

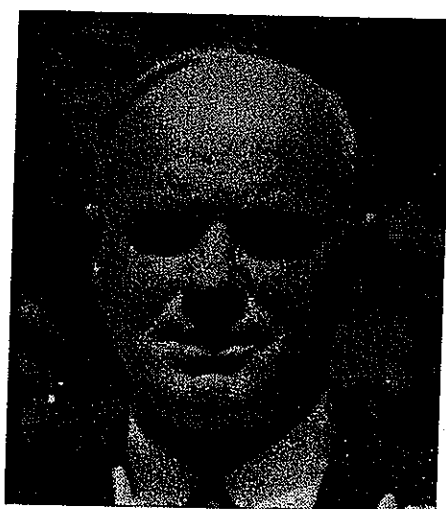
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his survey work, but the design of Leaside which he had started stood the Municipality in good stead. It has had the respect of town planners, far and wide.

Col. Clarke was a member of the United Church. As to clubs, he has belonged to Canadian Engineers and United Services. In 1906 he became a member of the Masonic Order at Winchester. He played football for University of Toronto in 1899. He was active in Boy Scouts and Young Men's Clubs.

He organized and was first president of the Canadian Legion. For 25 years he was Chief Range Officer of the Dominion Rifle Association at Ottawa. Among his artiled apprentices was the late C. H. Fullerton, O.L.S. (See 1969 Annual Report).

For further information on the early life of Col. Clarke, one may read the 1927 edition of "Who's Who In Canada".



CHARLES JAMES MANSER, O.L.S.

1894 — 1970

by *W. F. Weaver*

Mr. Charles James Manser lived all his life in the City of Toronto where he was born on January 10, 1894. He was the second son of Edward James and Mary Manser (nee Ballantyne). His brother died at an early age and his sister passed away in the year 1949.

ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO LAND SURVEYORS

Mr. Manser attended Givens Street Elementary School and upon graduating from Central Technical School, he commenced his surveying career with the old Toronto firm of Unwin, Murphy and Esten, which at that time consisted of Mr. Murphy and Mr. Esten.

Upon receiving his admission to practise as an Ontario Land Surveyor on February 15, 1916, Mr. Manser continued on with that firm and was admitted as a junior partner in the latter part of the year 1916 or early 1917. With the death of Mr. Murphy in 1921, and the passing of Mr. Esten in the year 1934, Mr. Manser continued in active field practice under the same name of Unwin, Murphy and Esten until the year 1965, when after some 50 years he was forced to relinquish active field work due to poor health.

Charlie Manser was recognized as one of the most knowledgeable and competent city surveyors of his time. With survey records, in his possession, which dated back over 100 years, his services were in constant demand for legal surveys of boundaries of land in the downtown section and older parts of the city. During the hungry thirties Mr. Manser talked the legal profession into the benefits which could be expected by adequate accident surveys for court exhibits. Since that time the performance of accident surveys, the production of plans and the attendance in court by an Ontario Land Surveyor, as an expert witness, has become a regular part of the work of the surveying profession.

Charlie Manser, as I knew him, was a bundle of nervous energy. He was left handed and both he and Ralph (Andy) Anderson always amazed me with their speed in making field notes and in conducting field work. Charlie cherished the firm name of Unwin, Murphy and Esten and in his will he specified that no change be made in the name of the firm.

Mr. Manser, while not an active participating member in the affairs of the Association, made it a point to keep himself well informed. For many years he was appointed as one of the scrutineers in the casting of ballots for the election of officers in the Association. His inquisitive mind made him an expert player at bridge, a game which he enjoyed a great deal. He was a member of the Y.M.C.A. for over 50 years.

Both he and his wife Irene (nee Monroe) attended Runnymede United Church.

Mr. Manser who passed away on June 9, 1970, is survived by his wife Irene, a daughter Jacqueline (Mrs. J. Walter Giles), one grandson and one granddaughter.