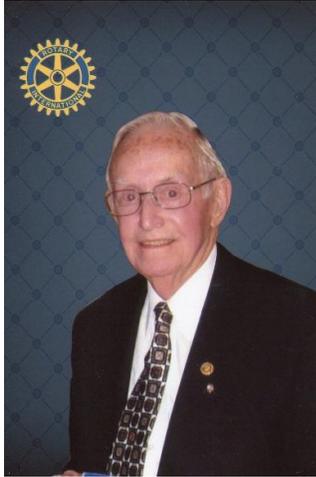


**Herbert Harvey Todgham, OLS # 682  
1924 - 2015**



Herb was born in Walkerville, Ontario (now part of Windsor) to Ida (Richards) and Herbert Todgham. He passed away at the age of 91 in Chatham, Ontario on May 18, 2015.

Herb grew up with his older brother, Ronald, and his younger sister, Mary. He attended King Edward Public School and Walkerville High School and continued his education at the University of Toronto. At university, he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity, of which he was Treasurer, and later President in his final year. While attending university, he worked for two summers with the Ford Motor Co., and for one summer with C.D. Howe's Consulting Firm on the construction of grain elevators for Hiram

Walker Ltd. in Walkerville. He graduated in 1946 with a B.A. Sc. in Civil Engineering and was registered as a Professional Engineer in the Province of Ontario in 1947.

Following graduation, Herb was employed in Toronto with the Structural Engineering Firm; Edgar A. Cross, helping to design the Carleton Theatre, the University Theatre and St. Joseph's Hospital. In 1948, he moved to Windsor to work on bridge design with C.G.R. Armstrong, Engineer and Land Surveyor, and apprenticed with him. He qualified as an Ontario Land Surveyor in 1949.

In June of 1948, Herb married Irene Martin, also from Walkerville. They were happily married for over 63 years when Irene passed away in 2011. Herb and Irene had 4 children; Jim (1998), Jill, Judy and John. They also had 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

In 1949, Herb and Irene relocated to Chatham, Ontario where Herb joined together with others to establish the Consulting firm of McCubbin, Brisco, and Todgham. The firm dealt with drainage, municipal engineering and surveying. In 1955, following the death of Mr. McCubbin, Herb formed two new firms, going into partnership with C. William Case (P.Eng.) as Todgham & Case Ltd. (Engineers) and setting up a separate firm, H.H. Todgham, O.L.S. (Land Surveyors). The firms offered general civil engineering services in structural engineering, road design, sewage treatment and sewer design, hydraulic and hydrologic analysis and design and land surveying. Herb was an accomplished structural engineer, who in conjunction with Chatham architect Joe Storey, designed many local landmarks such as the Chatham Public Library and the Pines Chapel. In addition, he also developed a provincially recognized expertise in hydrology and land drainage.

In the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors, Herb has served as member of the Drainage Committee from 1956 to 1976, lectured to O.L.S. candidates from 1968 to 1973, and served on the Board of Examiners from 1969 to 1979. In 1976, a joint A.O.L.S. /A.P.E.O. Committee on Land Drainage was established by the two professional organizations to improve the standard of professional practice of those working under the Drainage Act (initial Chairman of the committee from 1976-1978, re-elected Chairman for 1985). Herb assisted in the establishment of

the Kent County Chapter of the APEO (Association of Professional Engineers) in 1955 and was a member of the Board of Regulation. Herb was a member of the Ministerial Committee established by the Minister of Agriculture to prepare "Design and Construction Guidelines" for engineers practising under the Drainage Act. From 1969-1992, Herb presented seven papers at the annual Drainage Engineers Conference sponsored by the University of Guelph and the A.O.L.S./A.P.E.O Joint Committee on Land Drainage for Engineers practising in the field of land drainage in Ontario. From 1949-1987, Herb served on a regular consulting basis as Township Engineer for several municipalities in Kent, Lambton and Elgin Counties, preparing reports under the Drainage Act and advising on a variety of drainage and hydrology problems. This involved designing and overseeing the development of hundreds of subsurface and surface drainage systems for the drainage of agricultural lands in Southwestern Ontario. Beginning in 1951, Herb assisted individuals and municipalities across the province from Essex County north to New Liskeard and Sault Ste. Marie, from Goderich east to the Cornwall areas; in reviewing and solving their drainage problems and, where necessary, acting for them in related court cases. He was a Consultant to the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority on dyke reconstruction and protection on Jeanette's and Baptiste Creeks and on flood reduction and control on Indian and McGregor Creeks in Kent County during 1968-1983. He was also involved in the major diking project on the Lake Erie shoreline at McGeachy's Pond. In 1982, Herb was designated as a specialist in Agriculture Land Drainage by the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario. In 1984, Herb participated as a Drainage Specialist in a supervisory mission to Pakistan to review for the Canadian Government and the World Bank progress on a \$120 million land drainage and reclamation project (Mardan SCARP). In 1986, Herb conducted and published "A Study of Canadian Capabilities in Agricultural Sub-Surface Drainage" for the Canadian International Development Agency. In 1991, he was appointed for one year, Vice-Chairman of the Ontario Drainage Tribunal, which dealt with appeals under the Ontario Drainage Act. From 1992-1998, he was re-appointed Vice-Chair for varying terms ending in February, 2000.

Herb's activity with the A.O.L.S. resulted in being given its Professional Recognition Award in February, 1980. He was also presented with the APEO Citizenship Award in November, 1980. This is awarded to members of the APEO who have made a substantial contribution to humanity as citizens and members of the community while maintaining their identity as a Professional Engineer.

Herb was also a member of the Corporation of the Seven Wardens, Camp 14 of the Iron Ring (University of Windsor) from 1972 to 2007, and served as the Senior Supervising Engineer from 1993 to 2002.

In December, 1986, Herb retired from practice as an O.L.S. and in February, 1992, he retired from the Engineering firm of Todgham and Case Associates Inc.

Herb was always a very active volunteer in the Chatham community.

He became a Rotarian in 1949, and was a very active member for 66 years, until the time of his death. He acted as President during 1956-1957 and Treasurer for 16 years. He was Chairman of various committees and became a "Paul Harris" Fellow, one of the most prestigious awards given to a Rotarian, in 1981.

Herb was a long time member (1958-1976) of the Board of Trustees and Chair of the Board in 1962-1963 at the Public General Hospital in Chatham. He became an Honorary Member of the Board of Trustees in 1982. He was Chairman of the Nursing Management Committee of the Hospital from 1963-1973. Under his Chairmanship, the Hospital built its new Nurses' Education Building. As an engineer, he took a particular interest in the construction and the project benefited greatly from his participation. As Chairman, he led negotiations with St. Clair College (Thames Campus) prior to the Nursing School being moved to that facility in September, 1973. He continued on as Chairman of the College's Advisory Committee of Nursing Education. Also at this time, he served on the Executive of District #1 of the Ontario Hospital Association, later becoming its Chairman.

In 1976, Herb became Chairman of the Kent County District Health Council, an advisory board to the Provincial Minister of Health, concerned with the planning of healthcare on a local basis. He was a Charter Council Member from 1976-1982; Chair of the Council 1976-1979.

Herb joined Park Street United Church in 1949; was an Elder, later becoming a Member and Chair of the Board of Trustees. At amalgamation in 2006, he moved to St. Andrews United Church.

He was a member of the founding Board of Directors of Maple City Golf and Country Club beginning in 1957, and continued being on the Board during construction and development of the Golf Course.

Herb became a member of the Chatham Branch of St. John Ambulance in 1985, was Chair of the Branch from 1987-1992, and was admitted to the Order of the St. John of Jerusalem as a Serving Brother in 1990.

In 1951, Herb represented the Rotary Club of Chatham as a member of the founding committee of the Chatham Minor Hockey Association.

Herb and Irene owned a summer cottage on Lake Erie, in the Rondeau Provincial Park area. They both enjoyed swimming, sailing and spending time there with family and friends. Herb was the Commodore of the Rondeau Yacht Club during the summer of 1968. He was still able to enjoy the beach and daily swims in the lake the summer before his death.

Herb's favourite hobby was photography. He took his camera on the many adventures that he and Irene took. They travelled extensively many times and always enjoyed picture nights with their family and many friends upon their return.

Herb had a huge impact on many people during his long and rewarding life. People will always remember him as being a "Real Gentleman".

Submitted by Ms. Judy Gerber