

August 13, 2009

President John Price, PS
Central Ohio Chapter PLSO

Dear President Price,

Please consider this nomination of Myron T. Jones, PS, PE, Esq. to be honored as “PLSO Surveyor of the Past”. Below is the best biography I have been able to develop.

Myron Tuttle Jones
November 13, 1897 – June 11, 1950

Myron T. Jones was born in Itahca, New York on November 13, 1897 to parents Myron Jermain Jones and Susan Foley Jones. Myron joined the US Army in 1916 and fought in WW I as a Corporal in the trenches of Germany. Following the war, he received a degree in law from the Cleveland Law School. He then became a Surveyor, Engineer and Attorney and was licensed as a PS and PE by the Board of Registration in 1935. His background can be found in the “Who’s Who in Engineering” in 1948. Myron was instrumental in the formation of the Ohio State Plane Coordinate System and co-authored an article with the head of the geodetic college of the Ohio State University in 1946 entitled “Control Surveys and Mapping ; A Plan for Ohio. Additional published papers include “Precise Leveling Equipment Saves Money”, and “Use of Aerial Maps by County Engineers” He did the surveys and engineering for the first “suburbs” of Columbus (Amvet Village) where returning Veterans of WW I and II could afford to live. He was also a pioneer in the utilization of aerial photography for tax maps and was widely known for these and other innovations in surveying and engineering. He was a member of ACSM, ASCE and OSPE

Myron died on June 11, 1950 at the age of fifty-two leaving wife Jean P. Jones, and children Sandy, Mike and Mark Tuttle Jones. His company, Myron T. Jones, Consulting Engineers and Surveyors, Inc., was sold in 1952, becoming HG Dill, Inc. The company prospered and became Hockaden, Lipes and Rousculp and then Hockaden and Associates in Columbus, Ohio. In 1962, Myron’s “dormant” corporation was sold to a PLSO founding member, Wilbur Mechwart, PS of Evans, Mechwart, Hambleton & Titlton, Inc. (EMH&T) in Gahanna Ohio

I have had the privilege of talking with several local surveyors and engineers who knew dad which has been very helpful to me as he died when I was four years old. These fine surveyors include PLSO Founding Members A.O. Myers, PS, and Wib Mechwart, PS; Brigadier General Alden E. Stilson, PE/PS (founder of Stilson & Associates who led many troops in WW I); and Wood Myers, PS who worked with me at Stilson and had been Myron’s office manager. George Hockaden, PE, PS had worked for dad in the 1940’s while in college. I worked at Hockaden and Associates from 1964-1968 as an instrument man and from 1974-1978 as chief surveyor after passing the PS exam in 1973.

Proudly Submitted,

Mark Tuttle (T.) Jones, PS