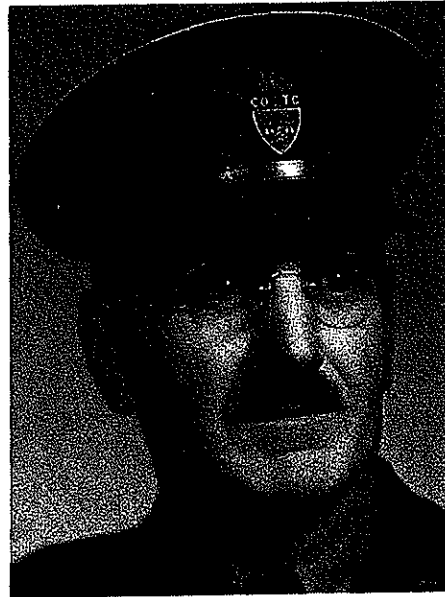


BIOGRAPHIES



Lt. Col. McCLELLAND BARRY WATSON

Barry Watson was born in Toronto the 22nd of January, 1889, son of Joseph Watson and Jessie May (Lyon) Watson. He received his primary education in Toronto and Winnipeg, his high school education in Weston, Ontario, after which he entered the University of Toronto where he graduated in 1926 with the degree BASC in Civil Engineering. Later he received the professional degrees CE and ME.

After a distinguished career in civil and mechanical engineering and various assignments in the armed services, he started a career in land surveying. He was apprenticed to W. J. Baird and received his commission as an OLS in 1947. He then opened a private practice in Niagara Falls, Ontario, which he continued for some twelve years. He was active as a board member in at least three local organizations, the Niagara Falls Public Library, the Canadian Club of Niagara Falls and the Humane Society.

Mr. Watson married Edith Urquhard, and following her death he married Mary Mervynne. He is survived by two children, Manoy Helen (now Stewart) and Barry Urquhart.

Prior to his career as a land surveyor his professional activities included municipal engineering in Manitoba, mechanical engineering in Toronto; director, Department of Engineering, Central Technical School, Toronto, 1919-26; and five years practice as a consulting mechanical engineer. At some stage during this time he spent two years as head of mathematics and science at the American High School, Guadalajara, Mexico.

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Mr. Watson was active in professional organizations as chairman, Ontario Section, American Society of Mechanical Engineers; counsellor and registrar, Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario; secretary-treasurer, Dominion Council of Professional Engineers.

As indicated earlier, Barry Watson had an active career in the armed forces, starting with the Canadian Militia, then as sergeant in the Canadian Expeditionary Force. In 1916 he was a lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps and returned to Canada in 1917 where he was an instructor in the School of Aeronautics with the rank of Captain. In 1920 as a major he organized the Ground School, Canadian Air Force.

Nineteen thirty-eight found him on active service again as chief instructor, Canadian Officers Training Corps, University of Toronto. During 1945-46 he was Lt. Col. Commanding, COTC, Toronto. He retired from active service at the age of 55, after which he began his career in land surveying.

Mr. Watson was also very active in the community wherever he lived. These activities include vice-president, Humane Society; vice-president, St. John's Ambulance Corps. He was an Elder in Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto, for twelve years; a Vestryman (ten years) and later Warden (four years) in an Anglican Church in Niagara Falls. While in Mexico he was Vestryman and Lay-Reader in an Episcopal Church in Guadalajara where he also served as Treasurer for eight years.

Barry Watson had a long and useful life. Through his professional practice, his active part in many professional organizations, and his part in church and community affairs, he made a great contribution to the task of making our world a better place in which to live.