

BIOGRAPHIES

NORMAN EVERETT WARD

Norman E. Ward was born at Hamilton, Ontario, on the 2nd of July, 1898, being the youngest of the eight children born to Louisa Elizabeth Bex, born December the 15th, 1857, in Kent County, England, and Richard Layzel Ward, born August the 9th, 1857. The parents were married at Sanderstead Church at Sanderstead, England; the birthplace of Richard L. Ward.



They later decided to migrate to Canada, arriving on the 24th of May in the year 1887, during a heavy snow storm.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the Public Schools at Hamilton, Ontario, and attended the old Hamilton Central Collegiate Institute which was later destroyed by fire in the year 1946.

At the age of approximately twenty years, Mr. Ward enlisted in the R.C.A.F., serving in England during which time he, amongst other duties, participated in the patrols along the English Channel.

At the expiration of the First World War he returned to Canada and was apprenticed to J. J. MacKay of the firm of MacKay, MacKay & Perrie, and was granted a commission on the 24th of April, 1922. During this period a considerable

amount of his time was spent in the design and subdivision of what is now known as the Westdale Area in Hamilton, one of the earliest attempts in Canada to produce a satisfactory residential and commercial area with modern planning of streets and lots.

Mr. Ward was noted for his careful and accurate field work and his excellent standard of draftsmanship, particularly in the preparation of plans of subdivision.

After obtaining his commission as a Land Surveyor, he enrolled in Engineering Courses of the Carnegie Institute of Technology. Following completion of his courses he obtained employment with the Calorizing Company of Pittsburgh, Pa.

On November 20th, 1926, he married Marjorie E. McIlroy of Hamilton and from this union a daughter, Elizabeth Barbara Ward, was born on November 3rd, 1928, who is married to R. W. Missen, Ph.D.

During his service overseas with the R.C.A.F., Mr. Ward was required to undergo a sinus operation, which apparently was not satisfactorily performed, and in January, 1932, while undergoing a tonsillectomy at Pittsburgh and a repair operation on the sinus, infection set in from which he subsequently passed away on January 18th, 1932; burial taking place at Hamilton.

Pleasant and cheerful at all times, and with an outstanding personality—his premature death was a tremendous shock to his many friends and fellow workers in the profession.

It is regrettable that this young surveyor who had made outstanding contributions to the profession in many ways, was not able to continue in his chosen field.