

REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

Ron Emo of Collingwood

The Biography Committee this year consisted of Messrs. Hans Hietala, Bob Brannan and myself. I am most saddened to report to you the untimely death of Bob Brannan in an airplane accident on October 27, 1973. Certainly, he has been a very willing worker on this Committee.

I would also like to thank those other members who were co-opted to track down information, in some cases, prepare a biography of a close friend or relative. Among these members are Jack Gray, Don McGeorge, Bill Card, Gord Wood and George Marshall, and we are indebted for their assistance.

During the year, seven biographies were prepared for publication in the Annual Report and seven others are in various stages of preparation.

ROBERT EDGAR BRANNAN, O.L.S.

1939-1973

by H. F. Keffer

Suddenly, near his home at Dryden, Ontario, Robert Edgar Brannan died in the crash of a light aircraft, on October 27, 1973.

Born in the Town of Sioux Lookout, Ontario on August 22, 1939, Bob Brannan received his formal education there, graduating as valedictorian from Queen Elizabeth High School in June, 1956.

Following High School, Mr. Brannan enrolled at the then Haileybury School of Mines, graduating in May, 1958.

Mr. Brannan articulated with H. F. Keffer at this time and was admitted to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor on May 17, 1965, having also attended in this interval, two semesters at the Michigan School of Technology.

Mr. Brannan established his own practice at the Town of Red Lake in the Spring of 1966 during a period of intense mining exploration activity in that area, operating a Land Survey Company and a Line Cutting Company in conjunction, one with the other.

On August 22, 1970, Mr. Brannan married Sandra Gail Vosper and in April, 1971, opened a Land Survey Office in Dryden, Ontario, at the same time maintaining his Red Lake practice.

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His career as a Land Surveyor encompassed an area from Ignace to the Manitoba Boundary and into the Native Settlements, north of Pickle Lake.

Mr. Brannan's recreational interests were also oriented toward outdoor life and he was an ardent and skillful hunter, fisherman and water sport enthusiast.

Robert Edgar Brannan was predeceased by his father, Percy Brannan in 1970 and is survived by his wife Sandra, his mother, Mrs. Irene Brannan and a sister Irene Shields, all of Dryden; a brother, Jim, of Sioux Lookout.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, October 31 in St. Luke's Anglican Church, Dryden, followed by cremation.

DONALD HOLSTEAD, O.L.S.

1922-1973

by Mrs. H. V. Jewitt

Donald Holstead, born in London, on March 21, 1922, was the youngest son of the nine children of Joseph Holstead and Mary Wilson.

After graduating from Ealing Public School and H. B. Beal Technical School, Don joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1940. When discharged in 1945 he was a pilot instructor with the rank of Flying Officer.

After serving his articles with John E. Farncomb, he received his O.L.S. in 1948, and for two years was in partnership with Mr. Farncomb.

During 1950 he entered partnership with the late John Orrendorf, and in 1973 was joined by his son Bradley.

In 1942 Don married Helen Nace of London, and they have three children; Bradley Holstead, B.Sc., Mrs. (Cathy) Steven Zawrot both of London, and Gina at home.

Donald was of the Anglican faith and during the time the family made their home on Willow Drive, London, he was a member of the choir and on the Board of Management of St. Stephens Church.

Don was instrumental in the re-opening of the Therapeutic Community of London in 1970 and continued to serve as a director for two years.