



**Albert Cecil Ingram, O.L.S.
1907 - 1994**

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Albert Cecil Ingram was born in Toronto on July 6th 1907, the ninth in a family of eleven children. He remembered his childhood with fondness. He went to Franklin Elementary School and Central Technical School and Danforth Technical School the year it opened, 1923. His last year, he went to Riverdale Collegiate.

Ab, as he was commonly known, started work with Wilson and Bunnell of Toronto, and in 1930 articulated to Garnet Lawrence Berkeley of that firm. The following year he passed all of his Intermediate Examinations. Then from August 1931 until April 1932, he worked for the Department of Northern Development, surveying for the Trans Canada Highway between White River and Schreiber. In February 1934, Ab was one of six who wrote the final examinations. Two of them passed. On October 29th 1934, Albert Cecil Ingram was admitted as a member of the Association and was authorized to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor.

From 1934 to 1942, Ab worked for the survey branch of the Ontario Department of Highways, first in south-western Ontario and then in South Porcupine. His home address during this period and until 1946 was 331 Belize Drive, Toronto.

In May 1938, Albert married Muriel Longley, the daughter of missionaries who were still in China. Two daughters were born to them in Toronto and then two more were born when they lived in North Bay.

From June 1942 until January 1944, Ab was employed by the Rapid Transit Department of the Toronto Transit Commission to do the survey for the first subway.

A period of twenty years in private practice in North Bay began in August 1946 when Albert went into partnership with Edgar Lawrence Moore. At first their business address was the KcKeown Block, but had changed by 1949 to 137 First Avenue West. Albert started his own practice in 1951 at 32 Greenwood Avenue, continuing at that location until August 1966. While in North Bay, Ab was active on the Planning Board of Widdifield Township, a quickly growing community in which he lived. He was also involved in the life of St. Andrew's United Church as a steward for many years.

He then returned to Toronto to a position in the City of Toronto Survey Department to handle several plans for low rental housing. His new address was 20 Billingham Road, Islington. Following this he obtained a position with Harold Wheeler Associates, which he held until 1971.

In 1974, having served 40 years as an Ontario Land Surveyor, Albert was exempt from payment of membership fees. During those years, he had participated as a volunteer in the affairs of the Association, had been present on 13 occasions at Annual Meetings from 1936 to 1955, had been a member of a committee – Entertainment 1942 – 44, Topographical and Exploration Surveys 1944 – 46. For several of those years, his wife Muriel had been a member of the Women's Auxiliary.

Albert and Muriel continued to live in Islington after their retirement, but in 1989, their daughters persuaded them to move to Massey, 100 km west of Sudbury so that they could be near them.

They liked small town life and enjoyed seeing their grandchildren and great grandchildren. Ab was a photographer, so he was rarely in the picture. He was very interested in things of nature – clouds, stars, trees and plants. Albert passed away on June 29th 1994 after a happy and satisfying life of work and family.
