One of the Territory’s pioneering cattle families, the Townsends, has had a bridge named after them in recognition of their contribution to the Territory and to the pastoral industry.

The bridge over the Finniss River on Litchfield Park Road has been named ‘Townsend Bridge’.

The bridge was built by the Townsend Family when it was part of Stapleton Station, now Litchfield National Park.

Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries, Willem Westra van Holthe, said the bridge was a physical reminder of the legacy the Townsend Family has created.

“The Townsends have a strong history in the Territory. They are true pioneering Territorians,” Mr Westra van Holthe said.

“The Townsends took on the wild Territory frontier and created something incredible.

“Our cattle industry owes much to the innovation and imagination of the Townsends.”

The Townsend’s are famous for introducing Brahman cattle to the Territory and a host of other industry innovations.

Member for Daly, Gary Higgins, said he was delighted by the outcome.

“This is a great result for the Daly Electorate and the Northern Territory,” Mr Higgins said.

“It’s an honour to represent a part of the Territory that is so rich and diverse in our history.

“This is a great way of saying thank you to a family who have contributed so much to the Territory.”

“I’d like to thank Gary Higgins for his grass roots campaign to have the Townsends recognised in this way,” Mr Westra van Holthe said.

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