

ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO LAND SURVEYORS

SAMUEL G. McDOUGALL, B.Sc., O.L.S., Q.L.S.  
1892 - 1964

Samuel G. McDougall was born in Renfrew, Ontario in the year 1892. His early years were spent at that location, but the family moved to Ottawa, where his collegiate education was completed. As a young man, he was keenly interested in sports and outdoor activities. Whilst attending the University of Toronto he played rugby and also did some boxing for the University. With such a background, it was not to be wondered that he should consider surveying as a "fulfilling" vocation. He graduated in the year 1911 with his Bachelor of Science Degree, Civil Engineering.

After graduation, Mr. McDougall became engaged in the construction industry, working on the Trans-Canada Railway within the Province of New Brunswick, and it was whilst on this project that he met Marjory Sumner who, in 1916, became his wife. It was also during these years that he met and became articled to J. L. Morris, O.L.S. of Pembroke and received his Ontario Land Surveyor's commission on February 11, 1914.

During World War I he served overseas with the 4th Field Company Royal Canadian Engineers and rose to the rank of Major. Upon the cessation of hostilities he returned to civilian life and entered partnership with the firm of Farley and Cassels at Ottawa, adding to it his own name. In 1927 he started his own practice in Ottawa and continued until the year 1940. On April 17, 1934, Mr. McDougall obtained his commission to practise as a Quebec Land Surveyor. Much of his practice took him into the northern parts of Ontario and Quebec, where he surveyed mining claims and even staked a few for himself. His wife is ready to assert that the claims he staked for himself did not bring him fame or fortune.

During World War II Mr. McDougall was employed by the Foundation Company of Canada on building and construction projects around Montreal. He also became a civilian supervisor for the Royal Canadian Navy in their programme of outfitting mine sweepers.

Mr. McDougall was active in his profession until two years before his death which occurred on January 18, 1964. He enjoyed his garden, which was one of his chief hobbies. He was one of a large clan of Scotsmen and took great pride in his heritage. Mr. McDougall is survived by his wife, Marjory Sumner, who with one of their four daughters is residing in the family home at Chelsea, Quebec.