

ROBERT F. WEST

John West and his wife, Letitia West, came to Canada from Enniskillen, County of Fermanagh, Ireland, and settled on a farm near Orangeville. He died in Orangeville on Dec. 29th, 1887, in his 62nd year.

Their children were as follows:—

Charlotte, born March 12th, 1855; Edwin J., born Feb. 27th, 1857; Robert Francis, born May 13th, 1859; Margaret L. (married Bentley) born June 29th, 1861; Jennie M. (married Stevenson), born June 6th, 1864, died April 15th, 1904, and Thomas C., born April 29th, 1868.

Robert F. West was educated at the Orangeville Public and High Schools and after service for four years with Charles J. Wheelock, he qualified as a Provincial Land Surveyor on April 7th, 1881. He practised his profession at Orangeville until about 1913, when he removed to Grand Valley, a village about thirteen miles to the Westward. His health failing him, he removed to Toronto and took up his residence with his son, Frank R. West. His death occurred on August 31st, 1922.

In May, 1885, he married Elizabeth A. Webber, by whom he had two sons and three daughters, who are now living, also three children who died in infancy.

The surviving children are as follows:—

Florence, (Mrs. W. Ferris), Toronto, born Sept. 15th, 1890; John E. of Kansas City, born Oct. 17th, 1892; Frank R. of Toronto, born March 25th, 1894; Jennie M. of Toronto, born August 29th, 1896, and Ella M. of Toronto, born Oct. 27th, 1898.

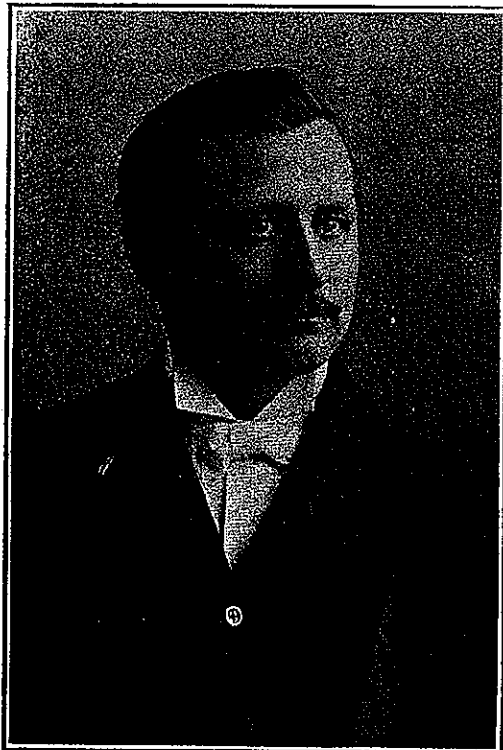


Mr. West carried on a general practice at Orangeville. He held the position of Engineer for a number of years in Townships of Dufferin and Grey at different times, and in 1893 or '94 was elected a member of the Town Council of Orangeville. When the waterworks system was constructed in 1895-1896, he held the position of Resident Engineer under Willis Chipman, who designed the works.

He was well read, had a retentive memory and could deliver on occasions an instructive and witty address. He possessed the Irish temperament—genial, kindly, frank and honest, a general favorite without an enemy.

His youngest brother, Thomas C., is a prominent member of the bar in San Francisco and was recently elected Senator for California.

JOHN H. SHAW.



John Henry Shaw was born in the Township of Westmeath, County of Renfrew, Ontario, on August 18th, 1867.

His father, Daniel Shaw, was born in 1825, came to Canada from New York State in 1844 and died at Westmeath in 1898. His grandfather, Thomas Shaw, returned to New York State in 1857 and died there in 1861. One of the grandsons of Thomas Shaw states that he originally came from Germany, while other grandchildren state he came from Scotland to America.

John H. Shaw received his primary education at the Public Schools and graduated in engineering

from the School of Practical Science in Toronto in May, 1898. He then became articled to Jas. L. Morris, O.L.S., of Pem-