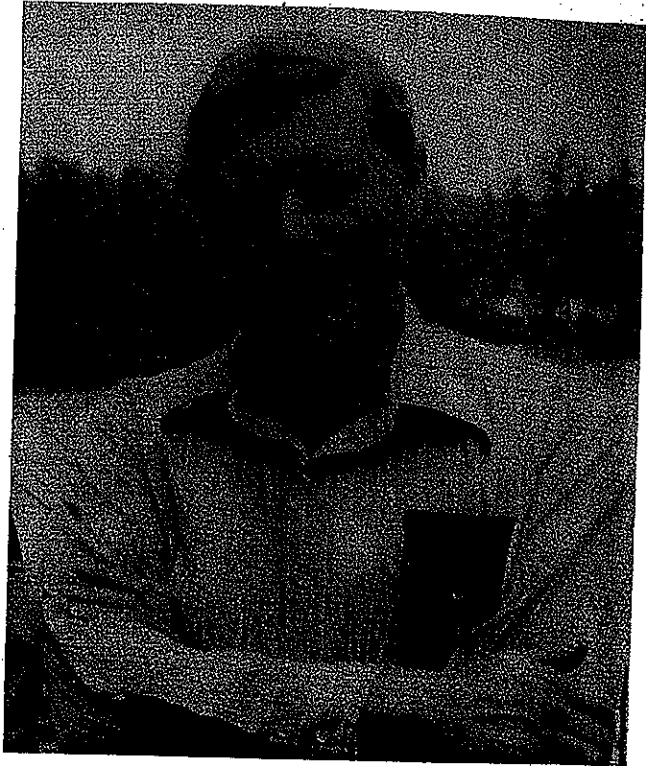


Bart had strong faith - giving a great deal of time and talent to the church. He was a founding member of the First Muskoka Congregational Christian Church - where his unfailing encouragement and love was a source of inspiration. He was a true disciple of God.

He is sadly missed by myself and by his children Carolyn, Michael and Bart Jr. along with their families. It was my privilege to have been his wife and best friend for many years. The world is a better place because he lived for a while amongst us. We were blessed to have known him and his memory will continue to live on in the many lives he touched.



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## WILLIAM FREDERICK WEAVER 1903 - 1991

by Glen A. Weaver, O.L.S. (Ret.)

Few names among Ontario Land Surveyors hold the honoured place that "Fred" Weaver won by his dedication to the profession over a period of 53 years.

Fred was born on January 8, 1903 in the District of Wells, County of Somerset, England, the son of Arthur Charles Weaver and Georgina Weaver. The family of six emigrated from England in 1908 and settled in the Toronto Beaches area. He attended Earl Grey Public School and Riverdale Collegiate to Grade 10, finishing Grades 11 and 12 at night school because of family finances. He married Mabel A. Wice of Barrie, Ontario in 1928; she predeceased him in 1974. There were two children, Glen A. Weaver, B.Sc., O.L.S. (Ret.) and Georgina Gaye Weaver (Else), both now living in the City of North York.

Fred was engaged by the prestigious Toronto survey firm of Speight and Van Nostrand in 1923. He received excellent training, initially as an apprentice and later as a fully qualified Ontario Land Surveyor (#568, commissioned May 22, 1926) in city, farm, and Northern Ontario Township surveys, primarily under the direction of Ralph M. Anderson, O.L.S.

During 1926, while working in the Red Lake "frontier" district, he was privileged to watch a three-day ceremonial gathering of all Indian tribes in Northwestern

Ontario. Another interesting event he liked to recall from the same period occurred as their heavily loaded survey party was moving upstream in early June on the Chukuni River. They met a large Indian birch bark canoe loaded with fur from the winter hunt being paddled by an Indian squaw downstream to the Hudson Bay Post at Lac Seul. At the bow of the canoe sat a straight, lean, picturesque white man clad in his best buckskins, with his arms folded, a paddle across his knees, and smoke pouring out of his large bowl-shaped pipe. They passed each other on that remote river with a slight wave of the arm and not a word was spoken.

In 1930, at the start of the Great Depression, Fred had an opportunity to join the Surveys Branch of the Dept. of Lands and Forests and wisely took it. He served as Surveyor and Chief Draftsman, working his way up to Chief Inspector of Surveys and Assistant to the Surveyor General. He retired from government service in 1963 and engaged in consulting work for several years thereafter.

Fred first contributed to A.O.L.S. committee work when he served on the Mining Committee in 1933. In those early years, three other committees on which he served were Entertainment 1938-41 (Chairman 1940 and '41), Land Surveying 1939-40 (Chairman 1943-44), and Topographical and Exploration Surveys in 1941-43.

During his years with the government, he was primarily responsible for the annulment of non-essential Crown Township subdivisions where the original survey monuments and lines had become obliterated. His paper on the matter is contained in the 1943 Annual Report. Resulting from that paper, a special committee, "Annulment of Township Surveys", was set up, of which Fred was appointed Chairman. He also prepared contracts for the restoration of original survey monuments and original and retracement Crown surveys. He was the author of the departmental publication "Ontario Surveys and the Land Surveyor". It was published in 1946 by the Canadian Geographical Journal. In 1962, it was updated and re-published by the Dept. of Lands and Forests as "Crown Surveys in Ontario". It was revised and, again, published in 1968.

Two other departmental publications of which he was the author were Manuals of Instructions, one governing the survey of mining claims in Ontario and the other governing the survey of summer resort locations on Crown Land.

In 1945, Fred was elected a member of the Council of Management. On Council, he served the full four year term, being Vice-President in 1948-49 and President in 1949-50. During that period, he also served on three committees: Town Planning in 1946, Educational, beginning in 1946 and continuous for nine years into 1954, and also Discipline in 1948. His membership on the Educational Committee, which began in 1946, gave Fred the opportunity to establish a training program with special courses and enlisted lecturers. Students were found amongst members of the army survey regiment and the air force, as well as from the university engineering graduates.

After leaving Council, Fred served on ten more committees. They were Nominating, 1950-52, and '54; Legislation, 1953-61, serving as Chairman in 1956 and 1958 at the time that Council requested a complete revision of the Surveys Act (a monumental task indeed!); Aerial Surveys and Mapping, 1954; Board of Examiners, from

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December 1, 1954 to October 1, 1966; Biography, 1964-70, being Chairman the first two years; Auditor, 1967-1970; Discipline in 1969; Regulations and By-Laws, 1969-71; Surveyors Act, 1969; and Complaints in 1971. During his twelve years on the Board of Examiners, Fred stressed to his students an in-depth understanding of the basic rules governing the concept of the Surveyors Act.



In 1954, Fred Weaver became a member of the Board of Trustees of the new Improvement District of Manitowadge. He was deeply involved in the development of the townsite and all municipal and educational services.

He remained on the Board, which occupied a great deal of his personal time, until 1958. By that time, Manitowadge had become a model community with a population of 3,000. During that four-year period, he was on the Board of Directors of Manitowadge General Hospital.

Fred served one more year on Council of Management. It was in 1968 when he was appointed its representative of the Minister of Land and Forests.

In 1971, at the age of 68, he was honoured by the presentation to him of the AOLS Professional Recognition Award. Fred had served on nineteen committees over a period of thirty-six years. He continued to assist the Secretary-Treasurer in administrative duties, in particular, the handling of Complaints for many years afterwards and finally went on the retired list on November 1, 1979. He took part in the Veterans' Luncheon in 1985 and in his last act for the Association, at the age of 82, gave a technical and anecdotal presentation to the general assembly entitled "Looking Back Over the Past Century and Beyond", (The Ontario Land Surveyor, Spring 1985, pp. 4 - 9).

On September 30, 1991, in Scarborough, at the age of 88 years, William Frederick Weaver passed away. In addition to his two children, at the time of his death he was survived by eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Fred Weaver was indeed a truly dedicated survey professional, sincere, personable, knowledgeable, and always willing to take on extra work for the benefit of the Association and its present and future members.