

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY AND REPOSITORY



ALEXANDER HUNTER GREENLEES, O.L.S., P.Eng.  
1881 - 1965

*by D. A. Harrington, O.L.S.*

Alexander Hunter Greenlees was born in London, Ontario, on October 26, 1881, the son of Andrew Greenlees, a barrister from Dublin, Ireland, and Emily Elliott of London.

He obtained his public and high school education in the city of his birth and was then accepted as a cadet by the Royal Military College, Kingston. He left the College in 1900 as medically unfit and in 1901 was articled to Moore and Henry of London, Ontario.

In 1905 he was employed as an instrument man on the Transcontinental Railway from the Quebec border to North Bay and from 1910 to 1915 was Resident Engineer on the North Bay - Capreol section of the line.

Prior to this he had graduated from the School of Practical Science, University of Toronto, and had obtained his commission as an O.L.S. in 1909.

He joined the Canadian Army in 1915 and was commissioned as Lieutenant, Royal Canadian Engineers. In France and Belgium he was first Captain and later, Major, with the Canadian Railway Troops. He was demobilized in 1919.

The following year he was Engineer in charge of Surveys, Toronto Terminals, H.E.P.C. Radial Railways, but soon after entered private practice in Toronto which continued, except for a brief period, until 1930.

In 1926, he was employed by the Lake Maracaibo Oil Company, a subsidiary of Standard Oil, to survey their holdings in Venezuela. His experiences were the subject of a paper presented at the 1927 Annual Meeting.

From 1930 to 1932 Alex was employed by the City of Hamilton, but most of the thirties he spent in Northern Ontario staking mining

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claims and working as a mining engineer, including a spell at the Gillies-Lake Porcupine Mine.

During World War II, he served his country once again, being responsible for the construction of many of the airfields used in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

In 1946 he returned to the City of Hamilton and succeeded Oliver Blandy as City Surveyor in 1947. His association with the City continued until his retirement in 1962.

Alex was a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, Engineering Institute of Canada, Hamilton Officer's Club and the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton.

He is survived by his wife, the former Adeline Grant of London, and by a daughter, Lady Leather, of Bath, England.

Alex's death on May 20, 1965, removed a colourful and well-known figure from the Association's ranks. He was buried at Woodlands Cemetery, Hamilton.

FRANKLIN HUGO KITTO, F.R.G.S., D.L.S., O.L.S.,

M.E.I.C., P.Eng.

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*by A. Death, O.L.S.*

Peel County, and particularly the Brampton district, lost an eminent citizen with the passing of Franklin H. Kitto on November 13, 1965. Frank was well known and highly respected during the years of his practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor in the County of Peel.

He was born in 1880 at the family homestead on the Fifth Line East near Brampton and he attended district public and high schools. He graduated from Teachers College and taught school at Huntsville and Kleinburg until 1904 when the call of the West took him to Edmonton, Alberta, where he worked on the Hon. Frank Oliver's "Edmonton Bulletin" and he became managing editor of that newspaper. His health failed and, threatened with tuberculosis, he was advised to get outdoors for a few years.

Frank articulated with Driscoll & Saunders, Dominion Land Surveyors, in Edmonton, and while with them he worked on township surveys for several years. He wrote his D.L.S. examination in Ottawa and obtained his D.L.S. in 1908. He immediately went into the Federal Civil Service with the Department of the Interior. Frank was married to Agnes Reid of Ottawa in 1910 and in 1911 was appointed Director of Surveys for the Yukon District. The young couple spent the next four years at Dawson City. This was a very happy experience for Frank and he always likes to reminisce about this period of his life for this was still frontier country. Among his many friends of that day was the well known poet Robert Service; in fact, on several occasions Mr. Service was babysitter to Frank's two young sons. He returned east in 1915 and entered Royal Military College at Kingston, obtained his commission and was attached to a reserve unit. He returned to the Department of the Interior and for many years he made extensive exploration trips