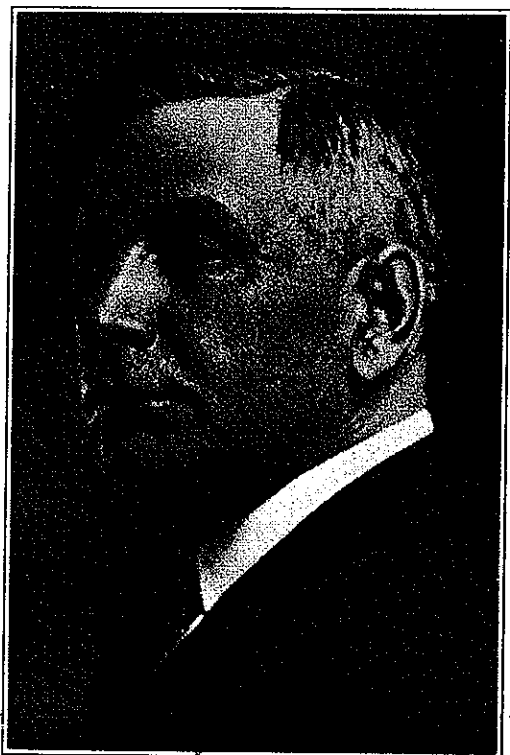


## NICHOLAS JOHN SLATER

The newspaper reports of his death give his name as Nicholas James Slater, but our reports give it Nicholas John Slater, a direct descendant of one of Ottawa's old and prominent families who was removed by the death June 9th, 1937, at the Civic Hospital, Ottawa. He was prominent in business

circles and widely known in club life for many years. He resided at 412 Sparks St., Ottawa. On February 16th, last, he celebrated his 58th birthday.



Mr. Slater was a great grandson of the late Nicholas Sparks, outstanding pioneer, and a grandson of the late J. D. Slater, at one time superintendent of the Rideau Canal. He was born in Ottawa in 1878, being the son of Mrs. Slater and the late Robert Nicholas Slater. Slater Street is named after his grandfather and both Sparks and Nicholas Streets after his great grandfather.

After receiving his early education in the local schools he graduated from McGill University as a civil engineer. Later he became a Dominion Land Surveyor, and on the 22nd February, 1911, he became an Ontario Land Surveyor, after being apprenticed to the late J. B. Lewis, O.L.S., but did not practise much, excepting with Mr. Lewis.

He saw service with the Canadian Contingent in the South African War and during the Great War served at shell inspection at Montmagny, Que. For several years he had been one of the executors of the late R. N. Slater.

On November 8th, 1922, N. J. Slater was married in St. George's Church, Ottawa, to Dorothy W. Small, daughter of the late Dr. H. B. Small, Ottawa. They were Anglicans and attended Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa. His widow survives. There is no family.

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Also surviving is his aged mother residing in Ottawa, and one brother Robert Kenneth Slater, Summerville, S.C., and one sister, Mrs. William Foster of the Aylmer Road. Sir Percy and Lady Sherwood are uncle and aunt.

N. J. Slater was a member of the Prince of Wales Lodge A.F. and A.M. and a life member of the Ottawa Golf Club. He also belonged to the Gatineau Fish and Game Club at 31 Mile Lake, and for a number of years to the Rideau Curling Club.

The fine dwelling next to Christ Church Cathedral which Mr. Slater made his lifetime home was erected by his father on part of the old Sparks property. The property in which Christ Church Cathedral stands was given to the congregation by Nicholas Sparks.

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DAVID LAYTON STEELE

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Was born August 14th, 1877, at Greensville, near Dundas, Ont. He was a son of the late James J. Steele, whose family was one of the earliest settlers of the district, and Anna Burford Layton, of Meaford. His mother passed away when he was but six months old, and he was brought up by his aunt in Meaford, where his grandfather was Postmaster.

After getting his early education there, he attended Ridley College and subsequently took a course at the School of Practical Science.

In 1902, he articed himself to J. G. Sing, O.L.S., and then his articles were transferred to Speight and vanNostrand. His date of registration as an O.L.S. was 29th May, 1905. He had a survey practice at Pointe au Baril, Georgian Bay of Lake Huron.

Mr. W. H. Sing of Meaford, who is a brother of J. G. Sing, provides us with the following data about David Layton: "Was an only son of the late James J. Steele, of Dundas, Ont. His mother was Abbie Layton, daughter of David Layton, once Postmaster at Meaford. David Steele had two half sisters, viz.: Mrs. Keagy and Mrs. T. P. Grubb, at 21 Delisle Avenue, Toronto. His ancestry as far back as I know was as respectable as most surveyors. David Layton never married, but, like all surveyors, was a desperate flirt. I employed him to survey islands for me on the north shore for a number of years. His father was a Presbyterian minister.

He died in Meaford, January 12th, 1912, and was buried there.