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His wife was Ann Maria Nettleberger, who was born in Montreal of German extraction, and who belonged to a well known Canadian family.

George Zacharias Rykert, P.L.S., whose biography and photo appear in the 1916 Annual Report and John Charles Rykert, K.C., M.P. for Lincoln and Niagara, of St. Catharines, were sons of the subject of this sketch.

On the 9th October, 1854, John Charles Rykert married Annie Maria, daughter of Col. Sheldon Hawley, of Trenton, Ont.

Col. Sheldon Hawley first settled in Ernestown township, near Kingston among the Aylsworths, Perrys and Frasers. A descendant of his named William Hawley Perry married Eleanor Fraser, who was one of a family of twenty-one children. Major Gen. A. B. Perry, who organized and was Commissioner of the historic Royal North West Mounted Police was one of them.

Col. Sheldon Hawley moved from Ernestown to Trenton, where he settled on a farm, and became a leading citizen. Much of the town of Trenton is on this farm, and the home of two of his granddaughters today is on a lot on this farm-subdivision. A son of John Charles Rykert, K.C., M.P., resides in the Glebe in Ottawa, and is manager of the Canada Mica Co. on Lois St., Hull, Que.

A photo of George Rykert is not yet available, but when discovered will be published.

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**JOHN BOWERS LEWIS**

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By N. B. MacRostie and "Ottawa Citizen"

John Bowers Lewis, C.E., D.L.S., Q.L.S., O.L.S., prominently identified with business and professional circles of the Capital City of Ottawa for many years, and resident for more than half a century, died on Monday, 31st May, 1937, in the Civic Hospital, aged eighty-four.

Mr. Lewis had been active in his Surveyor's Office at 15 Sparks Chambers till only a short time before he was taken to the Hospital five days ago.

At one time a large property holder in Ottawa, and actively connected with the real estate business, Mr. Lewis was closely associated with the expansion of the City, and in his death Ottawa lost one of its pioneers.

Coming to Ottawa at an early age, Mr. Lewis was an articled apprentice to the late Robert Sparks. Later he es-

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established his Land Surveyor's Office in Sparks Street Chambers.

Born in Richmond, he was the son of the late Thomas Lewis and his wife, Marian Collis. He received his early education at the Common School there, coming to Ottawa as a young man.

A Civil Engineer, Dominion, Quebec and Ontario Land Surveyor. He was an Anglican in religion.

Unmarried, he is survived by two brothers, John C. and George B. Lewis, both of Ottawa; three sisters, Mrs. M. M. Richards and Miss L. J. Lewis, both of Ottawa, and Mrs. H. Powis-Herbert, St. Lambert, Que.

Mr. Lewis began the practice of surveying in 1883, and carried on continually until the time of his death, although for the last few years he did not do very much. From May, 1919, until November, 1926, he was in partnership with N. B. MacRostie, under the name of Lewis and MacRostie, but up to the time of the death of Mr. Lewis they co-operated very closely.

Mr. Lewis was a prodigious reader, and his library is reputed to be one of the best private libraries in the City. He also had a very good collection of stamps, and was more or less an authority on them.

Perhaps his outstanding hobby was the cultivation of flowers, and his knowledge of Botany insofar as it was associated with the flowers peculiar to the Ottawa Valley, was such that, he was perhaps one of the outstanding authorities in the City of Ottawa. He was a great lover of perennial flowers and often spent as much as \$1,500.00 per year on imported bulbs of various kinds. His garden in the City of Ottawa was one of the choice places where you would find a rare collection of flowers and plants of all kinds.

Of late years he was not able to do anything along the gardening line, but always retained his interest in flowers.

He was one of the old school who prided themselves on their memory, and it was not unusual for him to go out through the City and make four or five different surveys during the day without recording a note, and then sit down in the evening and complete his records of what he had done.

The history of the City of Ottawa in so far as its property is concerned will always be linked up with the name of J. B. Lewis.

Not only in a professional way was he associated with the life of the City, but at one time he owned some forty-four or forty-five houses in the City.