

SAMUEL THOMAS ABBOTT EVANS

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The subject of this sketch was directly descended on the maternal side from Robert Abbott, Bishop of Salisbury (1560-1617), whose son, George Abbott, went to Ireland Master of the Rolls. He was the father of Rev. Thomas Abbott, Rector of Maylough, whose grandson, Thomas Abbott, J.P., had sixteen children, the youngest of Marcella, came to Canada in 1830.

Samuel Evans of Quebec City married Marcella Abbott, the eldest son of this marriage being Samuel Thomas Abbott Evans. He was born in Quebec in 1834, was educated there by private tuition.

About 1863, he married Mary, sister of Wm. Bell of Pembroke, who, with two children, predeceased him. In 1880 he married Susan, sister of the late Dr. J. Channon-house of Eganville, Ontario, who survived him and died in September, 1930.

Mr. Evans died in 1883 at Bradford, Penn., U.S., and was buried in his sister's family plot at Bristol, Que. He is survived by a nephew, Canon Abbott-Smith of Montreal, and by a niece, Mrs. Frank Wood of Toronto.

On November the 5th, 1857, he was articled to Duncan Sinclair of Ottawa for three years, was later transferred to Robert Hamilton of L'Orignal, and again on the 11th of May, 1860, to J. L. P. O'Hanly of Ottawa.

He passed his preliminary examination October 5th, 1857, and his final, 14th January, 1861.



He practised for a few years in Eganville, Ontario, and in 1863 went to Pembroke, Ontario, where he resided and practised until 1872.

He received instructions during this period to make surveys of timber limits on branches of the Ottawa River. During 1874 he made railway location surveys through the counties of Ottawa and Pontiac.

His work in field and office was very carefully done, and retracing of his surveys in the field showed great accuracy in his work. He had a cultured taste in music, sketching and poetry.
