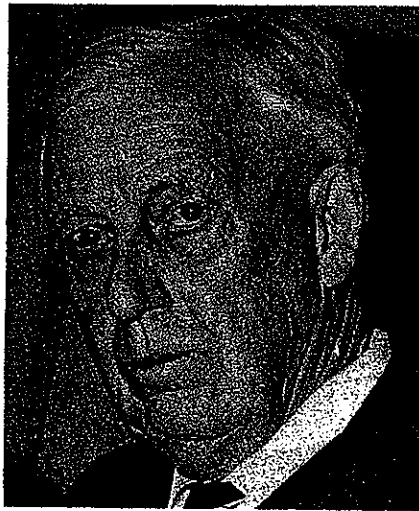


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the exterior boundaries of the penitentiary properties at Kingston and Collins Bay, Ontario, and Dorchester, New Brunswick; topographical surveys of Recreational centres at Toronto and Ottawa, Ontario and Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec in connection with the convalescence of veterans of the last war, and many other miscellaneous surveys in Ontario such as Indian Reserve lots and villages, Radio Beacon sites in connection with T.C.A. and historical sites.

He retired on superannuation from the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys at Ottawa at the end of November, 1950, after forty one years of almost continuous service. After retirement he practised around Ottawa as an Ontario Land Surveyor up until three weeks before his death, at age eighty six.

Mr. Chartrand's wife, Mrs. Fleurette Chartrand, is still living in Ottawa.



WILLIAM GRAHAM McGEORGE

O.L.S., D.L.S., P.Eng.

1887 - 1972

By Mrs. W. G. McGeorge

W. G. McGeorge was born in Chatham, Ontario in 1887 second son of W. G. McGeorge Sr. O.L.S. and his mother the former Jane Elizabeth Gardiner. His mother predeceased in 1901 and his father predeceased in 1906. At his father's death, Mr. McGeorge and three sisters survived from a family of seven.

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Mr. McGeorge was the third generation of an Engineering and Surveying family which originally settled in the Blenheim area near Chatham around the year 1848. His grandfather a Civil Engineer educated in Scotland had followed his profession in the Country prior to coming to the United States and later Canada. Mr. McGeorge's father also an Engineer and Surveyor practised in the Chatham area being largely responsible for the original Engineering work of reclaiming and draining much of the low lands in the area.

After his early education in Chatham schools, Mr. McGeorge entered S.P.S. and graduated with honors in 1908. After graduation, he took up the surveying profession being employed with the Federal Government for a period of two years in the field, carrying out survey work in Western Canada. After writing examinations he received his D.L.S. degree and then returned to Chatham to take up his father's practice. In 1910, Mr. McGeorge wrote examinations to qualify as an Ontario Land Surveyor being admitted to practice on February 22nd, 1911.

From that time Mr. McGeorge carried on his work as a Consulting Engineer and Surveyor in the area for a period of almost Sixty years until his retirement in 1968. Along with his other work, Mr. McGeorge served as County Engineer for the County of Kent until 1923 and it was during that time that he became known as one of Ontario's early road builders. During that period he was responsible for the construction of several miles of concrete pavement being some of the earliest work of that nature in Ontario. He also excelled in the field of Bridge design and construction, being responsible for the design and supervision of a very large number of bridges constructed during his lifetime. Among the bridge projects for which he was responsible might be mentioned the movable or bascule bridges constructed on the Thames River. The Prairie Siding Bridge constructed in 1923 near the mouth of the Thames, the Fifth Street Bridge, constructed in 1934, the Parry Bridge constructed in 1954 and the Third Street Bridge constructed in 1963, all bridges being in excess of three hundred feet in length.

Early in his career as a Consulting Engineer he turned his attention to the matter of Land Drainage which would remain the most important part of his life's work. In matters concerning drainage, Mr. McGeorge was regarded as an expert and a leader in the field. His drainage work carried him to all parts of the Province, where he was generally called upon to provide his opinion or to prepare the necessary plans and specifications to carry out the drainage work. The drainage projects which he undertook are too numerous to mention but it should be said that he undertook to drain and reclaim by pumping, areas of over 30,000 acres in size which schemes are very successful, consisting of very valuable farm land today. Some gravity drainage schemes carried out under his direction comprised areas of over 125,000 acres.

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Mr. McGeorge was a very hard worker and served as Township Engineer for both Dover and Chatham Townships in Kent County for almost sixty years. During his career, he served as a drainage Engineer for several Townships in Lambton County, Perth County and York County being also drainage consultant for the Holland Marsh Drainage Scheme near Bradford, Ontario for over twenty years. When Revisions of the Municipal Drainage Act were contemplated from time to time, Mr. McGeorge was generally consulted by the Province as to his opinion concerning any amendments.

As a surveyor, Mr. McGeorge carried on a brisk practise in the Chatham area doing legal surveys and for many years was the only surveyor in the area carrying out legal survey work. He was always meticulous, careful and accurate in his survey work.

Mr. McGeorge served the Association as President in 1925 and was appointed to the Board of Examiners in 1948 where he served as lecturer in Drainage Law and Drainage Engineering until 1966. Mr. McGeorge was appointed Honorary Vice President of the Association serving until his death in 1972.

In 1916, Mr. McGeorge was elected to the Chatham Board of Education and remained a member until 1922. He ran for election to the Chatham Water Commission in 1923 and was never defeated in an election, serving as Water Commission Chairman from 1923 until 1950 with the exception of three years.

Mr. McGeorge was an elder and member of the session of the First Presbyterian Church and served as Sunday School Treasurer and Superintendent for over forty-seven years. In 1912, Mr. McGeorge was appointed to the Chatham suburban road commission and served as a member for over forty years. During his practise Mr. McGeorge had two student apprentices - W. D. Colby, O.L.S. and A. L. Dutton, O.L.S.

On May 18th, 1972 Mr. McGeorge was returning home for lunch at noon hour and while crossing the street two blocks from home he was struck down by a truck. He was taken to the Hospital where he passed away about four hours later, never regaining consciousness.

Mr. McGeorge married Miss Irene Dolsen in 1912 and to them were born eight children - four girls, Mary (Mrs. W. L. Cochrane) Margaret (Mrs. Robert Jacks) Helen (Mrs. S. G. Coulter) and Jane (Mrs. G. Dewar) and four boys, William, David, Malcolm and Donald. Both David and Donald are members of the association. Had Mr. McGeorge lived two months longer he would have celebrated his Sixtieth wedding anniversary. He is survived by Mrs. McGeorge and all of his children at this date.

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The day after Mr. McGeorge passed away the last remaining member of his father's family, his sister Miss Flora McGeorge also died. Funeral services for Mr. McGeorge were conducted in First Presbyterian Church and burial was in the family plot in Maple Leaf Cemetery in Chatham.

Mr. McGeorge was a tireless worker establishing an unattainable record by today's standard for Municipal service. His work in which he excelled was his life's pleasure.



FRANK HARDING SMITH, O.L.S.

1925 - 1972

By R. J. Emo

Frank Harding Smith was born in Windsor, Ontario, October 20th, 1925. His parents were Thomas H. and Emma Smith. Frank was educated at Patterson Collegiate and served in the Royal Canadian Navy from March 1944 to April 1946 during which time he saw active service on the high seas. Following discharge from the Navy, he enrolled at the University of Western Ontario from which he graduated with a B.A. in 1949. In 1950, he entered the employ of Archibald Gray & McKay, Ontario Land Surveyors in London and was articled to Col. S. W. Archibald. He received his commission as an Ontario Land Surveyor in 1952. In 1953, he joined the Department of Public Works where he was employed until 1966 at which time he transferred to the Subsidies Branch of the Department of Municipal Affairs where he stayed until 1972 when he was transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food where he was employed as a Drainage Officer under the Farm Drainage Act.

In 1967, Frank received his Senior Certified Engineering Technologist accreditation from the Association of Professional Engineers.