

# **The Thousandth Man: A Biography Of James McGregor Stewart (Osgoode Society For Canadian Legal History)**

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James McGregor Stewart, a prominent Canadian lawyer and legal historian, left an indelible mark on the legal landscape of the country. His extensive contributions to legal scholarship, legal practice, and the preservation of Canadian legal history cemented his legacy as a legal luminary. This comprehensive biography delves into the life and career of James McGregor Stewart, exploring his formative years, legal education, professional achievements, and his unwavering dedication to Canadian legal history.

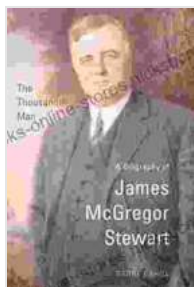
## **Early Life and Education###**

James McGregor Stewart was born on November 1, 1856, in Durham County, Upper Canada. He received his early education in local schools and later attended the University of Toronto, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1878 (with first-class honors in Classics and Mathematics) and a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1880. During his time at the university, Stewart was an active member of the University College Literary and Scientific Society, where he honed his public speaking skills and engaged in lively debates on contemporary issues.

## **Legal Career###**

Upon graduating from law school, Stewart practiced law in Toronto with the firm of Mulock, Miller, and Cronyn. In 1887, he established his own practice

and quickly gained recognition for his legal acumen and dedication to his clients. Stewart's expertise extended to various areas of law, including commercial law, constitutional law, and criminal law. He appeared before all levels of courts in Canada, including the Supreme Court of Canada, and was known for his meticulous preparation, incisive analysis, and eloquence in court.



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### Contributions to Canadian Legal History###

Beyond his legal practice, James McGregor Stewart was deeply passionate about preserving and celebrating Canadian legal history. He served as the President of the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History from 1919 to 1921 and was instrumental in promoting the study and dissemination of Canadian legal history. Stewart's dedication to legal scholarship was evident in his numerous articles, addresses, and books, which provided valuable insights into the history of Canadian law and legal institutions. His most notable contribution was his book, "A History of Canadian Law," which

remains a seminal work in the field and is widely cited by legal scholars and historians to this day.

### **The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History###**

The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History was founded in 1907 to promote research, scholarship, and interest in the history of Canadian law. James McGregor Stewart played a pivotal role in the early development of the society and served as its President from 1919 to 1921. Under his leadership, the society established the Osgoode Hall Journal of Canadian Legal History and began organizing regular meetings and conferences to facilitate scholarly discussion on Canadian legal history. The society continues to foster the study and understanding of Canadian legal history through various initiatives and publications.

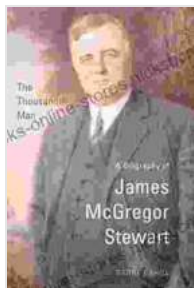
### **Personal Life and Legacy###**

James McGregor Stewart married Jessie Pearson in 1890, and together they had two sons. Outside of his professional pursuits, Stewart was an active member of the community, serving as a director of the Toronto General Hospital and as a member of the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto. He passed away on March 14, 1934, leaving behind a legacy of legal excellence and historical preservation.

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James McGregor Stewart was a brilliant lawyer, legal scholar, and unwavering advocate for the preservation of Canadian legal history. His contributions to the legal profession and to the study of Canadian law are immeasurable, and his legacy continues to inspire and guide legal professionals and historians alike. Through his extensive scholarship, legal

practice, and dedication to the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History, Stewart played a pivotal role in shaping the legal landscape of Canada and ensuring that the history of its laws and legal institutions would be preserved for future generations.

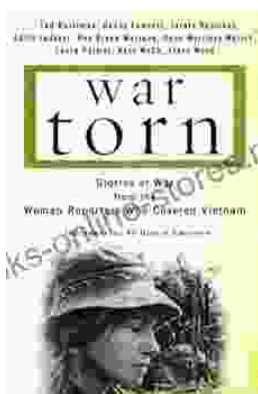


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