

Lewis Frederick Clarry

Lewis Frederick Clarry came to Alberta following the establishment of the province and the Law Society of Alberta. He was born in Millbrook, Ontario on April 7, 1874. He graduated from Osgoode Hall in Toronto with a law degree and was admitted to the Ontario bar in 1898. Clarry practiced law in Hastings, Ontario until 1909. During that time, he made an unsuccessful bid for Councillor in East Northumberland, Ontario. He was successfully elected Councillor in Hastings, Ontario in 1909.

He moved to Alberta and was admitted to the bar on April 14, 1910. Clarry is an example where sparse records can be problematic. Although records indicate that he settled in Calgary, he became Deputy Attorney General with an office listed in Edmonton. We know that he went non-practicing between 1914 and 1939.

For the years between 1914 and 1933, he was appointed Master-in-Chambers in Calgary. It was also during this time, that Master Clarry became the first President of this organization in 1928. Unfortunately, we have no indication of what Clarry was involved in between the years 1933 and 1939. Following those years, he resumed practice in Calgary taking residence in the Lancaster Building from 1939 until 1945. In 1945, he once again went non-practicing when he and his wife moved back to Millbrook, Ontario to be closer to family. Clarry died just over ten years later, on November 22, 1955.