

Deep Canadian Roots in the Davis Family – Part 4

Before attending Osgoode Hall, Fred Davis graduated from Windsor Collegiate and taught at Pleasant Valley in Colchester South for a short time. It was in 1897 that he entered Osgoode Hall in Toronto and graduated in 1900, upon which he was called to the Ontario bar. Did you know that after he returned to Amherstburg, where he lived on Sandwich Street, he joined his father in the Amherstburg law firm of Davis and Davis until 1905? The office was originally in a building where Jere Mailloux's bowling alley was located on Apsley (Sandwich) Street, but they later purchased a stone office on Ramsay street from J.H.C. Leggatt.

When Delos Sr. died on 13 April 1915 in Anderdon Township, Fred succeeded his father as Town Solicitor and held this position until his own death in 1926. Fred's specialties were real estate and municipal law and he was a strong supporter of the Conservative party. He was even the president of the local association and during election time was one their best platform speakers. Fred married Mary A. Thomas and was a member of the A.M.E. Church for 25 years. He was also active in the Royal Arch and Damascus Commandery and was a Past Master of Amherstburg's (Masonic) Lincoln Lodge No. 8, of which his father was also a member. In Fred's obituary it mentions that "his library of books on Masonry is very complete" and that his funeral was under "Masonic auspices." He was described as "an outstanding example of what ambition, energy and native ability can get anyone in this country, even from a lowly beginning." An inspiring message to pass on.