

ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO LAND SURVEYORS

ROBERT RODERICK FRASER, O.L.S.

1920 - 1964

"Bob" Fraser, one of our young and promising surveyors, was born in Cochrane, Ontario, on November 18, 1920, to Jonathan William Fraser, M.D. and his wife, Mabel Evelyn (Stewart). His father, who was born on the sixth line of Egremont Township in Grey County, practised in Cochrane from 1917 to 1926, and was the only doctor in Cochrane at the time of Ontario's last typhoid epidemic in 1918. From 1926 to the time of his death, his father was the medical health officer for the City of Kitchener.

Mr. Fraser received his early education at Victoria Public School and Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate, and at age 18 he joined the armed services in 1939. He went overseas with the 11th Field Company, Royal Canadian Engineers, and was in France from D day to the end of the war, during which period he was wounded. Upon his return to Canada in 1945, he attended Queen's University.

At the time of his father's death in 1947, Mr. Fraser returned to Kitchener, and there met Mr. Harvey Hall, O.L.S., under whom he served his articles of apprenticeship. He was commissioned as an Ontario Land Surveyor on August 24, 1955. In 1959 he joined the survey department of the Canadian National Railways and remained there until 1963, when he decided to put up his own shingle as a surveyor in the City of Kitchener.

Bob was well liked, had a dry sense of humour and made friends in every field of endeavour he entered. He was a member of the Kitchener Chamber of Commerce, the Community Planning Association and the Hamilton and District Regional Group.

Things were going well with Bob in his efforts to build up his new survey practice when he was stricken with a fatal illness which lasted six months. He died on November 12, 1964, and was interred in Woodland Cemetery in the City of Kitchener.

Surviving are his wife, Miriam Brougham, whom he married in 1951, two sons, Robert and Andrew, and one daughter, Anne; two brothers, William, of Kitchener, and John, of Edmonton, and two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Thomson of Cooksville and Mrs. D. W. Daub of Elmira.

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