

COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHY

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.

DAVID LAYTON STEELE

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 articulated 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.