

CLARA and JANUICE PEPPERLEY'S CHILDREN. The portrait photographs were taken between 1905-1919



EVALYN I.  
(HOWARD)



DEC. 1905  
1878 - 1953



HAZEL R.  
(MARSH)

UNDATED  
1880 - 1931

I remember Mother in blouses like those made by herself of fine handkerchief linen in -  
set with lace



GORDON C.  
(18:11:1900)



GROVER T.



CAPT. H.A. (PETEAL) M.C.



LIEUT. FRED R.





GORDON C. (1811:1900)  
1884 - 1953



GROVER T.  
1888 - 1962



CAPT. H.A. (PETER) M.C.  
1890 - 1952



LIEUT. FRED. R.  
1896 - 1969

— TAKEN AT CAP A LAIGLE —



HAZEL FEVERLEY  
NORMAN CAMPBELL  
(PERHAPS A COUSIN?)  
JANNIS (OR JANNICE) MASON



JANNIE FEVERLEY AND  
HER DAUGHTER HAZEL  
1910



— JANNIE FEVERLEY —  
THE BUILDING BEHIND HER  
IS THE MARLBOROUGH ARMS  
ON MILTON ST WHERE SHE  
DIED IN 1930



TAKEN BY ISOBEL  
(FRED. FEVERLEY'S  
WIFE)



If she will take Mrs. Leay will go down on Saturday but they must make the bill good and send an answer by Friday." I remember Mother talking about "Madamme" and "Little Johnnie Bessie" so that I think the family probably rented the same house year after year even after Elav had bought the property in Val Marin which they called "La Roche Fendue". The earliest record for Val Marin I can find is in photographs of 1908. There are architectural drawings for the construction of a fire place dated July 1909.

There's an undated, unaddressed letter in the "Peverley" box from my Mother, Evelyn, to her mother, Jennie, who by that time was living in Hammond. It seems to me that Mother was then eleven or twelve years old. It's winter and she's staying with Mrs. Staveley. "Pappa" was with her and they all went sliding at "The Falls" (Lake Falls?). She tells "Mamma" that she's "having such a nice time so you must not send for me soon". Also, she says: "when I go out now I do not get tired". I think her parents always felt that Evelyn was not strong and must be looked after very carefully. They certainly gave her every advantage to lead a sedentary life. She went to Miss Symma's school in Hammond (I gather this was pretty exclusive stuff) had Art lessons at the Art Association of Hammond (under Bremer) and Piano and Singing lessons and was quite good at all of them. She just automatically sewed and did fine embroidery.

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 INICE MASON ? BARCLAY ELSIE STAVELEY  
 ISOBEL BIGGAR EVELYN PEVERLEY  
 CO CARTER H. STAVELEY AND THE ROY WITH ROSS





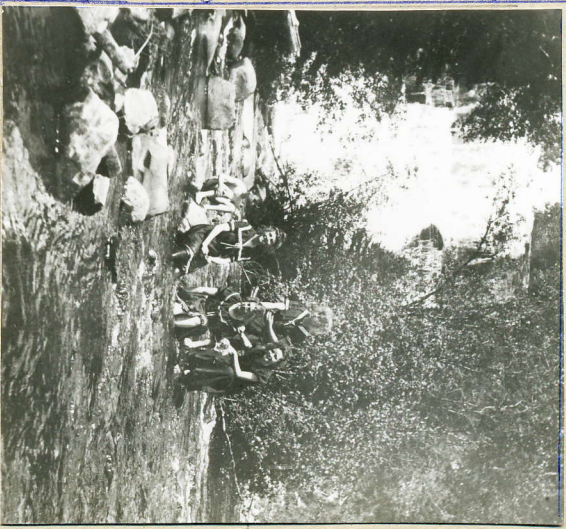
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I don't know when she spent some months in Saranac for "the cure" because T.A. was supposed but I remember her telling us that Daddy was horrified because she came back so tanned by the sun!! And then there were some winter weeks staying with friends (could it have been the Ralph St Lawrence Paverleys?) in Virginia riding horses and being pampered by "darkie" help. All of this was before her marriage. (See: FOOTNOTE NO. 2)

Daddy took her to Washington on their wedding trip — it was blossom time and very lovely — and brought back a twig of Virginia (English) Ivy from Mt. Vernon in his buttonhole, many of whose offspring graced descendants' houses soon to 232 Somerville Road!

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CO CARTER AGAIN? EVELYN PEVERLEY who ELSE?  
 (WAS T RAWDON?) YES

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HOWARD-PEVERLEY—On April 4, 1906, at the residence of the bride's parents, Westmount, Montreal, by the Rev. Canon Dillegood, D.C.L., assisted by the Rev. E. S. Howard, father of the groom, Evelyn Isabel, daughter of Mr. C. S. Peverley, to Erasmus Edwin Howard, B.A., B.C.L., of Montreal. 822



— MOTHER WITH BABY JANE —



1907



BRACKLEY BEACH, PEI. 3 AUG. 1908



In 1910 WE WERE ALL (NANNY INCLUDED) IN BAIE DES CHALEURS WHERE THE TWINS WERE SICK BUT THE McLEANS WERE WONDERFULLY KIND TO THE FAMILY. THEY (PARTICULARLY MRS GIDDY) REMAINED FRIENDS FOR MANY YEARS  
IN 1912 WE WERE ALL BACK IN BRACKLEY BEACH

— "LA ROCHE FENDUE" VAL MORIN, QUE. —



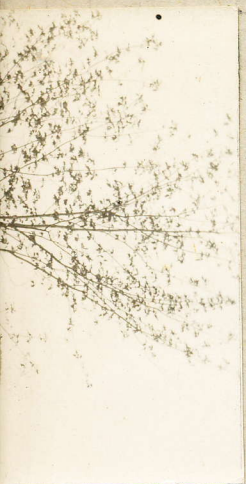
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GRANNIE + JANE 1909



DADDY AND GRANDPAPA







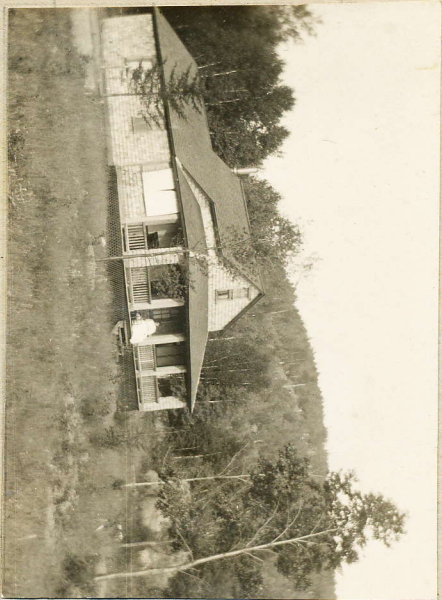
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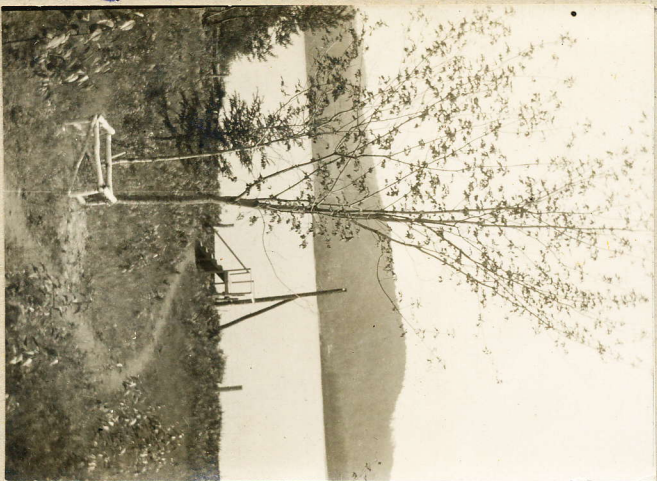


DADDY AND GRANDPAPA



THE HOUSE AND ITS VIEW OF THE LAKE

THESE ARE LOTS MORE PICTURES OF THE YEARS 1908 AND ON IN THE ALBUM CALLED "SUNNY MEMORIES"



EVEN INCLUDING THE RAILWAY LINE

There's a story about Granmie Peverley when we, the twins, were born which quite probably is apocryphal but I like to believe it because it seems to me to fit right in to that determined character. It's this: The births took place in the apartment in Hampton Court. Mother was having a bad time of it — convulsions and so on. The doctor (Goodall) was beside himself and when I appeared twenty minutes after Evelyn he was able to spare enough time to say: "forget about that one, she won't live." Granmie immediately rose to my defence and firmly said: "Of course she'll live", and then after a second look, "but she'll have to be educated!" (see Footnote No.3) About a year and a half later Jane was saying tearfully "Baby Jane has two many little sisters!"



Brian showed me one day The Montreal Blue Book of 1911, "A Social Diary" and I jotted down the following notes. Here they are in case they interest. (The B.B. covers Ottawa & Quebec as well.)

HOWARD, MR + MRS E. EDWIN (REVERLEY)

48 Hampton Court Apartments Receives 1st and 2nd Wednesday  
Sum. Res. Val Marin, Que.

CLUBS: MR.: Art Association of Montreal  
Beaconsfield Golf Club

Canada Club

Canadian Club

Club La Patrie

Montreal Bar Association

Montreal Curling Club

Westmount Golf Club

MRS.: Art Association of Montreal

Beaconsfield Golf Club

Ladies Morning Musical Club

Women's Canadian Club of Montreal

Westmount Golf Club

REVERLEY MR. MRS. E.S.

7 Hampton Court Apartments Receives 2nd and 3rd Wednesday

CLUBS: MR. Art Association of Montreal



MAKING DRESSINGS AT MCGILL 1914-18

W. BIRKETT,

E.I. HOWARD, SCRAMBLEUR.

I remember that much later on Mother joined The Winter Club and took fancy skating lessons. My fifteen year old selfish self was green with envy wondering what an exult an old woman like my mother (she was then 46!) thought she was doing attempting to learn to dance on skates just because she could stand up on them!

The war years must have been terribly anxious ones





Hampshire Lawn Horticulture  
Clubs: MR. Art Association of Montrose  
Reviews and 3 Wednesday



PATH TO WESTMOUNT GOLF CLUB  
SUMMER 1906  
MOTHER AND FRED REVERLEY

Moments were the Street fair's when all the owners of houses on Mountain and Drummond Streets for two days and nights sold things and served refreshments and we generally went with excitement and won Patsy for '50¢' and, of course, the day the uncle came home.

In the early summer of 1933 Mother visited Jane and Christopher in Oxford, this was her first trip to England and she enjoyed it enormously. She returned in time to Stage Evelyn's wedding at The Farm on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

It wasn't until January of the next year that Daddy became ill. It was diagnosed as sclerosis of the liver and he was given six months. Actually he died on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Mother cared for him and when he became completely bedridden in the last few weeks nursed him with, I think, no assistance whatsoever except Medical

(See: FOOTNOTE No. 4)

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It must have been really very difficult for her to adjust to his absence both be -



cause he had always covered for her: making the decisions; taking all the responsibilities, etc. and partly because there was, except for her very small personal income, virtually no money coming in (a Judge's widow in those days got no pension) and a stag-gering amount of mortgaged real estate. Of course, Wilbur Howard an executor dealt with all this. I was working for the Souleams but my salary was far too small to cover. So Mother took in boarders until we were able to sell the Grosvenor Avenue house (eventually, we gave it to the holder of the mortgage - which in-cludes just how bad the real estate market was). She then moved into the Gros-venor Apartments on Sherbrooke St, as Guy. At first Alma stayed with her there. For a short period Miss Cumming (of Traf.) was with her, and once rather dramatically a young McGill student (male).

She was all set in 1938 to return with Jane to India. Fred and Isabel made it financially possible for her to do so but the rumbling threat of war scared her off. It would have been super had she been able to take this trip but she had to be content with Jane's letters which were long and plentiful and full of photos. These were tremendously important to her, bordering Jane!

Her eyes became increasingly worse with cataracts and finally when it was time to operate it was unsuccessful. This means that she was no longer able to see on her own. She moved into ~~into~~ a very nice room in a boarding house near Westmount Park. That lasted for a year or so before it became necessary that she go to a nursing home. The first one was in Knowlton, high on the hill near Bolton's Pass run by a Mrs Duncan who a little while later decided to look after handicapped children instead of the helpers old, so Mother went to a rather gross place in Covansville. I'm afraid, though young Freddie Peverley's small "farm" was close by and he visited her frequently, she was sadly lonely. None of her three daughters (Jane now returned from India, Evelyn in Hartford West and I in Somerville) with their young families and little or no help were able to get out to see her very often. She died of a heart attack in her 77<sup>th</sup> year.



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When Alma got the news in England she wrote from London (March 17<sup>th</sup> 1953):  
"I've been trying to remember Mother as she was when I was little, especially at the farm. I haven't a very clear picture, and I think she must have been rather inactive and neutral about things. I remember her once on Winnie, looking rather uncomfortable in an aside saddle, and I remember her at Tea at the shore, and walking in the old rose garden. My dearest picture of her is one in Oxford, when we were both staying with Jane (1933), seeing her walk across the Park to see a cricket match, when she was eager and interested. She had a very pleasing grey straw hat, and I remember thinking how beautiful she was with her soft coloring and her graceful dignified bearing, and those trim slender legs. I can see the whole picture now, and I shall try to remember it always because it is really very dear."

Whenever I re-read the Just-So Stories or The Jungle Books, etc. I am reminded forcibly of Mother reading these books to us as children. She had a very pretty voice and a lot of dramatic flare. She also wore the nicest perfume - Smelling of violets.



Sarasville, Que  
6<sup>th</sup> June, 1988

This past week and Evelyn and I have had an opportunity to go over what I have written about the parents and grand-parents and between us have sharpened our memories on a number of points about the Paverleys in particular. These I now list under the general heading of "Footnotes".

Heaps, Hannah

### FOOTNOTES

1. Undoubtedly this is Reedsdale and the date is 1915 or 1916. We think that we must have driven from Aquinas to Black Lake (3 days for 80 miles? Why not? There was no train except via Hornsrad and Quebec): Daddy but we think not Mother, Jane and the twins and, of course, Lloyd in the Surrey with the black horses. In 1915-16 the black team was Jim and Joe, and Jim (a feisty bear) had a white star on his forehead — which is what the picture shows. We stayed a couple of nights, the three girls sharing a double bed. Fortunately there was a great truck siderdown which one of us used as a mattress on the floor.

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4. Evelyn spent the days with Walker during that last month of Daddy's life. She and Jack, at the time, were living at Rapido Blanc. Her father-in-law, Mr. C.S. Saunders, brought her down to the Saunders' house at 215 Bond Avenue North, Montreal West, and furnished her beer and fork to 655 Grosvenor Avenue.

X It is 18 months since I wrote this and I now think that this is probably not what happened at all. The story is much more likely to be what Geef. Date wrote me which I quote on pg. 22 b.