

Graham, Lieutenant-General Howard

The Mowat and Company law firm signed on the young Graham while he was still attending law school, and he graduated from Osgoode Hall in 1921.

Graham continued working for Mowat and Company until late 1922.

In October of that year Graham moved to Trenton and took over the law offices of S.J. Young.

After working in the area for a short time, he became involved in town council, in 1926, and served until 1930. A short time after being a councillor, Graham ran for and won the mayor's seat, in 1933.

Despite his political ambitions, Graham's military connections remained, through his involvement with the militia.

He joined the regiment in 1920 and eventually became the commander of the Trenton-area regiment, the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, or the Hasty 'Ps.

Upon the beginning of the Second World War, Graham returned overseas to serve as a major and second-in-command of the regiment.

In 1940, he became the commanding officer of the Hasty 'Ps and was later promoted to commander of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade.

At the end of the war, Graham continued his military career and in 1955 was appointed chief of general staff with the rank of lieutenant-general.

After retiring from military

service in 1958, Graham served as president of the Great Lakes Waterways Development Association and practised law briefly with McCarthy and McCarthy in Toronto.

In 1959 he was appointed chief organizer of that year's Royal Tour, and held the position again in 1967. He also served as the Canadian Secretary to Queen Elizabeth II.

Later, during the 1960s, Graham served just short of six years as the president of the Toronto Stock Exchange, making radical changes to how the exchange operated.

During these other short careers, Graham never lost contact with his regiment, the Hasty 'Ps. He regularly attended func-

tions and ceremonies for the group in the Quinte region.

Shortly before Graham's death in September, 1986, he completed his memoirs. The book entitled, Citizen and Soldier — The Memoirs of Lieutenant-General Howard Graham, was published.

It details Graham's life from his early beginnings in Buffalo to his reflections after 88 years of life.

Entitled to a large military funeral, Graham asked that processions be kept small and private.

He was cremated in Oakville and his ashes carried by his regiment to Trenton for interment.

The regiment performed traditional burial ceremonies for Graham, including the placement of a single poppy on the container.

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