

Family vacations were sometimes spent at a cottage in the summer and latterly, Mom and Dad usually vacationed in Myrtle Beach. Dad retired from Ontario Hydro in June, 1977 and continued his active lifestyle working out three times a week at his local health club and biking or walking miles daily until Arthritis stopped him late in 1995.

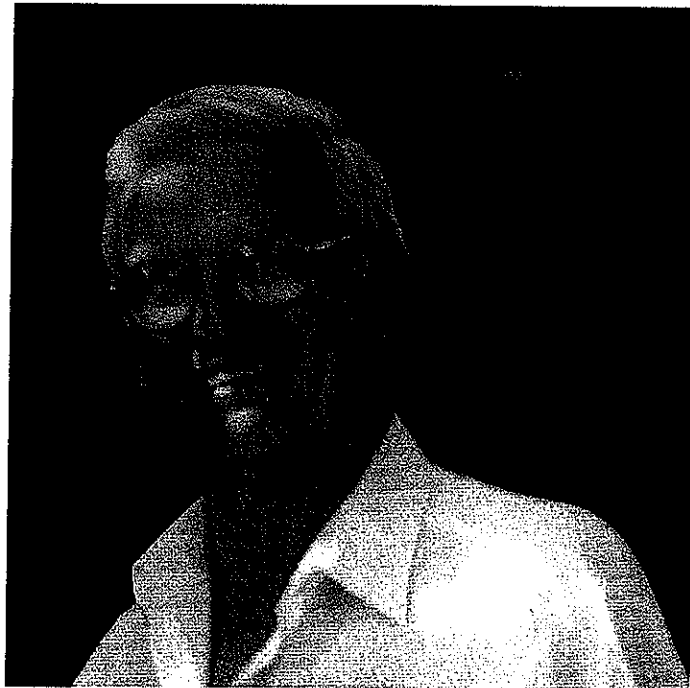
Dad was predeceased by our Mother Dorothy and is survived by daughter Penny (Mrs. B.F. Wilson), son Neil and two grandsons, David and Ryan. He died July 31, 1998.

SAMUEL STOTHARD MERCER, O.L.S.

**By Neil Simpson
1923 - 2000**

Sam began his surveying career in 1946 after three years in the Royal Canadian Artillery in which he served in World War Two in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

He became employed by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario where he was articled to Harry Williams, O.L.S.



After having served as a Party Chief on numerous Hydro-Electric developments, transmission right-of-way surveys and other property acquisition surveys mostly in Northern Ontario, he received his O.L.S. commission in 1953.

In 1955 he was appointed Local Master of Titles and Land Registrar for the District of Nipissing. His surveying background served him well in this capacity and with the implementation of the plan examination program he was also awarded the position of Assistant Examiner of Surveys for Nipissing District. He continued in these positions, as well as acting as General Manager of other Land Registry Offices in Northern Ontario until his retirement in 1985.

A quiet man, he was always very fair but firm in his dealings with the public, the law profession and the survey profession. He trained a large number of staff throughout the years and was well liked and respected by these people, many of whom gained important positions throughout the system.

He was dedicated to strengthening and improving the Land Registration System and was instrumental in achieving many of its better qualities.

A charter member of the North Eastern Regional Group of Ontario Land Surveyors, his fellow members relied heavily on his interpretation of the various regulations governing land registration and its relevant application to land surveying requirements.

Sam also gave generously of his time to his community through his membership in Rotary and he adhered strictly to Rotarian Principles. He was also active in the Royal Canadian Legion for well over fifty years.

A strong family man, he and his first wife Donna raised two fine sons who entered the professions of Law and Medicine. After Donna's untimely death, Sam married a mutual friend Tillie and was loved and respected by her children.

Sam Mercer was a credit to his profession, a dedicated Civil Servant and a loyal citizen of his country.

DAVID NIELSEN LOUNDER
October 23rd 1961 – January 20th 2001

Prepared by Nancy J. Grozelle, OLS, OLIP

David was born in Espanola and lived many places in Ontario including: Fort Frances, Nobleton, Cambridge and Woodbridge. David also spent a year living in Africa when he was a child.

After completing high school in Fort Frances, David moved to New Brunswick to study Forestry at the University of New Brunswick. It was while attending University that David ran his first marathon and became enthralled with competitive running and later cycling.

