

Surveying, A Family Affair?

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Surveyors are generally recognized as individuals first, then, as partners of a company or employees of a company. At the Convocation Luncheon, each surveyor is called up to receive his or her certificate, as an individual.

At the Annual Meeting, a surveyor rises to speak to or make a motion, again, as Mr. or Ms. "X" from Barrie, Toronto, Kingston

or wherever, again as a single person. When the annual reports are published, we see papers, comments and, later on, biographies of surveyors who have passed on, all individuals, in most cases.

The Archives and Historical Committee has a list of biographies printed in 1996, taken from the Annual Reports. This list is a remarkable source of information for

genealogy, location of practices, time frames and just plain trivia.

It was surprising to find that there are four "Andersons" listed as surveyors, all unrelated. They are listed as follows along with their date of admittance and area of practice.

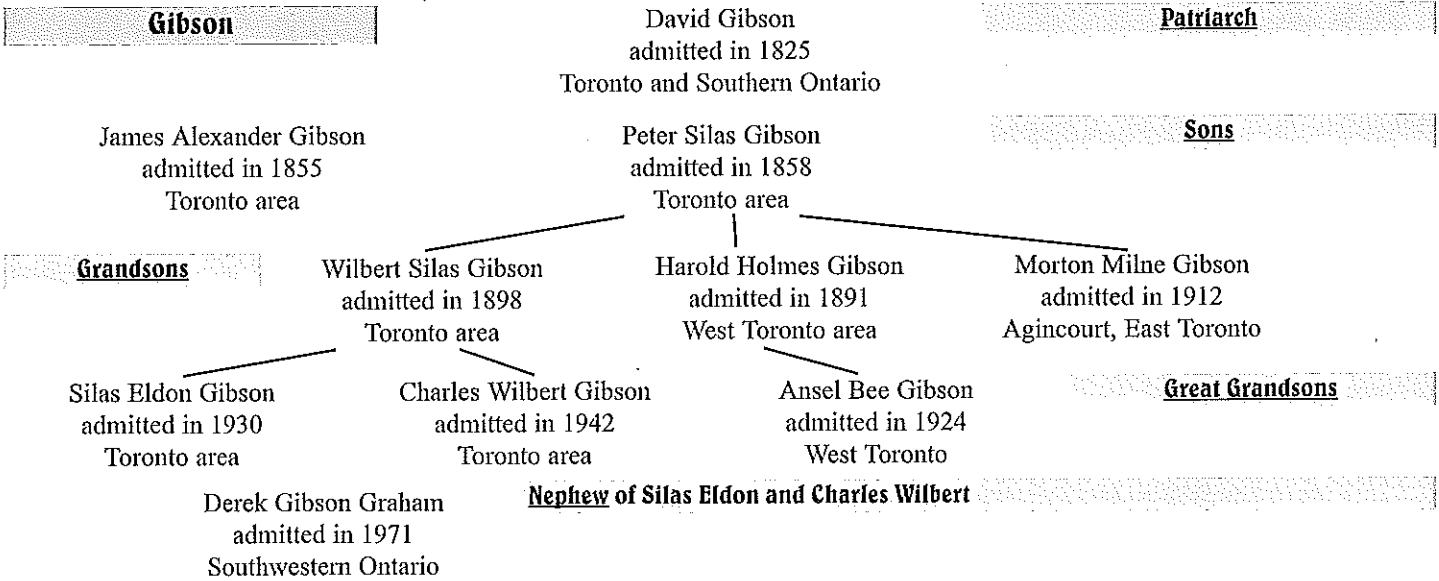
We also found two groups of unrelated "Bairds".

Surveyor	Admitted In	Area of Practice	
Frederick John Anderson	1910	Niagara District and Kenora	Anderson
Herbert McKewen Anderson	1910	North Bay and Gold Mining area	
Ralph MacKenzie Anderson	1911	Toronto, Northern and Southern Ont.	
William Beaumont Anderson	1903	Northern Ontario, Canadian Military	
Alexander Baird, the father	1877	Northern and Southern Ontario	Baird
John Ainsley Baird, the son	1913	Eastern Ontario and Quebec	
Wilmot Johnston Baird, the father	1912	Toronto area	Baird
Donald Wilmot Baird, the son	1950	Toronto area	

It wasn't unusual in the 1800's or early 1900's for sons, and starting in the late 1900's for daughters, to follow in their

father's footsteps. This was the case in the largest family that we have listed, the "Gibsons" who practised in the Toronto

area, and the "Gibsons" from the London and Hamilton areas.



Unrelated			
	Colin William George Gibson admitted in 1913 Cdn. Military & Politics, Hamilton & Ancaster	Andrew Gibson admitted in 1956 Arnprior area	Howard Milton Gibson admitted in 1962 London area
		Daughter of Howard Milton	Laura Ember Gibson admitted in 1998 London area

This list is but a few surveyors who prove that:
Surveying can be A Family Affair!!

Your comments and any helpful information are requested.
There's more to come!!

Surveying - A Family Affair, Part 2

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"Part 1" was published in the Summer 2001 issue of The Ontario Land Surveyor

The families in this presentation have given the profession, their colleagues and the public at large, many good years of service and leadership.

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Beatty

Herbert and Frank's father was a cousin of Walter and David Beatty

Unrelated

William Benjamin Beatty
admitted in 1915
Manitoba, Northern Ontario,
Hamilton and Sarnia

Brothers

Walter Beatty
admitted in 1858
Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta
and Ontario
Ontario Provincial Legislature

David Beatty
admitted in 1869
Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta
and Ontario

Brothers

Herbert John Beatty
admitted in 1893
Northern Ontario and
Western Provinces

Frank Weldon Beatty
admitted in 1920
Pembroke area
Surveyor General - Ontario

John Hilliard Beatty
admitted in 1927
Dufferin and Grey Counties
and townships therein

William James Beatty
admitted in 1974
Australia, High Arctic,
Saskatchewan, Toronto & Muskoka

Ward

Sons of
Archeson Thomas

Unrelated

Archeson Thomas Ward
admitted in 1897
Rainy River District, Abitibi Lake, Trent River and surveys around Toronto

Brothers

Gilbert Edward Ward
admitted in 1926
Dept. of Highways, Ontario,
Owen Sound, Fort Frances areas
Dept. of Lands and Forests, Ontario

Stanley Ernest Ward
admitted in 1933
City of Toronto Planning and
Surveys Dept., surveys in Kenora
and Rainy River area

Norman Everett Ward
admitted in 1922
Worked on the design and subdivision of
the Westdale area of Hamilton, Ontario.
Later employed in engineering work

John McLean Ward
admitted in 1978
Throughout Ontario,
except Thunder Bay

Creswicke

Henry Creswicke Sr.
admitted in 1854
Barrie and Simcoe County

Henry Creswicke Jr.
admitted in 1864
Barrie and Simcoe County

There is more to come!! Comments and suggestions would be appreciated.

Surveying - A Family Affair, Part 3

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From the AOLS Annual Report 1935:

“Appreciating the future resourcefulness of this province [Richard Code, Notary Public Conveyancer and Clerk of the 9th Division Court] encouraged his five sons to follow the profession of Surveying and Civil Engineering, so that they might be instrumental in the opening up and development of its roads, railways and mineral wealth.” [The brothers’] “paternal grandfather, George Code,

came as a young man from Ireland and settled in Lanark County. He married Miss Jane Morris, of Perth, Ontario, some of whose family descendants have also been members of the Ontario Land Surveyors’ Association.”

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Code Brothers

Abraham Silas

1873 - 1934

admitted in 1896

Northern Ontario, Alvinston, Drainage Projects in Eastern and Western Ontario

Thomas George

1880 - 1934

admitted in 1907

Cobalt, WWI Engineers

Charles Edward

admitted in 1919

Windsor area

Robert Wilmot

1888 - 1961

admitted in 1911

Cobalt, Windsor and London areas

Richard Stanley

1880 - 1967

admitted in 1907

Cobalt, Mimico and Southern Ontario

Sons/Nephews

Robert George

1919 - 1997

admitted in 1946

London area, Surveyor General, and, Director of Provincial Surveys and Mapping Branch

Richard Bryce

1910 - 1993

admitted in 1947

Mimico and Toronto area, also Metro Toronto Planning Board

Relationship, if any, unknown

Samuel Barber Code

admitted in 1905, died 1944

Smiths Falls

After Part 2 of *Surveying - A Family Affair* was published in the Winter 2001 issue, a descendant of Henry Creswicke Sr. and Jr. made himself known.

Great Great Grandson of Henry Sr.

S. James Statham, OLS, CLS

admitted in 1979

Canadian Hydrographic-Arctic, Central Canada, as an OLS - Middle East and throughout Canada

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Aylsworth

Brothers

Charles Fraser Sr.

1834 - 1911 (admitted in 1861)
Madoc

Son

Charles Fraser Jr.

1862 - 1939 (admitted in 1886 -- also D.L.S.)
Madoc, Ontario; Manitoba, Saskatchewan;
survey cairn in Kingston Park

John Sidney

1846 - 1928 (admitted in 1871)
Colonization roads - roads and bridges,
Lennox and Addington Counties

Unrelated

William R.

1836 - 1909 (admitted in 1861)
surveying Government land
surveyor for Rathburn Company for 25 years
Justice of the Peace & Warden of Hastings County

Boulton (brothers)

William Sommerville

1830 - 1860 (admitted in 1857)
Georgian Bay shores and environs;
Grand Trunk Railway

Henry Carew

1833 - 1898 (admitted in 1858)
Toronto area; Grand Trunk Railway;
Huron County; Ailsa Craig, Village of Exeter