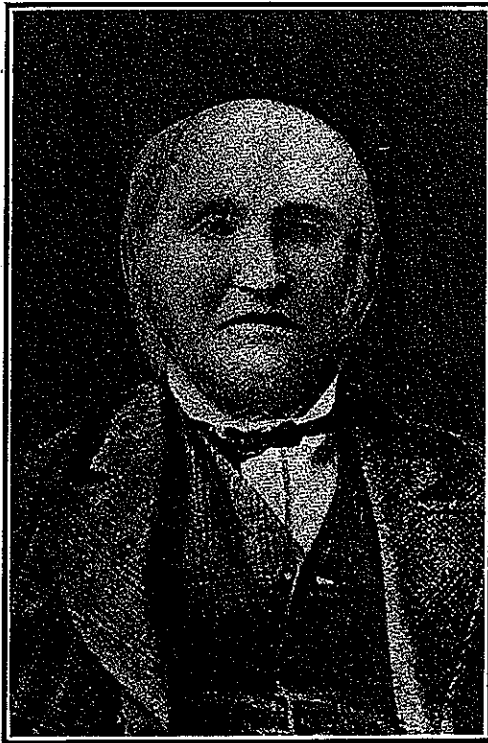


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Thomas W. Walsh, son of Francis Leigh Walsh, and grandson of Thomas Welch, D.P.S., was born on May 5th, 1819, and at an early age removed to Simcoe. He qualified as a Deputy Provincial Surveyor on April 25th, 1842.

For some time, he was in partnership with William Mercer, who passed his examinations in 1856, the firm name being Walsh & Mercer. Some years after this partnership was dissolved, he joined with James F. Wilson, a Civil Engineer, who had formerly been employed on the Inter-colonial Railway, the firm name being Walsh & Wilson.

In the County of Norfolk, he made surveys and plans of all or part of the following:

Town of Simcoe, Villages of Port Dover, Waterford, Port

Rowan, Delhi, Vittoria, Langton, Lynedoch, Port Ryerse, St. Williams, and many others.

Mr. T. W. Walsh received instructions from the Provincial Government to verify survey of line between Walpole and Woodhouse in 1845; fourth concession line of Woodhouse 1852; first concession line of Windham 1853. He also made a sub-division survey for the Dominion Government, south of Yorkton in 1881.

His office stood on the site of the present Registry Office on Court House Square. He was a candidate for Parliamentary honors in 1858, but was defeated by Walker Powell.

For many years, he was a member of the Town Council and the County Council, and in 1880 and 1881 was warden of Norfolk County. On April 14th, 1885, he was appointed County Treasurer, and held that position until his death.

For some time he was also in the Registry Office acting as Deputy Registrar for his father.

He died at Simcoe on November 14th, 1895, and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Simcoe.

Mr. Thomas W. Walsh was a Conservative and an Anglican.

He married Eliza Henshall, who was born at Kensington, London, England. They had three children, Mary Deane, who married Frank King, at that time Deputy Sheriff for Norfolk County; Elizabeth Elsie, who married George Bruce Jackson, a lawyer in Simcoe; and Francis, who was never married. All of these children are now dead. Mrs. King died without children, but Mrs. Jackson had three; Leigh, of Chicago; Mrs. (Dr.) Williams, of Ingersoll, and Mrs. Frank Bain, of Hamilton.

Aquila Walsh, second son of Francis Leigh Walsh, resided at Simcoe, and was a prominent member of the community.

He was appointed Chairman of the Commission to construct the Intercolonial Railway in 1868, which position he held for some years.

He represented the County of Norfolk, in the Parliament of Canada, from 1861 until Confederation, and represented North Norfolk in the House of Commons, from 1867 until 1872, when he was defeated by John Charlton.

He was again a candidate for North Norfolk in 1878, but was again defeated by John Charlton. In 1881 he was appointed Commissioner of Dominion Lands, which office he held until his death at Winnipeg, on March 7th, 1885, as the result of a fall on the street. He was buried at Simcoe.