman in Ky. He has taught penmanship in various parts of Ky., also Mo., Ark., and Texas. For the last ten years he has been spending his time on his farm in the suburb of the beautiful town of Buffalo, Ky., and just two miles from Abraham Lincoln's birthplace.

Mr. Richardson has studied penmanship of E. K. Isaacs, H. W. Kibbe and G. W. Michael, three penmen who were very active in penmanship work and nationally known over a quarter of a century ago.

He was also a faithful follower of the penmanship magazines and a close student of penmanship books like the Spencerian Key, Ames Book of Flourishing, Gaskell's Compendium and Zaner Publications.

On this page we present one of Mr. Richardson's flourishes, executed by him at the age of seventy-one years. Surely the high quality of his flourishes and the clear conception of penmanship form entitle Mr. Richardson to rank well up in the "Old Penman's Contest."

We are sure the men who have submitted work in the "Old Penmen's Contest" would be glad to hear from you, especially the old timers.