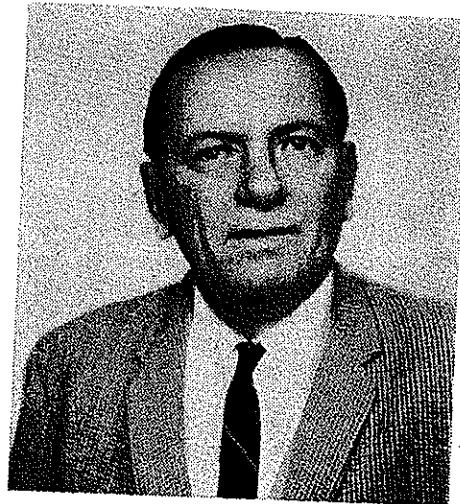


REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY AND REPOSITORY



JOSEPH JOHN KISWAY, O.L.S.,
P.L.S. (N.S.), P.L.S. (P.E.I.)

1917 - 1968

by D. A. Harrington

The Hamilton area lost one of its most prominent surveyors with the passing of "Joe" Kisway on September 14th, 1968. Joe's health had been something less than satisfactory for a number of years and gradually he was forced to forsake the open air life he loved, which had included working in four provinces and one territory.

Joe was born in Montreal, P.Q., on January 10th, 1917; his father was a native of Austria, while his mother was from Poland.

He received his public and high school education in Welland graduating in 1934, then attended the Montreal Technical Institute for two years studying engineering and applied sciences.

From 1936 to 1939 he worked for Charlie Lindsay at Sigma and Lamaque Mines in Quebec as an engineering assistant and was engaged in sewer, road and sidewalk layout. This type of work was also typical of the following three years spent as assistant to M. H. Dineen of Val d'Or on townsites in Quebec, including one year as resident engineer on a water works project at Amos.

After a brief spell with the H. G. Acres Company at Niagara Falls, Joe joined the Royal Canadian Engineers in 1942 spending two years as a surveying instructor at the Nova Scotia Technical College.

On discharge in 1944 Joe was articled to D. G. Ure, O.L.S., of St. Catharines but in 1947 he returned to Nova Scotia and spent a further year instructing at the Nova Scotia Technical College as assistant to Major J. A. H. Church, P.L.S. (N.S.). During this time he obtained his P.L.S. (N.S.) and also qualified as P.L.S. (P.E.I.).

Joe spent some time in 1948 with the Department of Mines and Resources carrying out surveys in the McKenzie River Valley—Fort

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Nelson area, then returned south again to work for the late Col. E. G. MacKay, O.L.S., in Hamilton. While working for Col. MacKay, Joe received his commission as an Ontario Land Surveyor in April 1950 and one year later he commenced private practice in Hamilton which continued until just prior to his death.

Joe was an active and articulate member of our Association; he served as a member of the Town Planning Committee from 1961 to 1964 and was Chairman of the Committee from 1964 to 1966. He soon recognized the value of local groups and was largely instrumental in the formation of the Hamilton and District Group in the Spring of 1961. He was the first Chairman of the Group and continued in that office for almost two years, working enthusiastically during this formative period.

Joe's other activities included membership in the Canadian Institute of Surveying, the Lions Club and the United Church of Canada.

Joe was cremated at Hamilton on September 17th, 1968, and is survived by his wife, the former Helen Zielke of Edmonton, whom he married in 1944, and three children, Douglas and Barbara (Mrs. Robert Soos) of Hamilton and John, Fort Erie.

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