

that his father was a very accurate man, and had a splendid knowledge of the minutiae of gunnery. Father's own mother told him that he had written a book on military fortifications, which was in manuscript at the time of his death. The material of this book was subsequently used by someone else, an artillery officer who published it under his own name.

He was a great reader and had a splendid private library; also he possessed a number of astronomical instruments. He would cross the river at Prescott to go to the States to get books. The library and the instruments were all sold after his death by his widow, because of necessity.

Colonel Allen told my father that his father was a very powerfully built man, straight as an arrow, had good features, in fact was a handsome looking man. Just prior to his death Father's father was in charge of the work of rebuilding a redoubt at Fort Wellington. The reconstruction of the fort there was carried out under his direction. The military authorities wished him to stay at a hotel, but his father did not like hotels, was a strong teetotaler himself, and could not bear to see men under the influence of liquor. He preferred to live at the fort rather than live at the hotel while the work was being carried on. The accommodation at the fort was bad and in the cold damp building he caught cold which developed into acute pneumonia.

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