

EVALYN ISABEL PEVERLEY HOWARD (Mother)

BORN	Sept. 7, 1878	in Quebec City
MARRIED	Apr. 4, 1906	in Montreal to E. Edwin Howard
DIED	Mar. 15, 1953	BURIED in Magog, Que.

I am including in this Scrap Book a Peverley Family Tree which I think has in it all the known background for my mother so far. I begin this story by saying that when "Clau" Peverley's father John Robinson Peverley (my great grandfather) came to Quebec he entered the lumber business and in this business is where we find "Clau" (I think I am right about this) at the time of his marriage, on Nov. 12, 1874, to its nineteen-year old Jane Thompson, daughter of George Thompson and "Zippy" Reed.

I remember absolutely nothing about my grandfather and know positively almost as little : only that he was born with a withered left arm and if indeed I am correct about him being in the lumber business, he could speak <sup>correctly</sup> the dialect of the Indians of the North Shore (the Baie Come and Sept-Îles territory), their gentle tribe, the Montagnais, whom he visited because he did business with them. If I am wrong about this then the legend belongs to his father, John Robinson. I have always had the impression that "Clau" was definitely not a strong man; in fact, was "com-  
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"Clau" and "Jannie" on their Honeymoon in Montreal, 1874.

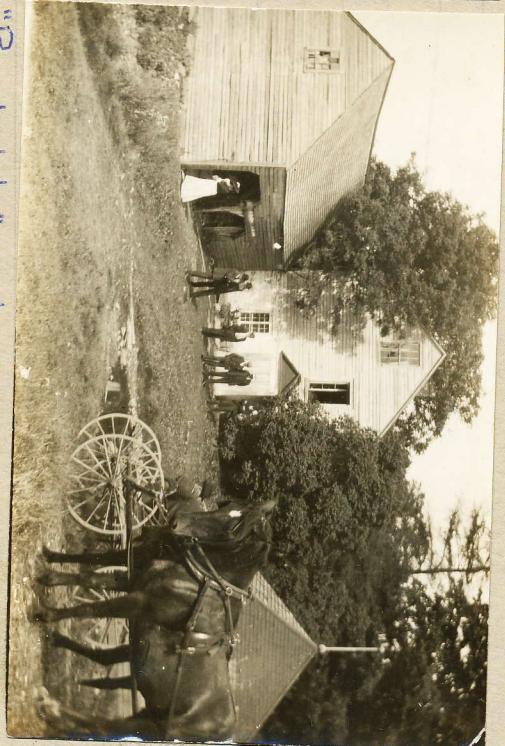
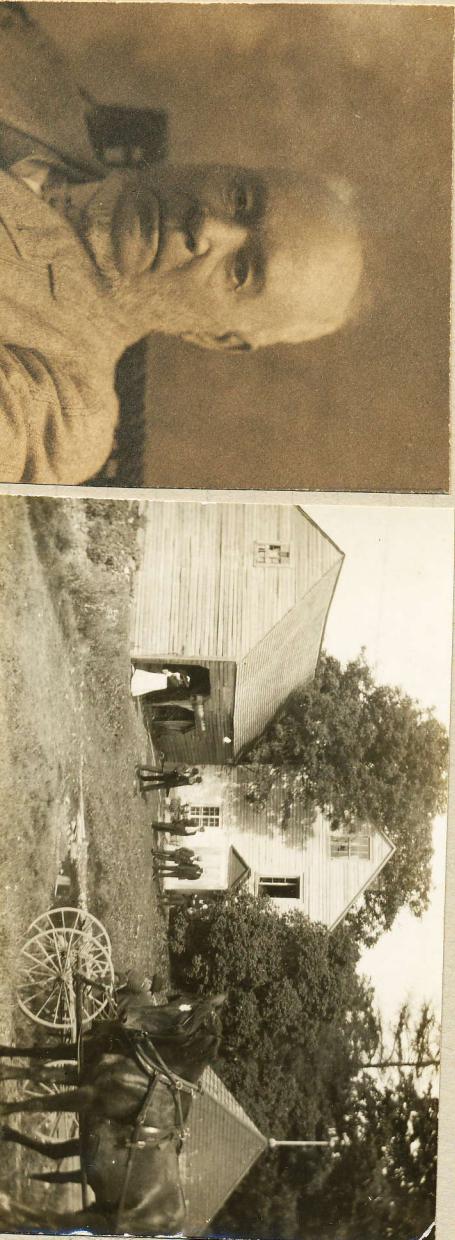


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Jannie had two brothers, George A. and Thomas R. and a sister, Callanvie (Dally) who married a man called Mason. The tree says that they were all younger than Jannie



1874

"Claw" and Jannie on their honeymoon in Montreal.

(And this makes me believe that "Davy" mentioned in a letter dated 1867 from her mother, "Zippy" to Jannie (who was then 12) and who seems to be a small boy is the nickname of one of the brothers. Anyway, she and "Papa" were anxious about him.

"Reedsdale" I can't quite recognize anyone. Perhaps it was taken in 1910

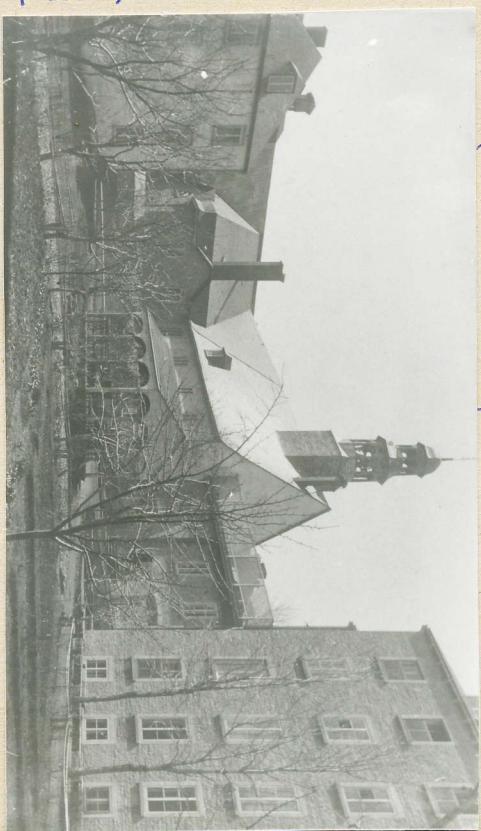
by my father who was doing the legal work on the Estate. See letter in "Read" envelope dated Jan. 1911

Dr. James Reed of "Reedsdale" Magantic, Que.

(See Footnote No. 1.)

of Dr. James Reed in Newcastle-on-Tyne; Thompsons; Pewleys and Quebec types like Dr. Terrier. And the Manila envelope marked "Reed" contains all sorts of interesting things such as my father's (E. Edwin Howard) Letter Sorting out Dr. Reed's estate and 4 pages of [imagine] Dr. Reed's story of Edward and Thomas Reed and the Hincks family. There are also various letters from Sir Wilfred Laurier, etc.)

Jannie was educated in the Ursuline Convent in Quebec City. Of course she spoke fluent French. Everyone did. She seems to have been very happy there and although she remained an Anglican she retained all her life the strong faith she had learned from the nuns. In the small book "Daily Light on the Daily Path" which was constantly by her she jotted down not only "happenings" (such as on March 29<sup>th</sup>: "Good Friday, 1918, Horace two years at war") but little notes about her health: "Not well today"; "Great trouble of spirit — comfort". When her children annoyed her she would exclaim: "How I wish I had remained in the convent" — or words to that effect, which, I remember Mother saying, always fascinated them.



Convent of the Ursuline Nuns at Quebec. (old photo)

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However, a year later (Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1878) my mother, Evelyn Isabel, was born and two years after that, Hayes Reed. The four brothers and a sister, Charlotte, Dorothy Whitley (who died at just 3 years of age) were born in Montréal. They moved around a lot but the first house that is at all important to me was 267 Bishop Street. Then occupied it long before I was born but I knew it had been theirs and always loved it because of its "inglemook" front entrance. It was made of stone. As a little girl, living on Mountain Street, I used to see it often and thought it was THE nicest house. The next house that interests me (and this is where Fred was born and from which Mother was married) is 98 Columbia Avenue. It's still there and once again (Reardon) in a desirable residential street. Deirdre Stoker and her husband bought it when they were married not long ago and love living in it. Deirdre has the deeds.

I am not at all clear about Cap à laque. It certainly played a cherished part in my mother's life. The only one — and it quite possibly is a bit of wishful thinking — I have, apart from the two pictures on the next page which are clearly marked "Cap à laque", is in that letter of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 1867 to Jannie from her Mother Zippie. She writes: "I want Grandpa (from whom I assume that Jannie and the other children are staying with their grandparents) to go over and see if Laiche's house is let, if not to offer her 9 dollars for a month or two. Sir Swatelle was, I think swallowed by the Autoroute Dufferin. It was just below Sherbrooke St. on the east side.



Evelyn Isobel Leverley 1905



Evalyn Isobel Peverley "1898" "about 17 years old"



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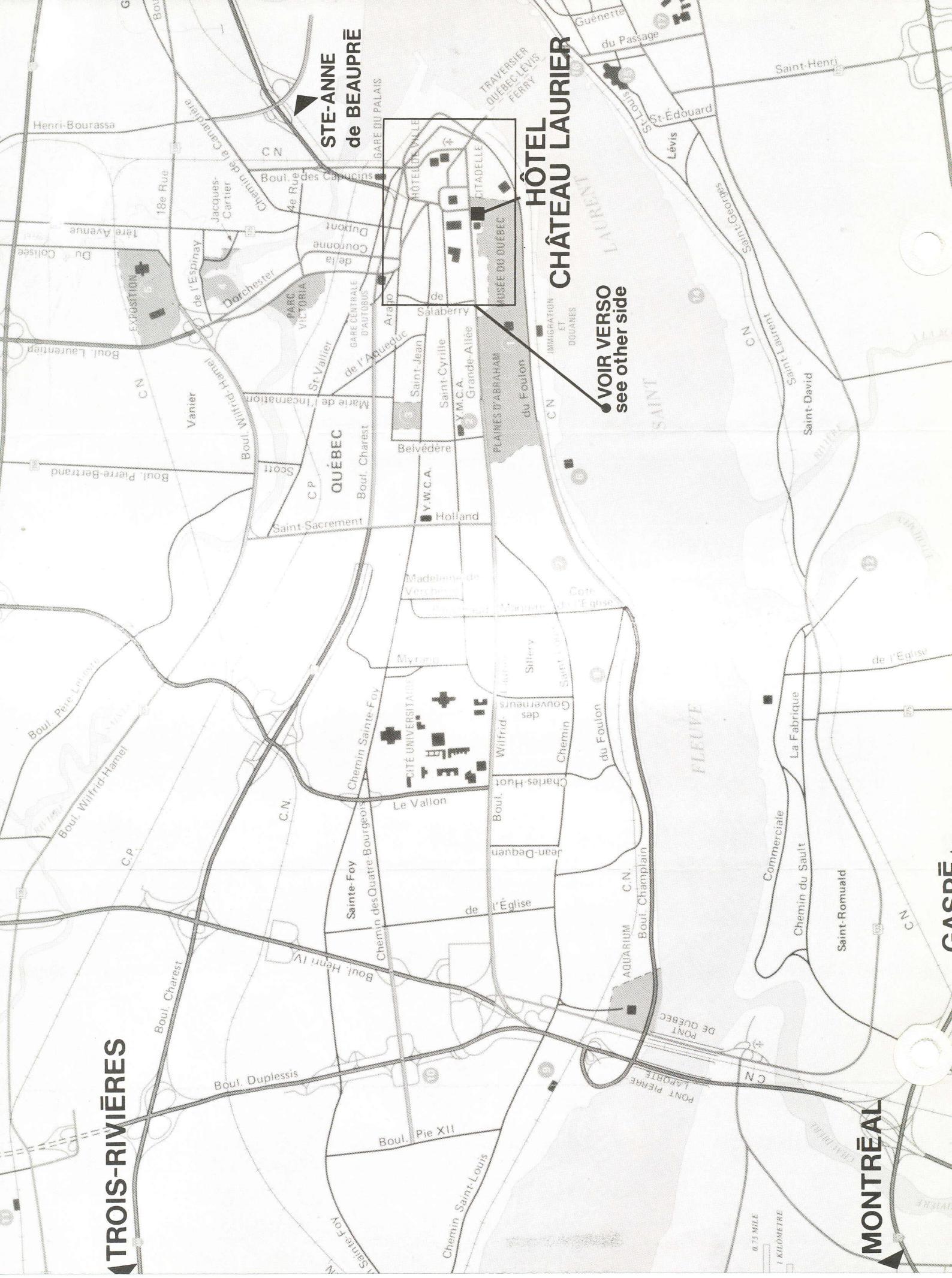


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