

HENRY WINTER.

The Dean of the Surveying Profession in this Province passed away at Wallaceburg on Sunday, November 21st, 1920. He had enjoyed a long active life and superintended a survey in the field in January, 1920. He succumbed from infirmities of age, but was conscious almost to the end and his mental faculties were clear and alert to the last.

He and his wife spent October, 1920, on their farm, Lot 9, Concession 8, Sombra.

The funeral service was held in the Catholic Church of Our Lady of Help.

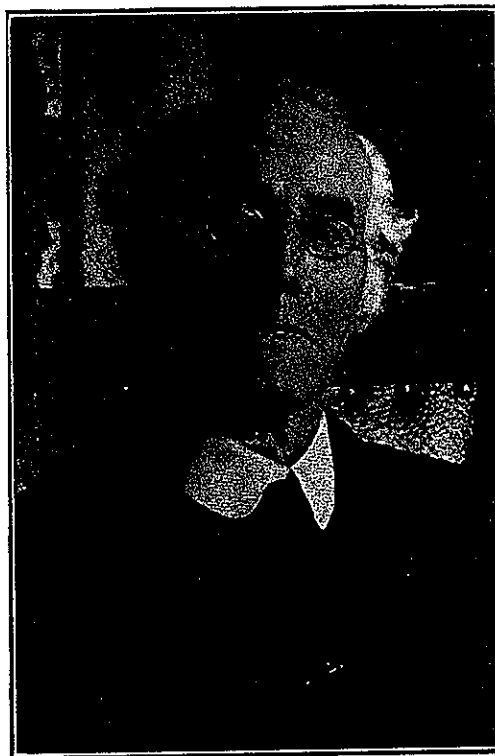
His grandfather, Solomon Winter, born September 8th, 1798, was a U. E.

Loyalist, and came to Canada from Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, after the American Revolution.

On February 7th, 1825, he married Sarah Cleaver, who was born February 16th, 1807. She was also a U. E. Loyalist from Pennsylvania. They took up their residence at Nasagaweya, where their two eldest children, James and Henry, were born. They then moved to Nelson Township, where they lived during the remainder of their lives. Solomon Winter died May 7th, 1876, and his wife on September 17th, 1868.

Their children were as follows:—James, 1826; Rachael, 1829; Susan, 1823; Mary, 1843; Henry, Oct. 13, 1827; Roland, 1831, and Thomas, 1838.

Henry Winter wrote on the back of a photograph presented to the writer "that he was born on a limestone rock adjoining a cedar swamp in the Township of Nasagaweya." The location was not far from Milton.



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For a short time he taught school in the Townships of Caledonia and Nelson.

In 1850 he was apprenticed to R. W. Kerr, father of the late Senator Kerr, to study land surveying, and served three full years, passing his final examination as P.L.S. on July 11th, 1853. For a short time afterward he was employed on the Toronto and Hamilton railway surveys.

In 1854 he opened an office at Milton and was appointed County Engineer for Halton, which position he held for ten years.

In 1863 he moved to the Township of Sombra, where he engaged in farming operations, as well as surveying. He remained on the farm forty years, removing to Wallaceburg in 1903 to live with his daughter, Mrs. Walton. Mr. Winter was at one time Reeve of the Township of Sombra.

George B. Abrey served his apprenticeship with Henry Winter at Milton, 1887-1860. Thos. Featherson, who qualified in 1862, also served his apprenticeship with Mr. Winter. He went to the United States and served with the Engineers under General Grant during the Rebellion.

On February 11th, 1860, Henry Winter married Joanna Coffee. Twelve children were the issue of this marriage. Harriett, 1860; Julia, 1861; Ellen, 1864; Katherine, 1865; Charlotte, 1867; Roland B., 1870; Harry S., 1872; David P., 1874; John E., 1876; George, 1878; Mary M., 1881, and Gertrude O., 1883. Only the following survive:—John and David are ranching in MacKenzie County, North Dakota; Harry, master mechanic in copper mill at Freda, Mich., and Charlotte, Mrs. Walton, Wallaceburg; Harriett, Mrs. Sherwood, of Wallaceburg, and Ellen, Mrs. McAllister, of Becher.

He spent the last seventeen years of his life in semi-retirement with his wife and Mrs. Walton in Wallaceburg, during which time he prepared the plan of the Town for registration purposes and was frequently employed on surveying work.