

Ontario Land Drainage Practitioner – Biography

Newman, John James (1872 – 1944)

Ontario Land Surveyor and Civil Engineer



Originally born in Mersea Township on March 10, 1872, John James Newman, attended public school locally and later received his high school education in the City of Windsor. Following high school, Mr. Newman attended the University Of Toronto School Of Practical Science

In 1898, he obtained his Ontario Land Surveyor's Certificate and started working for his brother William Newman in 1894. John and William formed a partnership, Newman Brothers until 1906 when William Newman moved to Winnipeg in the contracting business.

From 1906 to January 1925, John Newman continued the engineering and surveying practice, as well as being the County Engineer for the County of Essex and Engineer for many towns and townships in the Counties of Essex and Kent. He was recognized as an authority on municipal drainage and developed a large municipal practice. Newman and C. G. Russell Armstrong, an Ontario Land Surveyor, became partners under the name Newman and Armstrong until Mr. Newman's death.

In 1904, Newman married Miss Ethel Maude Thompson of Leamington and they had three daughters: Captain Jean Newman with the Army Medical Corps; Lieutenant Margaret Newman with the C.W.A.C.; and Mrs. Catherine Dingman. Mrs. Newman predeceased her husband in April 1943.

Newman was an active member of the following associations:

- Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario
- Engineering Institute of Canada
- Life member of the Windsor Lodge A.F. and A.M.
- Ontario Land Surveyors' Association, and President in 1928

Mr. Newman was killed in an automobile accident on January 27, 1944.