

AN OUTLINE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF JOHN CAMPBELL MERRETT

Dates	Age	Domicile	Education	Occupation	Recreation	Holidays	Family	Reco
1908-09	-75 to 0 years	"up in camp" (E.S.M. terminology)	environmental adjustment	developing	kicking	(all holiday - no worries)	introduced only to Mother	Born a Hospital
1909-11	0 to 2	McKee St. Mtl. (since demolished)	hard knocks	growing	Feeding cats	Boule Rock Hotel Metis Beach P.Q.	siblings: Hilda, Stuart Helen, Hilda, Stuart 17, 16 & 14 yrs. older.	R.V.H. - st common
1911-22	2-13	62 Ontario Avenue (n.w. corner McGregor)	Miss Cascault Kindergarten Selwyn House School	Supervising elders convy 2 nd & 3 rd in class	2 & 3 wheel vehicles 4 wheel toys; Skating	House at Metis 2 away from Les Bouldes	big brother & sisters even bigger Hilda married	First Law one of v.v. in
1922-26	13-16	Crescent St. 1 year 3200 The Boulevard Westmount	Asbury College Ottawa	convy 3 rd or 4 th in class waiting for Matric	Tennis, golf, sking	as above plus one year Bon Echo vacation	Helen married	Father seen his absen Mendelsohn
1926-31	16-21	3200 The Boulevard	McGill University School of Architecture	College days Summer office jobs	as above + girls	Metis when summer jobs done	acquired 2 nieces	Teabow from Mum
1931-34	22-25	Beaufort St. Chelsea London House, Lon. Caroline Place, Lon.	Travel on continent Arch'l. Ass'n. S. of Arch. Univ. of London T.P.	Travelling, absorbing, studying. 3 - during depression	London Pubs, Paris clubs, English Tennis, Sking and one girl	Brittany, Megère Chamonix, Kinshel Greenlight. Cruise Cascade Hotel, Metis & elsewhere	family a long way off. (Metis seemed home)	"Did" Swee Holland,
1934-37	25-28	3200 The Boulevard	(thought I'd had it)	Architect's office 3 - during depression	add ex-angelism in archite & urbanism	P.E.I., Grand Marer, Lake Memphramagog	begin fatherhood (F.H.M.; 25-9-42; R.V.H.) (m. 26.4.37) word	Circle of "in-law's"
1937-42	28-33	3491 Stanley Street (flat over garage)	Married life	C.N.R. (& T.C.A.) Architect's Office	weak end commuting from Ottawa	collage nr. Boule Rock Hotel, Metis	(in absolute mostly)	Mt. Arcl Exhibit
1942-44	33-35	Apt in Lorne Cres.	(as above)	Ass't. to Controller of Construction, D.M.S. Ottawa.	getting T.M. out of Bay of Fundy	in and about Saint John	dual fatherhood (B.J.M.; 28-7-45; S.S.H.H.)	B & B. D eating
1944-45	35-36	Saint John, N.B. East Riverside Rathesary	civic politics & officialdom	Town Planning Director City of County of Saint John	tennis "parties" Slicing and revised golf	Metis; Laurentian	All live in Montreal except Hilda in Ottawa	City: sup Giant in Chagel
1945-50	36-41	206 Senneville Rd. Senneville, P.Q.	experience of professional partnership - & client - hunting client appealing	Barrett, Marshall Montgomery, Merrett	Same plus raising English setters	Mt. Desert Island	aging parents; Stuart married	Acquire envi from to rent
1950-54	41-45	320 Senneville Rd.	and contracting - bating	through various successions to Merrett, Stalk, Elliott, (1976)	Came & developed of house & 2 acres (mostly lawn)	Mr. Dasey, Metis grand Marer, P.E.I. 10-12 European trips	Stuart dies 59 Mortg & build one "S" My own Shartian Or latter	* "Lady & build one "S" My own Shartian Or latter
1954	45	232 Senneville Rd. (built 1953-54)						

Notes: This abbreviation of 68± years was prepared in 2 evenings, December 1976: all dates and ages are approximate to 1 year. The chronology is sporadically recorded in a variety of photo albums which may serve to check dates as well as fill in * On response to a request by Tim.

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vicinity	Education	Occupation	Recreation	Holidays	Family	Recollections and Remarks
in camp (terminology)	environmental adjustment	developing	kicking	(all holiday - no worries)	introduced only to Mother	Born at O yrs. of age at Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal: Mother present.
St. Mt. (enmeshed).	hard knocks	growing	teasing cats	Boulevard Rock Hotel Metis Beach P.Q.	siblings Helen, Hilda, Stuart 17, 16 & 14 yrs. older.	R.V.H. still stands; 1 st home gone; no commemorative plaque on other side.
various Avenue corner McGregor	Miss Casseault kindergarten Selwyn House School	supervising elders coming 2 nd or 3 rd in class	2 & 3 wheel vehicles 4 wheel toys; Skiing	House at Metis 2 away from Les Boulevards	big brother & sisters even bigger - Hilda married	First Laurentian skiing at Ivory, age 11. one of very few skiers on Mount Royal.
St. Luc Boulevard Mount	Ashbury College Ottawa	coming 3 rd or 4 th in class swatting for Matric	tennis, golf, skiing	as above plus one year Bon Echo vacation out.	Helene married	Father sold Ontario Ave. house because of his absorption by B. of Montreal along with Merchants Bank of Canada, which "failed".
the Boulevard	McGill University School of Architecture	College days Summer office jobs	as above + girls	Metis when summer jobs done.	acquired 2 nieces	Tea dances, Debutante balls, graduation from McGill, sailed to England G-31.
St. Chelsea House, the Place, Lon.	Traveled on continent Arch't. Ass'n. S. of Arch. Univ. of London T.P.	travelling, absorbing, studying.	London Pubs, Paris clubs. English week-ends.	Brittany, Meiere Chamonix, Kitzbuhel Steig Wiger. Cruise	family a long way off. (Metis seemed home)	"Did" Sweden, Denmark, France, Italy, Austria, Holland, Belgium, Germany. Gib, Madeira etc.
The Boulevard	(Thought I'd had it)	Architect's offices 3 - during depression	Tennis, skiing and one girl	Cascade Hotel, Metis & elsewhere	end of bachelor - (m. 26 & 37)	Circle of friends rapidly expanded to "in-laws", their friends & families.
Stanley Street (or garage)	Married life	C.N.R. (A.T.C.A.) Architect's Office	add evangelism in archiv & urbanism	P.E.I., Grand Manan, Lake Memphramagog	begin fatherhood (F.H.M. 25.9.42; R.V.H.)	Mr. Arch. I. Roseworth Group, & its T.P. Exhibition, Art Gallery.
Lorne Cres.	(as above)	Asst. to Controller of Construction, D.M.S. Ottawa.	week-end commuting from Ottawa	cottage nr. Boule Rock Hotel, Metis	(in absoutia mostly).	B & B. board in Ottawa's Sandy Hill eating at Murray's & Chateau cafeteria.
John, N.B. University "	civic politics & officialdom	Town Planning Director City of County of Saint John	getting THM out of Bay of Fundy	in end about Saint John	Dual fatherhood (B.J.M. 28.7.45; S.J.G.H.)	City supplied Buick car: mixed staff. Giant hives; public speaking; (Chagel's)
Manneville Rd. ville, P.Q.	experience of professional partnership -	Barrett, Marshall Montgomery, Merrett	tennis "parties" skiing and renewed golf	Metis; Laurentians	All live in Montreal except Hilda in Ottawa	Acquired preference for rural over urban environment led to accepting chance to rent Angus cottage (Rothway to Somerville)
Manneville Rd.	& client-hunting, client appealing	through various Successions to	same plus raising English settlers*	Mt. Desert Island	aging parents; Stuart marries	* "Ladybelle" had 13 pups: we kept one "Sir Kay": Bought land, designed & built house.
Manneville Rd. 1953-54).	and contractor - bating	Merrett, Stahl, Elliott, (1976)	Care & Development of house & 2 acres (mostly lawn).	Mt. Desert Island	Stuart dies 59 in 1959 grand fatherhood!	My own family dies off one by one, starting with Dad in 1958. In latter years the office a bore & burden.

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For anyone who, for whatever unimaginable reason, may wish to delve further into my drab history, there is rather too much material stored in a number of albums, folders, scrapbooks and pouches which will augment, chiefly pictorially, this record of my life and the people and experiences which have affected it. This voluminous reference collection includes:-

1. "Family"- a photo album covering my grandparents through to my grandchildren, plus aunts, uncles, cousins and in-laws (and a number of unknowns!).
2. Six, or more, ring binders of photos covering our life in and around Senneville, holiday trips in Canada, Europe and elsewhere, and more "People".
3. A photo album (multi-colour plastic weave) compiled by Hazel concerned chiefly with the early years of Tim and Brian, but including also miscellaneous other people and events, and with record photos of 232.

→ THIS ITEM ELIMINATED, SOME PARTS INCORPORATED ELSEWHERE - ESP 'y #5 BELOW.

4. A few loosely bound collections of photos of particulars: people and holidays in and from England '31-'34; office personnel; early holiday with Hazel and even earlier. (e.g. Metis, '62', etc.)
5. "Europe Thirty-one", being photos of my travels 1931-1934.
6. Several miscellaneous note- and sketchbooks from Europe.
7. Miscellaneous collections of doggerel (mine and others?) and other literary efforts. (see: "A lot of Nonsense".)
8. Two file pouches of Memorabilia - one of my family, one of professional activities.
9. Diary June '31 to January '33 - England & Continent
(5 Brown "leatherized" 4 1/2" x 7" Notebooks)



We left 232 Sennerville Road Nov. 29th 1991.