

PHILLIP S. DONNELLY

The subject of this brief sketch was the son of James Patrick Donnelly, a surgeon in the British Navy, who served at the battle of Trafalgar. His mother's maiden name was Maria K. Caldwell, of Halifax. He was born at Quebec about 1825.

Surgeon Donnelly took up his residence a short distance below Quebec. His children were named as follows: Sons, Edmund, Andrew, Phillip and James; daughters, Maria, Justine and Emily.

Phillip married Maria Henderson, and they had three children, Charles, Katharine and Edward.

Phillip S. Donnelly attended school at Sandwich, Ont., and qualified as a Deputy Provincial Surveyor in this Province on January 19th, 1849. His address is given in the 1861 list of Surveyors as Township of Moore. His home was at Mooretown about ten miles south of Sarnia.

He practised surveying in the vicinity of Sarnia during his lifetime, and took an active part in the surveying work performed in Petrolia and vicinity during the oil boom sixty-five years ago. He laid out the Village of Corunna and named the streets after British officers of the Peninsular War.

He lost his life when duck hunting in the vicinity of Bruce Mines in July, 1865. His gun caught in the row-lock of his boat, the charge entered his arm, and he died from loss of blood before assistance could be obtained. He was buried on the Manitoulin Island. His wife died about 1875. His two children, Katharine and Edward are dead, and the last known address of his son Charles was San Francisco. We regret that no photograph of Mr. Donnelly could be secured.

Before Confederation, Mr. Donnelly was employed on four surveys in this Province.

Town lot and park lots, Errol	1855
Exploration north shore, Lake Huron	1857
Boundary line, Moore and Sombra	1858
Road allowance, concessions 13 and 14 Sombra	1862

Mrs. Lewis Allison, of Sarnia, and Mrs. A. E. Finucane, of Toronto, are nieces of Mr. Donnelly.