

**THOMAS H. TRACY**

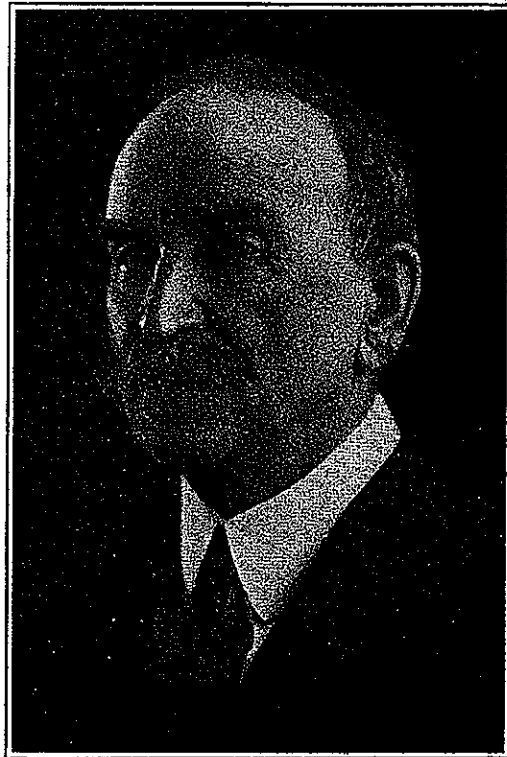
Lt.-Col. Thomas Henry Tracy was born in London, Ontario, on June 25th, 1848. His parents John Tracy and his wife Mary Brady Tracy came to Canada in 1840 and settled at London. John Tracy died in 1897 and his widow in 1899.

Thos. H. Tracy attended the schools at London and deciding to take up Land Surveying as a profession, he apprenticed himself to Mr. William Robinson, City Engineer for the City of London. Mr. Tracy qualified as a Provincial Land Surveyor on April 8, 1870. In 1874 he entered into partnership with Mr. Robinson and upon the retirement of Mr. Robinson in 1878 Mr. Tracy was appointed City Engineer.

The Springbank Water Works System of London was designed and constructed under the supervision of Robinson and Tracy. In 1891 he resigned his position at London, to assume the City Engineership of Vancouver, B.C., a position he held for fifteen years. In 1906 he resigned to enter private practice as Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor. He installed Water Works Systems at Revelstoke, Kamloops, Nanaimo, Ladner and other places.

In 1920 he was elected as Alderman for Ward No. 1 in the City of Vancouver and continued as representative of this Ward until his death.

Mr. Tracy took an interest in Military affairs, and won the Fenian Raid and North West Rebellion Medals. In 1887-8 he reorganized the Seventh Battalion at London and was its Commanding Officer retiring with rank of Lt.-Colonel when he removed to Vancouver.



Col. Tracy was an enthusiastic Mason and Past Master of St. John's Lodge 209 A, which presented him in May, 1925 with a Medal commemorating his fifty years as a Past Master. He was also a Member of St. John's Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons and Past Em. Prior of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory Knights Templars, member of Scottish Rite and last surviving member of the old Enoch Chapter of Royal and Select Masters Cryptic Rite and Past Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Col. Tracy married Sara M. Bryan of Amsterdam, N.Y., at Bloomington Grove, N.Y., in August 25th, 1874. They had two children, one daughter Sara Louie, who married Douglas Creighton, of Vancouver, and one son Lieut. Thos. Leonard Tracy, who was killed in action near Poziers in Sept. 12, 1916.

Col. Tracy died at his home in Vancouver on October 31, 1925, survived by his widow and daughter.

To Mrs. Creighton we are indebted for the information contained in this sketch and for the photograph, taken of Col. Tracy only a few months before his death.

The following is from the "Vancouver Daily Province," of Nov. 2, 1925:

"In fit recognition of his long career in the public, professional and fraternal life of Vancouver, the services at Christ Church and later at the graveside in Mountain View Cemetery, were largely attended. The service at the cemetery was conducted by Western Gate Lodge A.F. & A.M.

"Mr. G. F. Scott, master of this lodge, read the Masonic service at the graveside. At the close a few words were said by Rev. C. C. Owen, a personal friend of the family for many years.

"The Church of England burial service in Christ Church at 2 o'clock was conducted by Most Rev. A. U. DePencier, Archbishop of New Westminster. He was assisted by Rev. Dr. W. W. Craig, rector of Christ Church. Rev. A. H. Sovereign, Rev. M. H. Jackson and Rev. C. C. Owen.

"The pall-bearers, Free Masons and personal friends of the deceased, were Messrs. Charles E. Tisdall, H. P. McCraney, Point Grey Police Commissioner; J. R. Seymour, J. H. Greer and W. C. Ditmars and Sheriff Charles Macdonald.

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"The City of Vancouver was represented by Mayor L. D. Taylor and the six remaining aldermen, who acted as honorary pall-bearers. The heads of the various civic departments were also present.

"Paying their last respects to their former comrade, veterans of the Fenian Raid and the Northwest Rebellion were in attendance."

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### W. W. STULL

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Latham Stull, born 1750, died 1845, and his wife, Ann Catharine Hutt, born 1768 and died 1857, were United Empire Loyalists who came to Canada in 1784 from Schohari Valley, Pennsylvania. His ancestors came originally from Holland, went to England and later to the State of New York. These pioneers settled in the Niagara district near what is now known as the Village of Homer. The new Welland Ship Canal passes through the Stull homestead. The name was originally spelled Stuhl but was changed to Stull after coming to Canada.

Captain John Stull, born June 14th, 1802, died March 20th, 1858, married Marie Traver born May 6th, 1804, died December, 1865. They had seven children as follows: Catharine, born 1828, William Lewis, born February 8th, 1830, Susan, born 1832, Latham T., born 1835, James A., born 1840, John E., born 1844, Brock H., born 1847, all of whom were born on Lot No. 24 in the 9th Concession of Esquesing where Captain John Stull settled in October, 1826, the farm being granted to him as the son of a United Empire Loyalist.

