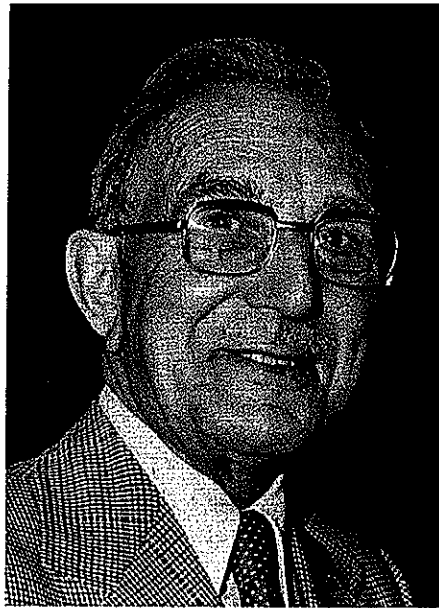


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**W. HARRY WILLIAMS, P.ENG., OLS**  
**(1900 — 1978)**

W. Harry Williams died in hospital in Toronto on October 20, 1978, after a short illness. He was a professional engineer, an Ontario Land Surveyor and a past president of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors.

Harry was born in Pembroke, Ontario, on May 18, 1900, and completed his early schooling there. In 1922 he went to work for J.L. Morris, OLS, in Pembroke and subsequently entered under articles to Mr. Morris. For two years during his articleship he was on loan to the survey firm of Beatty & Beatty, OLS, who later became surveyor general of Ontario. In 1927, Harry transferred his articles to the Toronto firm of Speight, Van Nostrand, Ward and Anderson, where he worked under Ralph Anderson, on city surveys in Toronto and on baseline and meridian surveys near Kenora. He was commissioned as an Ontario Land Surveyor in 1929 and joined the Ontario Department of Highways as a survey supervisor. In 1935 he was appointed district surveyor, Northern District.

In 1937 Harry joined the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, now Ontario Hydro, as an assistant surveys engineer. He was soon promoted to the position of chief land surveyor and in 1953 became the first chief surveyor for the Commission and remained in that position until his retirement from Ontario Hydro in 1965.

Retirement was not the end of Harry's career. In 1965 he joined the consulting engineering and surveying firm of Marshall Macklin Monaghan Limited as a survey consultant and was involved in the development of the firm's surveying services. He traveled widely on behalf of the firm and he and his wife, Mary, ably represented the firm at many professional and scientific gatherings.

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Harry was well known and respected in the survey field. He was a councillor (1953-1956) and president (1957-1958) of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors and a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario, The Canadian Institute of Surveying, the American Right of Way Association, and the Ontario Good Roads Association.

Harry's career in surveying spanned almost 60 years, an enviable record. Although he achieved notable success in his chosen profession, he was quick to credit others for his success, in particular, the many professional surveyors with whom he worked in the earlier part of his career. Among his many fine qualities were his consideration and respect for others, the mark of a truly great human being.

Harry enjoyed an active membership for many years at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club and the University Skating Club and maintained an interest in many sports, especially hockey, figure skating, golf and curling.

Harry is survived by his wife, Mary, two daughters, Jean and Margaret, and four grandsons. He will be sadly missed by his many friends and associates.