

RUSSELL HENRY BARRETT

Mr. Russell Henry Barrett, was born on October the 15th, 1876, at Gesto, a village in the Township of Colchester North, in the County of Essex.

He was the son of Marwood Barrett and Jane Rodd, and nephew of John H. Rodd, K.C., of Windsor. John Rodd, father of Jane Rodd, was engaged along with Marwood Barrett in an extensive lumber business at Gesto for many years and later went into farming on a large scale.



The grandmother of Russell Barrett, Mrs. Clarissa Rodd (née Prouse) was a member of the Prouse family, who were the pioneers of the district around Little Britain, north of Oshawa, and had much to do with the development of that portion of the Province.

His father, Marwood Barrett and grandfather, John Rodd, were also in the lumber business at Heyden, north of Bowmanville, in the early days, and introduced

the first circular saw into the district, to take the place of the old vertical saw. They moved from this District to the County of Essex in 1872.

Later Russell H. Barrett, moved with his father Marwood Barrett and his family to Amherstburg, Ontario, and it was from this town that he entered the Engineering Course, of the School of Practical Science, Toronto University, in 1898 at the age of 22, after having taught school for three years and had a brilliant honor course, taking his diploma from this branch in Civil Engineering in the year 1901. During the term 1900-1901 he represented the Engineering Society as their president. In the summer of 1900 he was employed by James L. Morris in Surveying and Engineering practice at Pembroke, and after

securing his degree from the University, remained to serve his apprenticeship, when he secured his Ontario Land Surveyor's certificate, February 14th, 1903.

He practiced surveying and engineering at Pembroke until 1904, and in 1904 he was appointed Assistant Engineer to the Engineer in charge of the Georgian Bay Canal Survey, on the Deep River portion of the Ottawa River. The hardships of the winter survey affected his health and on the 30th of January, 1905, he died in the City of Toronto.

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