



PETER SALNA  
1919 - 1986

Peter Salna was born in Urogenai, Lithuania on September 7. He emigrated to Canada in 1948. Arriving in Canada, his first job was in Noranda Gold Mines and then on to mixing cement, picking beets, setting up bowling pins and working in a steel mill. After acquiring the English language, he started his survey career with the M.T.C., which was then called the Department of Highways.

In 1957 he was commissioned as an Ontario Land Surveyor and started his private practice. Business was slow and it was necessary to travel substantial distances in order to make ends meet. As time passed though, business picked up.

Mr. Salna had only three interests: his family, his work and hockey.

In 1978, he was diagnosed as having Renal Carcinoma, which had metastasized to the lung and the prognosis was "6 months". He fooled them all and lived for another 8 years. He died on June 12, 1986, leaving his wife Aline, daughter Linda and two sons, Dexter and Robert. Robert went on to follow in his father's footsteps, and is now operating P. Salna Company Limited.