

BIOGRAPHIES

J. RUSSELL SCOTT, O.L.S.

J. Russell Scott of 187 Lakeshore Road, well known Port Colborne citizen and former Engineer for the town of Port Colborne and County of Welland for many years, died May 16th, 1959, in Port Colborne General Hospital. He was in his 65th year and had been in ill health for the past month.



Born in Calgary, Alberta, son of the late Reverend and Mrs. Gilbert Scott, Mr. Scott resided in Port Colborne for the past 30 years. An Engineer and Ontario Land Surveyor, as well as carrying on his own practice, he was formerly Town Engineer for Port Colborne for five years and County Engineer for Welland County for 11 years. He was also consulting engineer for Humberstone Township at the time of his death.

Mr. Scott was an army veteran of World War One during which he won the Military Medal in action overseas.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and MacNab Lodge No. 169, AF and AM., charter member of Port Colborne Rotary Club, and was also active in the Boy Scout movement, having recently served as Secretary of Port Colborne and District Boy Scout Association.

Mr. Scott was noted for his artistry and draftsmanship. While serving as Welland County Engineer and Port Colborne Town Engineer, he designed the County and Town Crests. He also designed the War Memorial in the Port Colborne Presbyterian Church and the club banner for the Port Colborne Rotary Club.

While acting as Welland County Engineer, Mr. Scott established one of the first County Soil Testing Laboratories in the Province. He was a skilled photographer and always illustrated his Engineering Reports with photographs of completed work.

Mr. Scott's favourite sport was sailing. He spent many hours sailing on Lake Erie in front of his Port Colborne home.

He is survived by his widow, the former Margery Ross, one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Agnes) Chappelle in California, a sister Miss Ruby Scott of Toronto, three brothers, Jarvis in Leaside, Stuart in Vancouver, B.C., and Dr. Arthur Scott in Sault Ste. Marie.

He was predeceased by his son David, a Pilot Officer killed in action in Europe in 1943, and one brother, Gordon, of Toronto.