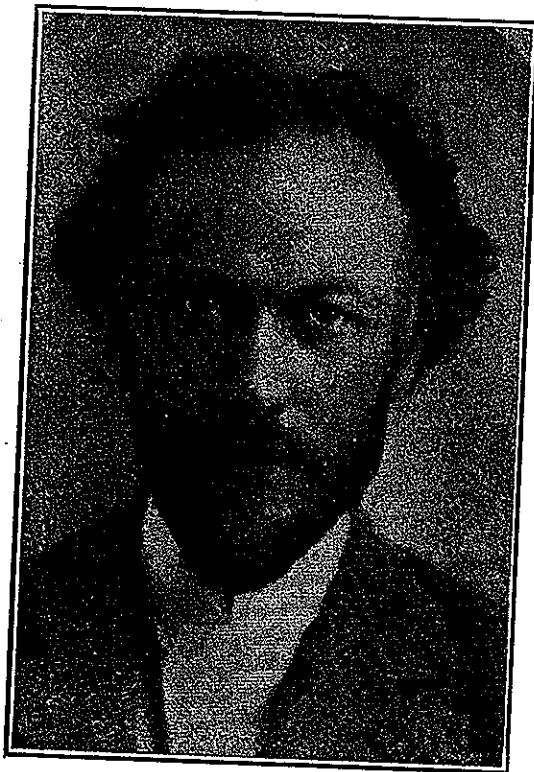


C. E. S. BOOTH

By Allan R. Davis

The Booth Family were United Empire Loyalists who settled at Mill Haven, in the Township of Ernesttown, in the County of Lennox and Addington. Benjamin Booth, of the



second generation, raised a family there of 12 children, of which John Kirby Booth, born March 15th, 1821, was the second son. An older brother was Philip D., and and these two formed a partnership in the lumber and flour milling business at Odessa, in the same township. Other brothers were Joshua, Donald B. and James, who was killed in the American Civil War. The sisters were: Mrs. Parker Timmerman, Odessa; Mrs. Scouten, Mrs. Baldwin, Elizabeth Ann and Harriet.

John Kirby Booth married Miss Emma Blagg, an English lady visiting in Canada, and they settled at Odessa, where all their family were born. The eldest was Donald

Frederick, who is still living, in Australia. Next is Mrs. Starr Rockwell, residing in Rochester, N.Y. Charles Edward Stuart, the Surveyor, and the subject of this memorial sketch, was the second son. Following him was George R. and Beatrice Ethel, now Mrs. (Dr.) Douglas Storms, of Hamilton, Ont. Helen Alexandra, Mrs. (Rev.) G. L. Freebern, Albion, Nebraska, is the youngest member of the family. The mother died in Sydenham, April 23rd, 1892; and the father, living with his daughter in Nebraska, was 91 when he passed away. Charles Edward Stuart Booth was born on the 28th of May, 1855. He attended the public school at Odessa. In 1873 the family moved to Sydenham, Ont., where the milling business was continued by his father and uncle, and Charles Edward had the advantages of the High School. He was later

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employed by Hugh Wilson, P.L.S., in Mount Forest, and afterwards was engaged on a survey in the North West. After becoming an Ontario Land Surveyor on April 6th, 1882, he practiced for a time in the Napanee-Kingston district. He was an assistant engineer and draughtsman on the Kingston & Pembroke Railway at Kingston, in the year 1884, under the late T. W. Nash, O.L.S. and Chief Engineer.

He afterwards married Miss Jessie Grace Greaves, by whom he had two children, Douglas and Helen Katharine. This son was a captain of artillery in the late war, where he did excellent work and gave his life for the freedom of his country, like so many others of our brave young men. The sister married Mr. S. S. Newbury, and they now reside at Denver, Colorado. The mother of these children died in Virginia in the year 1892, where her husband was engaged on surveys. Soon after this Charles Edward returned to Canada, and later married Gertrude Hogle, daughter of William Hogle, of Odessa. He then became city engineer of Westmount, Montreal, where he was employed for some years and took a special interest in laying out the parks and drives. Two sons, John Murray and Edward, were the issue from the second marriage. The former now resides in New York City and the latter in Boston.

Charles Edward Booth's health failed and he was obliged to resign his position in Montreal. He never recovered from his illness and died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, on January 25th, 1919, at the age of sixty-four. This large Anglican Booth family have now disappeared almost entirely, from their original U. E. L. settlement, like so many other old Ontario families, in all sections, whose excellent records should be preserved.
