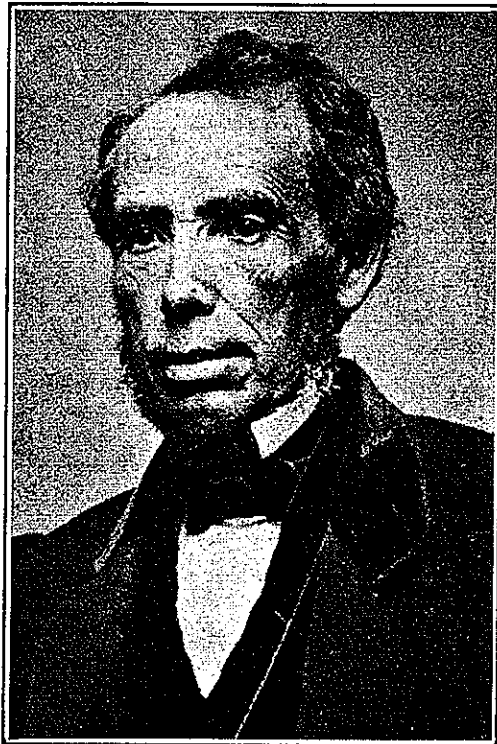


WILLIAM McCLARY

William McClary, P.L.S., was born in Pennsylvania, January 16th, 1812, and came to Canada in 1817 with his father, John McClary, Sen., who settled in the township of Westminster near the City of London.



John McClary, father of William McClary, had been connected with the lumbering business in Pennsylvania and continued in the lumbering business in the vicinity of London after he came to Canada.

John McClary, Jr., the youngest son of John McClary, Sen., was for years a prominent business man in London. He was the head of the McClary Mfg. Co. that specialized in stoves that are to be found from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The business has developed into a very important one during recent years.

William McClary taught school for a number of years and qualified and received his commission as a Deputy Provincial Land Surveyor on July 1st, 1843. The only definite record of his work found in the Department of Lands and Forests of Ontario was contained in instructions by the Hon. John Rolph, Commissioner of Crown Lands, issued to him from Quebec under date of January 2nd, 1852, upon a petition of the Municipal Council of the township of Westminster for a survey of the township line between the townships of Westminster and Dorchester from the River Thames to the township of Yarmouth. A letter from the clerk of the township of Westminster, dated 27th of May, 1852, informed the Crown Lands Department that: "Unfortunately, Mr. William McClary is engaged with a large survey in the West, so that he cannot undertake to survey for us. Therefore the Council of the Township of Westminster would wish to

allow them to have Mr. Charles Fraser, P.L.S., North Street, Westminster, in place of Mr. William McClary."

Mr. McClary wrote the Commissioner of Crown Lands from Maidstone, July 15th, 1852, as follows:—

"Sir: I wish to relinquish the survey of the eastern boundary of the township of Westminster, and if you will be kind enough, to release me from that survey I shall feel much obliged to you, as I have a good deal of other work to do."

Mr. McClary was directed to transfer the instructions to P.L.S. C. Fraser, 31st July, 1852.

In his professional work, Mr. McClary was chiefly engaged in surveying in many of the townships of Western Ontario. An important and somewhat historic survey made by him in the City of London, was the subdivision of a part of the Glebe Property of the Church of England, comprising two hundred acres, into city lots. The survey extended from Burwell Street on the west, to Adelaide Street on the east, and from Dundas Street on the north to Trafalgar Street on the south. This property is now in the centre of the City of London.

The accompanying photograph and facts regarding the late Mr. William McClary, were kindly furnished by Mr. John McKenzie Moore, a member of this association. Mr. Moore married a daughter of John McClary, Jr., and a niece of William McClary. Mr. McClary died in the City of London on December 3rd, 1893. He was unmarried.
