

COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY

and opened an office in Exeter, Ontario. Shortly thereafter he moved to London and took over the practice of his former employer, Jones. Here he remained in active practice till 1943. Ill health at that time compelled a retirement from practice, but he remained in London till his death.

As an Ontario Land Surveyor he was very active in and about the City of London and surrounding area, including numerous large scale municipal surveys in that city.

As an engineer he enjoyed a wide practice and reputation in the drainage and water works construction fields. As a drainage engineer he designed and supervised many drains in the Counties of Middlesex, Huron, and Perth. Indeed he was widely known as an authority on the various drainage Acts.

In 1896 he married Eleanor Louise Maulson of Toronto, who survives him and lives in London. Also to mourn his loss the following children: Eric M. Farncomb of Toronto; Harold F. Farncomb, Toronto; Mrs. Colin Scatcherd, London; Mrs. W. H. Gillespie of Ottawa, and one of our own association, John E. Farncomb, O.L.S., of London. Another one of ours survives, a brother, Alfred E. Farncomb, O.L.S., London. The name of Farncomb is a real part and parcel of our association.

Mr. Farncomb died June 2nd, 1946, and was laid to rest in Woodland Cemetery, London.

LAUCLAN ALEXANDER HAMILTON

Born in Penetanguishene, Ont., in 1852, Mr. Hamilton died in Toronto February 11th, 1941, and his body interred in St. James Anglican Cemetery there.

Son of the first mayor of Penetanguishene, he received his early education in that place and then attended the School for Military Instruction in Toronto, whence he emerged as an engineer. He had decided on a surveying life, for as early as 19 years of age he had assisted in the survey of the 49th parallel of latitude, the international boundary westward from the Lake of the Woods.

He secured his P.L.S. (Ontario) admission to practice October 7th, 1876, and was for some years engaged in railway location in the Collingwood-Meaford areas.

He then joined the incipient C.P.R. organization and was placed in charge of the selection of the company's proposed land grants of 25,000,000 acres and the selection of sites for settlement. Thus, among others, he selected Calgary, Moose Jaw and Saskatoon. In 1883 he laid out the townsite of Vancouver and for 3 years made his home there and served as an alderman. Fire wiped out the young townsite and he moved to Winnipeg. Here for some 13 years

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he lived and took a very active part in public life. His later years were spent between his two fruit farms—in the summer at the one at Lorne Park, Ontario, and the winter at the Orlando (Florida).

A lifelong, very active Anglican, he was for some 17 years honorary treasurer of the General Synod and visited the church's missions in China.

During the second world war he was a most active Red Cross worker.

His first wife, Isobel Leask, predeceased him, while he was survived by his second, Constance Boddington, who incidentally, was Toronto's first woman council member. Also surviving were a daughter, Miss Isobel Hamilton, and a brother, Rev. H. H. Hamilton, a former Anglican Bishop of Japan.

WILLIAM CHARLES JEPSON

O.L.S., B.A.Sc., D.L.S.

To many of the members of our Associations who knew Mr. Jepson so well, the news of his sudden death at Fort Erie, Ontario, on July 27th, 1942, came as a great shock.

He was a son of the Niagara Falls pioneer stock, his father, Joshua Jepson, and his mother, Janet McGregor Jepson, were among the real pioneers of the locality. Born in Niagara Falls, he received his early schooling in the public and high schools of that place. He then attended the School of Practical Science, Toronto, from whence he graduated in 1907 as an honor graduate with the degree of B.A.Sc. Some years later he obtained his O.L.S. degree (April 1st, 1922), as also the degree of D.L.S.

His was a busy life in the area for he had taken an active engineering part in the construction of the Welland Canal, had later been city engineer of Niagara Falls, and at the time of his death was chief engineer of the Hagey Engineering Company of Fort Erie.

He was exceedingly well known in south-western Ontario, not only as an engineer and surveyor, but also as a sportsman, for he had taken a prominent part in athletics, lacrosse in particular.

Throughout his life he had been a prominent member of St. Andrews United Church.

His wife, Lillian M. Stewart, predeceased him in 1940. Surviving him are one son, Charles Stewart Jepson of Fort Erie, and a sister, Miss Janet Jepson, of Niagara Falls. His body was interred in beautiful Fairview Cemetery.