

ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO LAND SURVEYORS

GEORGE CAMPBELL GRIFFIN

George Campbell Griffin was born at Guelph, Ontario, on April 20th, 1895, the son of George Alexander Griffin and Maude (Parte) Griffin. The elder Griffin was a book publisher for many years and after the first World War became secretary to the enterprises of the Mackenzie and Mann interests in Monterey, Mexico.



Campbell received his education in the Guelph Schools and then while still in his teens went to work for the land survey firm of Speight and vanNostrand, in Toronto. He continued with them until June, 1915, when he enlisted with the Canadian Army Service Corps. He went overseas with the Service Corps but in February, 1918 transferred to the Canadian Machine Gun Corps with whom he served until discharged in June, 1919.

Upon his return to civilian life, he again took employment with Speight and vanNostrand signing apprenticeship papers in November, 1919, and being duly commissioned on 17th August, 1923 as an Ontario Land Surveyor.

Shortly afterwards, he entered into partnership with Neville Bates, practicing Land Surveying and Civil Engineering at Bridgeburg, Ontario. During this time his firm made the surveys for the Peace Bridge.

In 1932, he joined the staff of the Department of Northern Development and served there until the Department was absorbed into the Department of Highways. He was stationed in the west end of the province, first with the one, and then with the other of these departments, for most of the many years he worked for the provincial government, and in 1954, he was appointed Regional Surveyor for the Northern Region of Ontario, with headquarters at North Bay.

Campbell developed heart trouble in 1958 and was granted leave of absence, from which he was not able to return. He died suddenly while visiting his sister, Mrs. A. W. Russell, of Toronto at her summer home on one of the islands of Georgian Bay, collapsing in the boat when returning there with her after a trip to the mainland on July 28th, 1958. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.

Mr. Griffin never married and his sister Mrs. Russell and her family are the only immediate relatives surviving him.