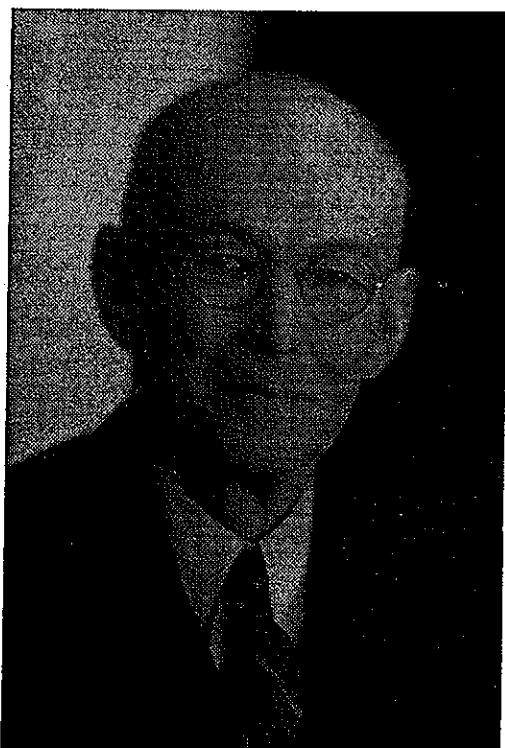


**CHARLES COURTLAND FAIRCHILD, O.L.S., D.L.S., A.L.S.**

The roots of the Fairchild family were closely interwoven with the history of that part of Ontario where the subject of this sketch was born. In 1780 the family settled in the area that later became Brant County.

One of the first members of the family served as interpreter to Capt. Joseph Brant a name that recurs in the naming of that County and of the city of Brantford. Here Mr. Fairchild was born on February 21st, 1867 to William F. and Caroline Secord Fairchild. It is to be noted that his mother was of that historical Secord family to which belonged Laura Secord whose name and memory of her famous journey, will ever be connected with the early history of this Province, and the war between Canada and United States in 1812. To commemorate her memory an inscription was placed on a monument he did at Lundy's Lane.



Mr. Fairchild received his public school and collegiate training in Brantford then entered on a science course at the School of

Practical Science, Toronto University. He graduated in 1894 with the degree of B.Sc., on April 9th of that same year he was admitted to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor. He had, during the vacation periods, acted as assistant to the Engineer of Brantford and after graduation continued in that capacity till 1895. He then became Engineer for the town of Simcoe in which capacity he served till 1900 combining his duties with his private practice as an O. L. S.

In 1900 the Canadian "Northwest" was calling and being now qualified as a D. L. S. Mr. Fairchild went westward and for a number of years was engaged in exploration and township surveys for the Dominion Government. In addition and having qualified as an A. L. S. and having established an office in Edmonton he engaged in private practice as a surveyor and civil engineer.

A few highlights of his busy career may be mentioned: In 1900 he made a notable exploration for the Dominion Government of Canada's

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north from Mackenzie Basin to Chesterfield Inlet. In 1909 a survey of a gravity water supply for Edmonton from Pigeon Lake. In 1912 he installed a water and sewage system at Athabasca Landing and made a survey of the Pelican natural gas field for Edmonton. His private practice as a surveyor had meanwhile comprised many town and village subdivisions in that fast opening Edmonton area.

In 1915 he returned to Eastern Canada and established a practice at Brantford, Ontario which he actively pursued until his retirement at the age of 75. Two years later on October 28th, 1944 he died.

In religion he was a member of the Anglican Church, fraternally of the Masonic order and the Canadian Order of Foresters, politically a life long liberal. His wife had pre-deceased him by several years; Surviving his death were two children, a son Beverley Courtland and a daughter Nora.

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**ALFRED ERNEST FARNCOMB, O.L.S., D.L.S.**

At the ripe age of 80 the subject of this sketch died in London, Ont. on February 16th, 1952. Mr. Farncomb was born in London Township, Middlesex County in Ontario, his parents being Thomas and Jane Elworthy Farncomb.

His primary education was obtained at a private school in London, Ontario and his secondary education at London Collegiate Institute. Following graduation from the latter he entered the London office of his brother Frederick William Farncomb, O.L.S. and on April 9th, 1895 at the age of 22 he received his admission to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor.

Subsequently he secured his D. L. S. degree and for some years thereafter made Fort William his home. He heeded the call the Canadian west was making and for some years then succeeding he was engaged on township subdivision work for the Dominion Government, living in Regina, Red Deer and Edmonton.

About 1915 he returned to Ontario and was professionally engaged at Iroquois Falls, then at Windsor, finally in 1929 locating at Stokes Bay in the Bruce Peninsula where he acted as Engineer for a number of townships while also maintaining an office in London.

Mr. Farncomb was an ardent curler, fisherman and hunter. As the latter, his death was sudden and tragic, as he died while entering his garage to motor on a hunting trip. He had never married and had

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