

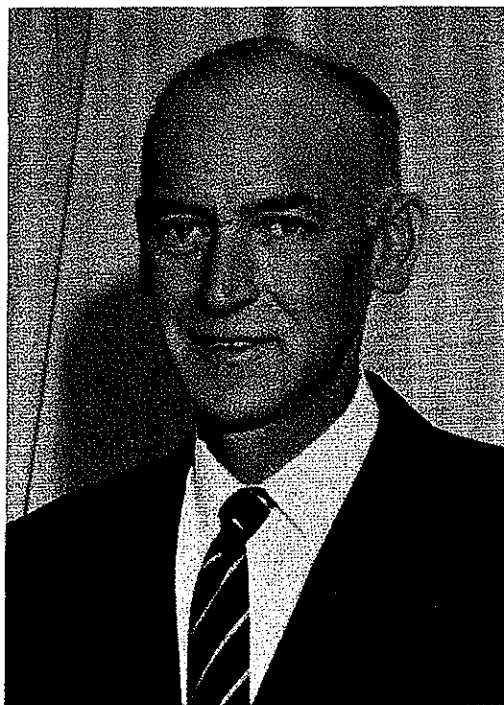
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY AND REPOSITORY

He had his own engineering firm in Sarnia until 1938. He was appointed resident engineer of the Blue Water International Bridge between Sarnia, Ontario and Port Huron, Michigan.

Following the completion of the Blue Water Bridge, Mr. Baird went to Chatham as Gas Measurement Engineer with the Union Gas Co. Ltd.

In Sarnia, Mr. Baird was an active Knights Templar and 32nd degree Mason. He was one of the founders of St. Paul's Masonic Lodge in Sarnia.

Mr. Baird passed away on November 22, 1965, and is survived by his wife, Edythe (Long) of Toronto, his daughter, Frances Marshall of Sarnia, and his son-in-law, George L. Marshall O.L.S. of Sarnia, and three granddaughters.



JOHN MacKINNON LEITCH, O.L.S.
B.A.Sc. (Tor. Univ.), P. Eng. (Ont.)

1919-1970

by E. C. Brisco

The Association lost a well known and highly valued member on February 24, 1970, with the passing of John MacKinnon Leitch.

John was born January 13, 1919, in Toronto, the son of John Strickland Leitch, O.L.S., and his wife, Jennie.

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Being brought up in an atmosphere of the profession had an early effect, and John, after preliminary education in Davisville Public School and U.T.S., enrolled in the Faculty of Applied Science at the University of Toronto, from which he graduated in 1942 with the degree of B.A.Sc. in Civil Engineering.

After graduation he joined the Canadian Army, serving as an officer in the Royal Canadian Engineers with distinction. A severe injury received while on duty in Europe, resulted in his being invalided home and his military retirement in 1945.

He then completed his apprenticeship to his father, and was admitted to practice as an Ontario Land Surveyor in July, 1946.

From that time until just a few months before his death he engaged in general surveying and engineering practice, first in Cooksville and then in Toronto.

Shortly after graduation from Varsity, John was married to Martha Stewart, a graduate of the University of Toronto School of Architecture. This happy marriage produced four children, Stewart, Lynn, George and James, all of whom survive.

John and his family were active supporters of the Anglican faith. The funeral service was conducted in Grace Church on the Hill in Toronto.

John Leitch was an active participant in Association affairs, and always seemed to be in the forefront with sensible, practical suggestions. One of these resulted in a highly successful European tour for members which he organized and conducted.

The Association, his family and his many friends will really miss John MacKinnon Leitch.