

### *Memories of the Early Years, 1925-65*

Born on August 27, 1925, between the two world wars.

A child of the Great Depression

and the Schmidt family's World War I Veteran Friends.

1. 1937: Ohio River Flood—devastation of our home and my birthplace at 403 Garden St., Louisville, Kentucky.
2. 1941: Bombing of Pearl Harbor—special Assembly at Louisville Male High School, where I was a sophomore.
3. 1943: July 2, enrolled as freshman at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana.
4. 1944: February 22, best boyhood friend, Allen Schantz, killed at the Battle of Anzio, Italy.
5. 1944: March 1, called up for service, World War II.
6. 1945: April 25, set sail from San Francisco on S.S. Lurline for overseas service
7. 1945: May 8, V-E Day celebrated while at sea.
8. 1945: Mid-May, arrived in Manila, then flew to New Guinea for permanent assignment.
9. 1945: At Camp Dow in Manila during of bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan and war's end
10. 1945: September: assigned to Clark Field, Pampanga Province, Luzon, Philippines.
11. 1945-46: Served as radio operator, Air/Sea Rescue, Thirteenth U.S. Army Air Forces; rank: Sergeant. Attended war crimes trials of Generals Tomoyuki Yamashita and Masaharu Homma. Explored Luzon, especially Manila & Baguio.
12. 1946: May 15, back in U.S.; honorable discharge after 26 months' service.
13. 1946: September, returned to DePauw as sophomore; part of the great migration of ex-GIs.
14. 1947: First union job: cooper's union, making bourbon barrels in Louisville, Kentucky.
15. 1948: To Europe: University of St. Andrews, Scotland; cycling in the Highlands; to London and Paris.
16. 1949: AB, DePauw; began Ph.D. program at the University of Pennsylvania. Shift from U.S. to European history, with a focus on England.
17. 1950: Summer Korean War; United Nation Intern, Lake Success, New York. Obtained research materials from European Union.
18. 1951: Married Kathryn Jung; passed preliminary exams for Ph.D.; began research for Ph.D. under Professor Conyers Read.
19. 1952: Awarded Fulbright Scholarship at the University of London. To U.K. on SS United States.
20. 1952-53: University of London research under Professors J. E. Neale, S. Bindoff, and R.H. Tawney. Returned to U.S. in June for conferral of Ph.D.
21. 1953: First teaching position, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
22. 1960: Summer research at the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D.C.
23. 1960-61: "Retooling" sabbatical at Indiana University in Russian and Eastern European studies.
24. 1962: Arrived in U.S.S.R. for a semester's study at Moscow University and Eastern European travel behind the "Iron Curtain."
25. Added Russian architectural history to research focus.