

ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO LAND SURVEYORS

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 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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spent the latter years of his life with Miss Alice Farncomb who kindly supplied the foregoing information. Throughout his life he had been a devout Anglican.

**HAROLD HOLMES GIBSON, O.L.S.**

At the age of 75 still in apparent good health and active in his practice Mr. Gibson died suddenly at his home on Annette Street in Toronto on May 1st, 1946.



He was one of a number of Gibsons who have served the profession and our association with distinction since his grandfather David Gibson was commissioned in 1825 and established a practice

Our subject received his commission as an Ontario Land Surveyor on September 8th, 1891. For many years after his graduation from the School of Practical Science, Toronto University, in civil engineering he was actively engaged in engineering work in the United States chiefly in Kentucky and Louisiana.

In 1916 he returned to Canada and established the practice that he actively served until his death. In religion he was a Protestant, an elder and a Bible Class teacher in High Park United

Church: in politics a staunch Liberal.

Mourning his death were left his widow, the former Ida Bee, two daughters, Miriam of Toronto and Mrs. A. W. Gilboy (Lorna) of Rochester, N.Y. One son survived, Ansel Bee Gibson, O.L.S., and active in practice in Toronto.

Internment was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Toronto on May 4th, 1946.

**GEORGE ALBERT McCUBBIN, O.L.S.**

Suddenly at his home in Chatham, Ontario on November 25th, 1951, at the age of 82, our beloved Honorary President passed to his reward. In his passing our Association, with the Engineering profession