

ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO LAND SURVEYORS

JAMES KING BENNER O.L.S., D.L.S., P. Eng.

Mr. Benner was born at Alvinston, Ontario, on December 7th, 1890, to Frederick John Benner and his wife, Janet McNeil.

After graduating from High Schools at Alvinston and Glencoe he apprenticed himself to R. S. Code, O. L. S. at Cobalt and was granted his Ontario Land Surveyor's certificate on February 13th, 1913. He obtained his certificate as a Dominion Land Surveyor in 1914.

During the summer of 1913 he was employed by MacKay and MacKay at Hamilton, and in November of that year entered into partnership with E. P. A. Phillips at Port Arthur. In 1915 and 1916 he was assistant on Dominion Land Surveys with William Christie and J. W. Pierce on the Peace River areas.

The firm of Phillips and Benner carried on an extensive survey and engineering practice in the Northern and Western part of the Province, and enjoyed an enviable reputation. They were employed by the Province on surveys of base and meridian lines as well as township outlines and subdivisions. They were engaged in the survey of mining claims in the Red Lake and Patricia areas, the traverse of the Lake of the Woods and the harbour at Port Arthur. Mr. Benner withdrew from the partnership in 1950 and took up residence at Port Credit.

Mr. Benner was engaged by the Department of Municipal Affairs to survey and prepare plan for registration of the built up area of the Improvement District of Red Lake in 1956. He was employed by the Department of Lands and Forests to survey and prepare plans for registration of Presqu'ile Park, and was engaged in the preparation of plans of boundaries and developed areas within the parks at the time of his death.

Mr. Benner was a member of the Council of the Association from 1940 to 1942, and President in 1947. He was a member of various committees and contributed papers on the survey of the Port Arthur Harbour, and equipment and outfitting for base-line surveys.

While in Port Arthur he was active in community and charitable work, and Warden and Member of the Board of Management of St. John's Anglican Church. He was keenly interested in golf and figure skating. He was a member of Shuniah Lodge A. F. and A. M. and



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Shuniah Chapter 87 in Port Arthur.

Mr. Benner married Florence E. Wilson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Wilson of Wardsville, Ontario. Mrs. Benner died in 1952, and in 1956 Mr. Benner married Laura M. Cuff of Port Arthur.

Mr. Benner was Chairman of the Veterans' Luncheon on the 13th of February, 1963, and was proud of the fact that that day was the 50th Anniversary of his being granted his certificate to practise as an Ontario Land Surveyor.

Mr. Benner died on February 26th, 1963, and following a service at Port Credit was interred in the Cemetery at Alvinston, Ontario.

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