

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY AND REPOSITORY

### A. A. Outram of Toronto

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Since the publication of the 1970 Annual Report, the deaths of five Ontario Land Surveyors have been reported to this Committee.

On November 19, 1970, a letter with Personal Biographical Form was sent to all members. By December 24th, 1970, our Secretary had received 103 completed forms, many with photographs. This is gratifying. However, as there are over 600 active Ontario Land Surveyors, those who have attended to this matter are still in a minority group.



COL. FREDERICK FIELDHOUSE CLARKE, M.B.E., D.S.O.,  
V.D., O.L.S., D.L.S., P.Eng.

1878 — 1970

by A. A. Outram

Col. Clarke was born in Hamilton, Ontario on August 22, 1878. His father was William Henry Clarke, from Glasgow, Scotland and his mother was the former Anna Flukes from Dublin, Ireland.

He attended public school in Hamilton, then Upper Canada College and on to S.P.S. at University of Toronto, where he graduated in 1903 in Civil Engineering. After serving apprenticeship with the late J. H. Moore of Smiths Falls, he received his O.L.S. commission in 1905. He became a D.L.S. in 1908.

In 1905, he did survey work in the Cobalt area and in 1906 at Winchester, Ontario. From 1906 to 1919, except for World War I interruption, he worked for the Canadian Northern Railway. This

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line with others, was taken over by the Canadian National Railway in 1919. In that year he became it's Chief Surveyor and remained so until 1943. He was with the Federal Government from 1943 to 1955, where he was Chief of Surveys for Department of Transport.

Col Clarke then settled in Cornwall, Ontario, where he had an O.L.S. Practice with extensive work in the Ottawa region. He was located in Cornwall until his death there on June 30, 1970. He was buried in Veterans' Cemetery at Pointe Claire, Quebec.

His wife was the former Agnes V. Himelman of Halifax, N.S. Four sons, all Engineers, survive him. They are Walter and Fred E. of Montreal, Bruce T. of Nitro, Quebec and Thomas Roy of Toronto.

It would be unfair to the memory of this man who was a Civil Engineer for 67 years and an O.L.S. for 65 years not to record more of his colourful life.

He began his Military career as a Private in the old 13th Regiment of Hamilton from 1892 to 1895. He was a Sergeant in the 48th Highlanders in Toronto, 1895 to 1897, and then a Lieutenant in the 12th York Rangers. He retired as Colonel of the combined regiment in 1927.

During the South African war, he served as a Captain in the Royal Canadian Regiment. He became a Lt. Col. in 2nd C.R.T., during World War I, receiving the above noted decorations, plus a D.S.O. bar. The late Col. van Nostrand, O.L.S., and late Major A H. Greenlees, O.L.S., served as officers under Col. Clarke.

In the World War II, he was placed in charge of a Dominion wide staff of surveyors and engineers to secure air fields, (183 in all), across Canada and Newfoundland, for the Empire Training Scheme. He was in charge of the preparation of plans for the expropriation of 100 munition plant sites and 17,000 war time housing sites.

During Col. Clarke's Mackenzie and Mann (Canadian Northern Railway) days he was engaged on preparation of draft plans at Trenton, Oshawa and a number of smaller sites. J. L. Sylvester, O.L.S., in 1960, had occasion to use a plan of such sub-division of Col. Clarke, made in Haldimand Township 47 years earlier. Mr. Sylvester found that the plan embodied principles much ahead of it's time and showed great skill and instinct for design.

In 1913, Leaside, Ontario, now a part of the Borough of East York, was incorporated as a Town with an area of 1,025 acres and a population of 43. (It never was a village) It was being laid out by Col. Clarke when World War I took his attention and interrupted

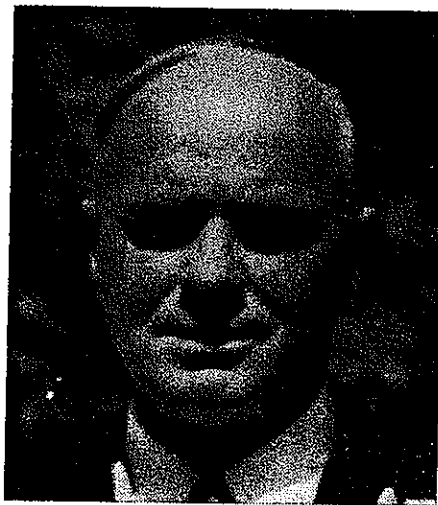
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his survey work, but the design of Leaside which he had started stood the Municipality in good stead. It has had the respect of town planners, far and wide.

Col. Clarke was a member of the United Church. As to clubs, he has belonged to Canadian Engineers and United Services. In 1906 he became a member of the Masonic Order at Winchester. He played football for University of Toronto in 1899. He was active in Boy Scouts and Young Men's Clubs.

He organized and was first president of the Canadian Legion. For 25 years he was Chief Range Officer of the Dominion Rifle Association at Ottawa. Among his artiled apprentices was the late C. H. Fullerton, O.L.S. (See 1969 Annual Report).

For further information on the early life of Col. Clarke, one may read the 1927 edition of "Who's Who In Canada".



CHARLES JAMES MANSER, O.L.S.

1894 — 1970

*by W. F. Weaver*

Mr. Charles James Manser lived all his life in the City of Toronto where he was born on January 10, 1894. He was the second son of Edward James and Mary Manser (nee Ballantyne). His brother died at an early age and his sister passed away in the year 1949.