

## THOMAS BURNS

One of Hamilton's most respected residents passed away at his residence, 150 Victoria Ave. South, Hamilton, on January 22nd, 1919. Mr. Burns was the son of the late Hon. Chief Justice Burns of the Supreme Court of Canada, his mother being Miss Flora Taylor of London, England.

Thomas Burns was born in Toronto on August 21st, 1840, and received his early education at Upper Canada College. He then entered the firm of Messrs. Passmore & Prosser, under whom he studied and passed his final examination as Provincial Land Surveyor on Oct. 16th, 1861.

He practiced his profession at Chatham, Glencoe and Lindsay. He removed to Hamilton in 1864, where he entered the Post Office service.

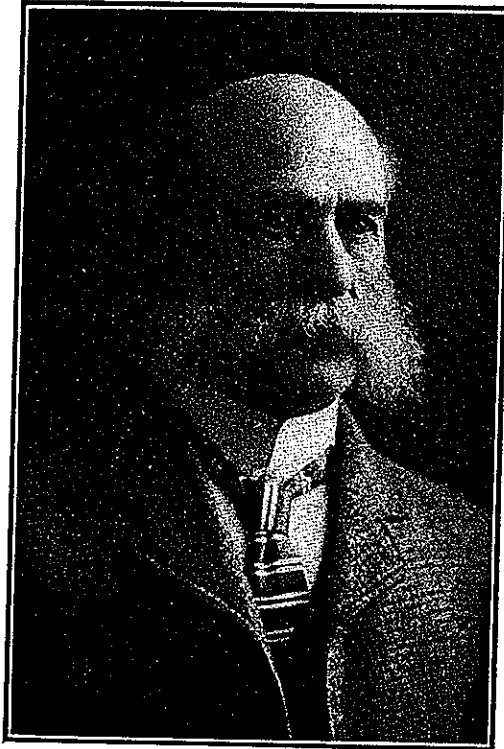
In 1865, he married Miss Catherine Woodley Brown, of Barbadoes, who with a family of three children survive. One son, Robert Easton Burns, resides in Toronto and two daughters, Mrs. Richard Elwell and Miss Ada Burns.

Although in poor health, Mr. Burns attended church on Christmas Day, 1918.

He was the last surviving member of the Post Office staff of 1864, and for forty years held a highly responsible position in the money order and savings bank department. He was superannuated in 1903.

He was a member of St. Thomas' Church almost since the present edifice was built. He was very active in its affairs, having held at various times the offices of Superintendent of the Sunday School, Warden of the Church, Vestry Clerk, and lay representative to the Synod.

Robert Taylor Burns, a brother of Thomas Burns, passed his final examination on January 10th, 1860, and was also appointed to the Post Office Department.



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