

As the owner of a small business, he considered himself fortunate to be able to divide his time between field work and office responsibilities. He was an outdoorsman and his hobbies included canoeing, curling and woodworking. He enjoyed his annual tree planting and pruning, cutting logs for lumber, carpentry and woodcarving. He was an active member of Norwood United Church serving on the Board of Stewards and as a Trustee.

He was quiet and unassuming. A devoted family man and lover of nature, he was a person on whom you could always depend. As quietly as he lived his life, he left us – while doing something he loved – working in the woods.

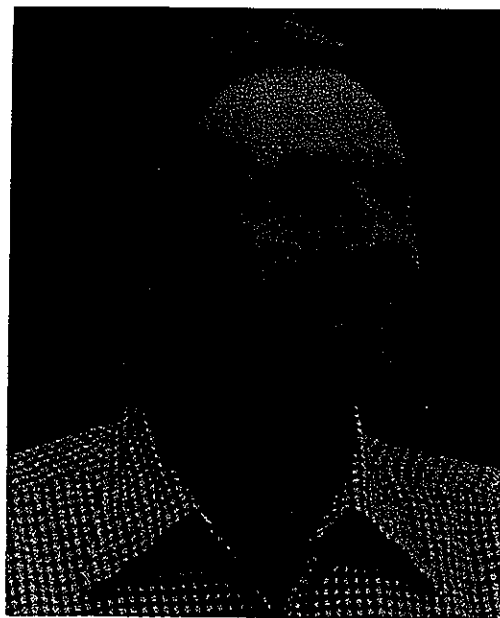
He is survived by his wife Sandra and his children Jim, Gary and Heather, his Mother and brother John. We all miss the many ways he showed us love, encouragement and strength.

JOHN LINDSAY LADELL
1924 — 1997

by Win. John Quinsey, OLS(Ret), CLS

"They Left Their Mark; Surveyors and Their Role in the Settlement of Ontario" has proven to be an excellent tribute to the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors. Historians, scholars, and very many general readers recognize this book as an interesting, informative and well written history of our association.

The author of this book, John L. Ladell, was born in Bangkok, Siam (now Thailand) in 1924. He was raised on agricultural research stations in Siam and in Jamaica. Schools that he attended were in England and South Africa. During the Second World War, he served in the Royal Navy.



John Ladell first came to Canada in the fall of 1946. He obtained a job with a pulp and paper company. This resulted in him spending his first winter in a tent in the Quebec bush participating in a winter-long timber survey. Continuing his interest in this field, he attended the University of Toronto, and graduated in 1951 with a degree in Forestry. For several years he worked as a faculty member of the University's forestry department, becoming an environmental consultant.

Subsequently in England, he attended Oxford University where he received a doctorate in science in 1961. Returning to Canada, he obtained a position as senior research scientist at the Ontario Research Foundation (now ORTECH).

In the course of his travels, John Ladell met his future bride Monica Southey. Born in 1925 on a farm in East Griqualand, South Africa, Monica had been educated in that country, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts at Natal University, and a diploma in Librarianship at Capetown University. Like John, she also travelled in South Africa, Holland, and England, working as an executive secretary, teacher, and librarian. While in England, she worked for the Oxford Historical Buildings Fund. On coming to Canada in 1954, she obtained a position as research librarian for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

The Ladells first home was in Mississauga, on Tecumseh Park Drive in the Lorne Park area. They were both key players in the environmental movement. Together they helped form and run SOTAS ("Save Our Trees And Streams"), the first organized effort by residents concerned about destruction of the local environment due to the rapid pace of development.

In the 1970's John Ladell studied land-use planning at the University of Toronto. He produced a number of technical papers as well as magazine articles on colonial and medical history.

In 1977, John and Monica were assisted by grants from the Canada Council and the Ontario Arts Council to begin preparing a publication to recognize the century farms in Ontario. These are farms that have been owned and worked by the same family for a hundred years or more. They also received co-operation and help from the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario who had begun recording data on these farms in 1966 as a centennial project. The Ladells covered some twelve thousand miles in journeys across most of southern Ontario in the summers of 1977 and 1978, and in the intervening winter. In most cases, the interviews with the farm families, which were recorded on tape, took place in the evenings. The resulting book, of 274 pages published in 1979, is entitled "*Inheritance, Ontario's Century Farms Past & Present*". It was dedicated "to Lindsay and Simon", the Ladell's two children.

John and Monica again worked together to produce a second book on farm histories in Ontario. "*A Farm in the Family, The Many Faces of Ontario Agriculture over the Centuries*" was published in 1985.

At the 1988 A.O.L.S. annual meeting, the Executive Director of the Association reported that she had engaged a historical writer for a history book and that Dundurn Press would be the publisher. She advised that it was to be a book on how surveyors opened the province. That historical writer was John Ladell.

Preparation of the book occupied much of John Ladell's time for the next few years. At that time the Ladells resided in Scarborough. The acknowledgements in the book state that his wife Monica provided advice and help, in locating and obtaining illustrations and maps. Published in 1993, "*They Left Their Mark*" was dedicated to the memory of Willis Chipman, D.L.S., O.L.S., 1855-1929.

John's wife, Monica, died December 27, 1994. He subsequently moved to reside at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Lindsay and George Dutra, south of Milton.

His death was the result of a heart attack. John Ladell died at his home on September 27, 1997. The books we have mentioned will be memorials to his life. The last one has given him a significant place in the annals of our Association. Truly, it can be said that "he left his mark".

We thank Lindsay Dutra, and her brother Simon Ladell, for their help in correcting and editing this biographical sketch, and for providing the photograph, a copy of which is here presented.

Walter W. Lorenz, O.L.S.
1922 - 1998
by Stephen C. Geneja, C.S.T., C.E.T.

Walter was born in Leipzig, Germany where he received his elementary and secondary school education. After Grade 10, he served an apprenticeship with the City Surveyor in Leipzig. In 1939, at 17 years of age he was drafted into the Luftwaffe and was trained as a communications signalman at Merseburg, Germany. Walter completed a nine-month training course in Morse code and radio operations in the fall of 1940. For the next seven months he was based in East Prussia at Mielau building barracks.

