

William Edwin (Bill) Ridout, OLS # 722
1927 – 2010



Born in Toronto on November 28, 1927, Bill was the son of John and Margaret Ridout and the great great grandson of Thomas Ridout who had been appointed Surveyor General of Upper Canada in 1810.

After high school, Bill articulated with W.S. Gibson and was commissioned as an Ontario Land Surveyor in 1950. He initially worked with the Department of Highways and then did resurvey work for the provincial

government in Eastern Ontario.

After completing a diploma in Town and Regional Planning at the University of Toronto in 1959, he moved to Ottawa to enter a partnership with Fred Gooch. Three years later, he established his own surveying practice in Hawkesbury. In 1965, he took a surveying position with the City of Toronto and subsequently joined Municipal Planning Consultants. In 1975 he became a planner with York Region, retiring in 1992.

Bill was married to his wife, Mildred, for 57 years; he had four children and four grandchildren. An avid sailor, he died at his cottage on September 9, 2010.

Bill had a varied and interesting career, both as a surveyor and as a planner. He held himself to the highest professional standards and was extremely proud of his O.L.S. membership.