

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY AND REPOSITORY



GEORGE HENRY RICHARDS, O.L.S.
M.E.I.C., P. Eng. (Ont.)

1898-1966

by D. A. Harrington

George Henry (Harry) Richards was born at Willington near Derby, England, on May 25th 1898, the son of George and Kate Richards. His early education was obtained there and at the age of 15, the family emigrated to Canada and settled in Norwich, Ontario, later moving to Brantford.

During the First World War, he joined the Royal Canadian Navy serving as a Petty Officer in minesweepers in the North Sea. On demobilisation he resumed his studies and articulated with Roger Lee in Brantford, receiving his commission as an O.L.S. on April 1st, 1923.

Soon afterwards he moved to Windsor and worked for Warner Bros. Civil Engineers and Surveyors, in Detroit, for approximately six years. He returned to Brantford in 1930 and again was employed by the firm of Lee and Nash, an association that continued until the advent of the Second World War.

During the Second World War, he held an appointment with Wartime Housing, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and it was while there that he was appointed City Engineer for the City of Brantford.

His association with the City of Brantford continued until he retired on June 1st, 1963. During his tenure as City Engineer he was responsible for the initiation of a great deal of trunk sewer work in the City and always regarded this and the building of the Sewage Treatment Plant as his

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most significant accomplishments. He persistently called for an end to the pollution of the Grand River and at the time of his death on February 2nd 1966, he was Chairman of the Grand River Conservation Commission.

Mr. Richards served as first secretary of the Brantford and Suburban Planning Board, was President of the Canadian Institute of Sewage and Sanitation and also President of the Grand Valley Group of Professional Engineers. In 1957 he was a member of a special committee appointed by the Government of Ontario to study the needs of municipal road systems.

Mr. Richards was a member of the American Water Pollution Council Federation, the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario and the Engineering Institute of Canada. He was also a member of the Brantford Rotary Club and St. Jude's Anglican Church.

He married the former Gertrude May Montgomery in 1925, who predeceased him on March 10th, 1963. He is survived by two daughters, Marjorie of Toronto, and Mrs. B. G. Young (Marilyn) of Ottawa, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Brantford.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTROL SURVEYS

H.A.K. Shipman of Ottawa

MR. CHAIRMAN, GENTLEMEN: I am pleased to submit the following report of the Committee on Control Surveys for the years 1969-70. The members of this Committee were: J. F. Goltz, Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton, W. W. Lorenz, Control Surveys, firm of W. S. Gibson & Sons, R. T. McCurdy, Federal Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, S. B. Panting, Ontario Department of Lands and Forests.

Resolution No. 1 passed at the 77th Annual Meeting influenced the structure of this Committee. Members were selected who, by the nature of their employment could contribute significantly toward fulfillment of the tasks outlined in the Resolution.

Resolution No. 1 – OPEN FORUM 77th Annual Meeting February 12, 1969.

"WHEREAS a system of control surveys will enable the orderly growth of a Municipality, the development of Surveying, Mapping, Engineering, Social and Economic Data Banks, the preservation of property boundaries and integrating of all private and public works; and

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable and appropriate that this Association meets its responsibility to the public by recommending a policy,