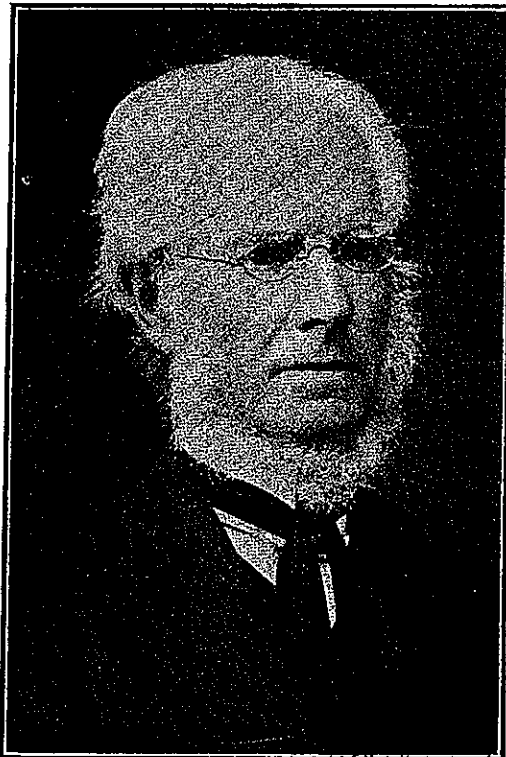


## DANIEL HANVEY

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In the Southern Counties Journal of St. Thomas, Ontario, of October 27th, 1881, the following sketch appears of Daniel Hanvey.



"The death of Daniel Hanvey, Esq., which we briefly announced yesterday evening, will be received with poignant regret by many of the old settlers of the County of Elgin. He has been for many years a prominent figure on the streets of St. Thomas, and in every walk of life his ready usefulness was available to his neighbors. Intelligent and educated beyond the average, he was up to a recent period a man to whom many others resorted for counsel in time of trials and difficulties, and for assistance in business transactions. Upright in character as he was erect and unbending in the form of his person, he enjoyed a full measure of public confidence. As he was in-

variably gentle and dignified in his work and conversation, he made no enemies and always held fast his many friends. He passes away universally regretted by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance in life, and with many sunny spots in the memory of those who survive him for kind words spoken or cheerful assistance rendered. It is now well nigh half a century since he commenced his career of quiet usefulness in this section of the country, having settled in St. Thomas as early as 1832. He was a son of the Emerald Isle—born in Downpatrick, in County Down, on the fifteenth day of July, 1805—so that on the day of his death his race was through a longer period than the three score years and ten, the general allotment to man, counting seventy-six years three months and nine days. After determining to make his home here, he at once opened an office on the north side of Talbot Street,

where now stands Blackmore's hardware establishment, and followed the profession of a civil engineer, and land surveyor. In connection he took up the duties of a conveyancer; and the many records in his handwriting, filed in the Registry Offices of Elgin and Middlesex, best attest the industry and usefulness of his earlier years in Canada. High in public esteem, he received from the Government of the day the appointment of a Justice of the Peace, and was for upwards of thirty-five years an attractive magistrate and bore her Majesty's commission to the end of life. He was for successive years elected a member of the Council, soon after the village received corporate powers as a town; but the wrangling incident to public life, was not to his taste, and he withdrew. About twelve years ago his eye sight failed him seriously, and he was obliged to give up the practice of his favourite profession; but retained the office of Collector of Inland Revenue, to which he had been appointed by a Reform Government six years previously—first for the Counties of Middlesex and Elgin, and subsequently for the latter division. The duties of this office he performed with accuracy and painstaking care, though at a very inadequate salary, until a year ago he felt the need of more complete repose and resigned. Ever since, he has been in a declining state of health and during the winter months he became a subject of continual alarm to his family and of anxiety to his friends. His demise on Monday afternoon was a happy release to himself, and a relief to all whose duty it was to minister at his bedside. As may be inferred from the offices he held for so many years, he was in politics a firm and unswerving Liberal, but never urged his opinions offensively, either in public or private. In business transactions he avoided speculation, preferring moderate gains, and the accumulations which come of provident management and economical habits. These sufficed, for he had always enough and to spare, and ended his days in comfort and competency. Two of his sons have gone before. Two still survive him, Dr. William Hanvey, of Cleveland, and Alexander, Deputy Registrar of the County of Elgin. His eldest and youngest daughters live to mourn his loss, and the aged widow for so many years the partner of his joys, sorrows, his trials and difficulties, has the sympathy of a very wide circle of friends in a grief which the coming reunion can only alleviate or assuage."

W. E. Stewart, O.L.S., of Aylmer, Ont., to whom we are indebted for the above newspaper item, informed us in 1924,

that the descendants of Mr. Hanvey removed to the United States, and that they could not be located.

The search, however, was prosecuted by Jas. A. Bell, O.L.S., of St. Thomas, who succeeded in finding a grandson of Mr. Daniel Hanvey, also a photograph of him. This grandson, C. B. H. Hanvey, M.D., was then on the Pacific Mail Steamship "Ecuador" en route to New York, from San Francisco via Panama. His home is at Berkeley, Cal., 2609 Webster St., where he practices as physician and surgeon.

Dr. Hanvey has furnished the following additional information:—

Daniel Hanvey was educated for a sea captain, but did not follow this calling. He qualified as a Deputy Provincial Surveyor on July 9th, 1832, and opened an office at St. Thomas, where he practised surveying for many years. He laid out part of the Town, and Eliza Street was named after one of his daughters. He was appointed collector of Inland Revenue about 1863, an office he held until 1880.

In 1850 Mr. Hanvey received instructions from the Provincial Government to examine part of the Township of Aldborough, and in 1856 he was instructed to survey lots 13 and 15 in the Village of St. Thomas.

On August 28th, 1828, he married Ann. Eleanor Morgan, of Osnabruck, C.W. They had the following children:—

(1) Wm. Henry, M.D., who practised for years at Cleveland, Ohio. He had one child only, Dr. C. B. H. Hanvey.

(2) Jane Elizabeth, who died unmarried at Fair Oaks, Cal., some years ago.

(3) James, Barrister, partner of the late E. Horton, of St. Thomas. He died many years ago.

(4) John, student, in medicine, dead.

(5) Alexander Thomas, Deputy Registrar at St. Thomas, dead many years.

(6) Eliza Caroline, married Charles Caulfeild, son of Rev. Canon St. George Caulfeild, for many years was the rector at St. Thomas. She died at Fair Oaks, Cal.

(7) Charles, died many years ago.

There are surviving two children of Charles Caulfeild, Mrs. Charles E. Wilson and Mr. William H. H. Caulfeild of Fair Oaks.

(8) Robert, died many years ago.

The widow of Daniel Hanvey died in Chicago.

He belonged to the Society of Friends and the address at his funeral was given by Mrs. Minard, of that faith, in the old Presbyterian Church, which stood where the Post Office afterwards stood.

He was buried in the old cemetery across Wilson Bridge.

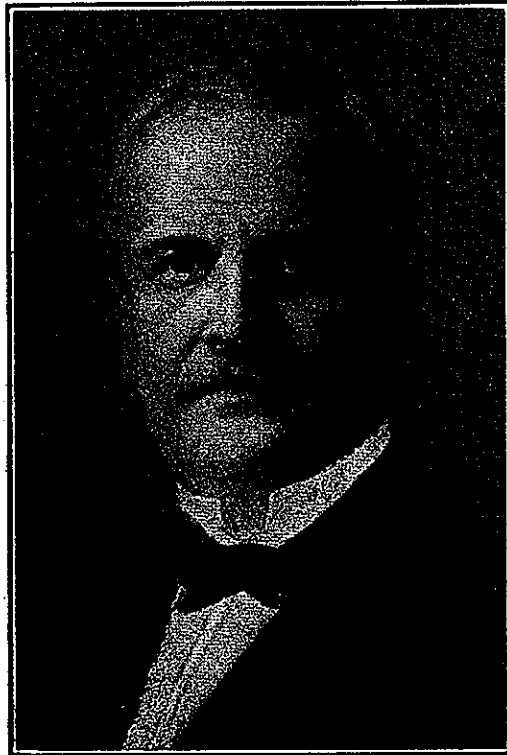
"His habits were most abstemious, his character of the highest order; he was very strict, but fair in all respects, being called upon many times to settle differences. He was a great student and particularly fond of Geology."

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### JOHN J. HASLETT

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The late John James Haslett, Provincial Land Surveyor, was born on the Seventeenth day of June, 1811, at Sanfield House, County Tyrone, Ireland, and was the youngest son of Matthew Haslett, late of that place and his wife, Sarah McCrae.



He was educated in Ireland and was duly admitted to practice as a land Surveyor.

In or about the year 1834, he joined the Sappers and Miners, a branch of the Royal Engineers, and was with them in England for about two years. He then returned to Ireland and was engaged in the Survey of the South Coast for several years.

In or about the year 1842 he came to Canada, and after serving under the late Joseph S. Peterson, P.L.S., the necessary six months at that time required to obtain a license, he was duly admitted to practice as a Land Surveyor in Upper Canada. He located in

Belleville, and for some time carried on his practice in company with the late Messrs. Emerson and Peterson.