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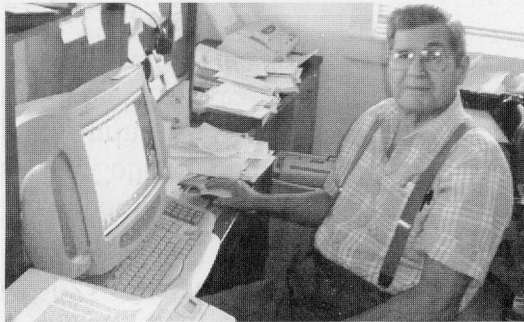
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Bob Sutherland spent many hours in the alumni office keeping records current and laying out the Survey.

A Life Sketch

Robert William Sutherland, 82, grandson of E.A. Sutherland, founder of Madison College and Hospital, and longtime activist in the college alumni association and Madison Adventist community, died August 25, 2008, of esophageal cancer.

To honor his years of service to the Madison College Alumni Association, we begin by printing excerpts from an autobiography entitled "Life As I Lived It" he wrote for an English Composition Class on Dec. 12, 1946.

"I became a member of the Sutherland family sometime during the morning of May 6th, 1926, and was named, Robert William. I was preceded by one brother, Joseph Edward, by 18 months. At the time of my arrival, my father, Joseph Edward Sr., was a Professor of Agriculture at Madison College, Tennessee. My mother had been a student at this same college and there met and married my father. My

mother's maiden name was Peterson, and she came from Indiana.

"A year and a half after my appearance, a baby brother came to our house and was duly named Walter Shaen.

"The first home I remember is the one my father built on the campus. Elder Welch is now living in it.

"My dad milked five or six cows about this time and I can remember going down to the barn, which was where Dr. David Johnson now lives, and watching (him) milk the cows and feed the calves. I even learned to milk. I used to help my father deliver the milk to the store.

"We had a few chickens at home, and dad also raised guinea pigs for a hobby. This hobby came to an abrupt halt one night when a marauding dog killed all the guinea pigs.

"When I was five, death visited our home and took my elder brother. He tried to board a horse-drawn wagon that was in motion and his foot got caught in the spokes of the wagon wheel. His leg was twisted off and he bled to death before anything could be done for him. Shaen and I were too small to realize the full significance of the incident and did not grieve his loss. I, however, was abashed when they would not get me a suit like the one Eddie was laid away in.

"Soon after Eddie's death, my father decided to take the medical course, and so in the summer of 1930 we rented our house, packed our belongings into our new model

'A' Ford, and left for Loma Linda, California.

"The only thing I remember of the trip out was the Grand Canyon. The Grand Canyon to my childish mind was just a deep, wide, long hole in the ground. I enjoyed California, its climate and scenery. My first contact with school came while we were in California. I entered the City Terrace grade school in Los Angeles in the second grade at the age of seven. This was in 1932, and dad was halfway through his course.

"In 1934, my father graduated and we started home. I remember more of the return trip as I was older. We stopped at Yellowstone Park and drove over the Great Salt Desert and saw the Great Salt Lake. While we were in Salt Lake City, we visited the Mormon Temple. We stopped to visit relatives in several states and finally we arrived at Madison College, Tenn. The place had changed a great deal, more buildings, and people.

"We lived at my Grandmother Sutherland's for a while until we could get into our own house. While dad was interning at the General Hospital in Nashville, mother, Shaen, and I lived by ourselves in the house that is now occupied by the Howard Welchs.

"I entered the fourth grade when we got home and all during grade school I made high grades. I am afraid my department suffered a little as I was constantly fighting. In high school my grades suffered because I started paying more attention to the girls than I did to my books. I repeated the tenth grade and was getting a good start on my eleventh year

when I enlisted in the army. I wanted to be in the Air Corps and I did not think I would get what I wanted if I waited to be drafted.

"In November 1944 (at the age of 18), I entered the army at Fort McPherson, Georgia. November the eighth, 1944 found me at Keesler Field, Mississippi, where I underwent a stiff basic training course. Having failed to pass the final examinations for pilot training, I was shipped to Amarillo Army Air Field, Texas to be trained as an Air Mechanic. Up to this time I had not been keeping Sabbath and my conscience had been troubling me. I had been raised as an Adventist but had never been baptized. When I arrived at my new station, I requested Sabbaths off and the request was granted. I got in touch with an Adventist boy in the Medical Squadron and found out what I would have to do to get a transfer to the Medical Department. I then went to the pastor of the church in Amarillo and expressed a desire to be baptized. They had just built a new church building and the baptistery had not been completed. The weather was too cold for an outside baptism so I was given a letter stating that I was going to become a member of the church as soon as conditions allowed. I took the letter to the classification office and obtained my transfer with little effort, after asking God to help me. On my first furlough I married Stella Martha McMasters, a girl that I had met at Madison College in 1942 and had promptly fallen in love with.

"I returned to camp, my wife waiting at Madison until I could find a place for us to live. We were married in July 1945 and it was not until September that I found a place for her to come to. I had been in the

army 10 months when I was promoted to Corporal. Seven months later I was promoted to Buck Sergeant.

“I was discharged from the army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina on August the first, 1946. My mustering out pay was spent on new clothes. After visiting at home a week, I went to my wife’s home in Texarkana, Ark., to meet her people.

“We returned to Madison the first of September so I could enroll in class work. Not having finished my high school education, I took an examination at Vanderbilt University covering the work I had missed. I passed with a good grade and enrolled here at Madison.

“The first of October, death once more visited our home, this time taking with it our newborn son (Robert Michael). The disappointment was great but the Lord works in many strange ways and we have faith in Him. At present I am studying for the medical profession so that I might be better equipped to serve my Lord.”

After completing this sketch of his life, Bob began classes at Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., using his GI bill to enter the pre-Med program. He and Stella then had two more children: Michael Shaen born in 1948 and Claudia Jo in 1950.

He spent one year operating his father’s dairy in Donelson, Tenn., which included getting up at 3:30 a.m. daily, milking 80 cows twice a day and delivering the milk to Purity Dairies in Nashville.

He also began doing private duty nursing for influential Nashville families (including the Cheeks of Cheekwood) He was so well

liked that several families used his service and treated him like part of the family--- even loaning him a car when his own broke down.

The young Sutherland family moved to Collegedale, Tenn., in 1952, and Bob worked at nursing jobs all night while taking pre-med classes during the day. He stopped the class work due to work overload, passed the LPN licensing exam in Chattanooga and began his “official” nursing career.

Bob and Stella moved to Goodlettsville, Tenn., in 1957 and lived there for the next 51 years. They operated a dairy farm with the help of three foster children (Sharon, Silas, and Howard) until 1964, when Mike and Claudia enrolled at Little Creek Academy. Bob began nursing at night to supplement income and pay for their education in addition to milking the cows twice a day. Bob had trouble staying awake and decided to sell the cows and begin nursing full time.

He worked at Sumner Regional, Madison and Nashville Memorial Hospitals for the next 32 years, spending most of his time in surgery where he soon became the first Surgical Assistant in the area and state. He also returned to school at UT-Nashville while continuing to work full time in surgery at Nashville Memorial Hospital and eventually completed his R.N. degree at the age of 50.

Bob kept busy during his retirement years with volunteer service at the Madison College Alumni office serving in various positions—board member, president, office manager, and newsletter editor. He also was an active member of ASI. He volunteered with the TCMC Auxiliary for 15 years and was nominated in 2007 for the prestigious

Frist Humanitarian Award by Hospital Corporation of America (HCA). He was an active member of the Boulevard SDA Church in Madison for over 50 years.

Survivors are his wife, Stella M. Sutherland; three brothers, Dr. Shaen Sutherland of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Duke Sutherland of Goodlettsville, Tenn., Dan Sutherland of Memphis Tenn.; sisters: Donna Shell of Goodlettsville, and Angie Sutherland Fushia of Atlanta, Ga.; children: Michael S. Sutherland of Royal Palm Beach, Fla., and Claudia J. Woolsey of Witte Springs, Ark.; and four grandchildren.

His sister, Judy Moore, and infant son, Robert Michael Sutherland, preceded him in death.

A Tribute to Bob Sutherland

From Dena Kay Bowes

"It is difficult for us to vision Madison without dear Bob. He will always be remembered and credited as Madison's true supporter. He endured bravely many obstacles to promote the interests and the cause of Madison's existence. We owe much to Stella who worked supportively with Bob to uphold and advocate maintaining Madison at a high level. They were the star actors in its last drama. We all miss Madison College very much!"

To Honor Bob Sutherland

Bob's many friends have done much to honor him and preserve his memory. Bob was active in Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries (ASI) for many years, and his friends there have donated over \$11,000 in his memory. This amount will pay for eight

one-day churches to be built in developing countries.

One of Bob's friends has made an anonymous donation of \$5,000 to the Madison College Alumni Association in his honor and wants to challenge the rest of us to match that in gifts over and above the dues. This money will help keep the Madison heritage alive through the work of this organization.

Doyle Martin obituary

Doyle Bruce Martin, 88, passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 26 while preparing to move back to his boyhood home in West Monroe, La.

The oldest of five boys, he was born on Nov. 27, 1919, to John Thomas Martin and Mary Magdalene Simmons, a share-cropper couple in Sikes, La. When Doyle was about 13 or 14 years old, the family moved to West Monroe.

Doyle graduated from high school in 1936, at the age of 16. He worked for a while, spent about a year in the National Guard reserve, and enrolled in the Madison College nursing program in the fall of 1938.

He graduated from Madison in 1943 with his nursing degree and married a nursing student by the name of Genevieve Eaton. The Navy drafted him later that year and stationed him in San Diego. Jenny joined him there in 1944. They returned to Madison after the war, where Doyle worked as a nurse. Jenny completed her nursing degree in 1949.

Doyle finished anesthesia training at Madison in 1953 and taught pharmacology for a few months. He then accepted a position as chief anesthetist at Hialeah Hospital in southern Florida in April of 1954. He remained there until November of 1963 when he accepted a similar position at Booneville Hospital in Arkansas.

In 1967 Doyle and Jenny returned to Tennessee, and lived near Portland for the next 40 years.

Survivors are his daughter Carolyn Barringham of Riverside, Calif.; son Nick of Cleburne, Texas; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Other deaths

Returns from the last Survey indicated the following have also recently passed away.

John D. and Esther Carlock
Wolf Creek, Oregon

Allan B. and Florence Swanson
Payallup, Washington

Stanley Woodruff
Montrose, California

Next Reunion

The next alumni weekend will be on June 26 and 27, 2009. See you then.

New Addresses Wanted

The latest Surveys failed to find the following readers.

Vera M. Bergman
Eckert, Colorado

Beatrice Dunn
Sonora, California

Dorothy Christman
Loma Linda, Calif.

Virginia Gustin
Knoxville, Tennessee

Don Meister
La Belle, Fla.

Garnet Mae Stanley
Marshfield, Missouri

Shalkop Dies

Robert LeRoy Shalkop died Aug. 4, 2008, in Salisbury, N.C., following heart surgery.

He was born on July 30, 1922, to Bertram and Dorothy Shalkop in Milford, Conn. He served in England during World War II in the 8th Air Force. He went to Madison during 1939-40 and obtained his graduate degree at the University of Chicago, studied at the Sorbonne in Paris and worked as an archeologist for the Smithsonian Institution. He had a long career as an art director in five states and was the author of many publications.

Mr. Shalkop was a member of the Association of Art Museum Directors, the American Association of Museums and the U.S. Executive Committee of the International Council of Museums. He is listed in Who's Who in America.

He retired to Salisbury, N.C., in 1987. Surviving him is his wife Antoinette Shalkop.

Student Volunteers Paint Heritage House

Work crews from five self-supporting schools spent four days during the last of September and first of October painting the front porch, ceiling, both ends and all of the back except the porch, steps and iron railing of the Heritage House once occupied by Bessie DeGraw.

These students did 99 percent of the painting supervised by teachers. The alumni association paid for the paint and meals served in the Madison Academy gymnasium.

Work crews from Harbert Hills Academy, Savannah, Tenn., and Advent Home learning Center, Calhoun, Tenn., started the work on Monday of that week. Students from Laurelbrook Academy, Dayton, Tenn., Nashville Christian Advancement Academy, Nashville, Tenn., and Ouachita Hills Academy and College in Amity, Ark., later joined them and completed the work before they left for a weekend Bible Conference at Falls Creek Falls State Park in East Tennessee.

The cost of this work amounts to \$1,400 as compared with a \$4,100 estimate by a professional painter. Thanks go to Steve Dickman of Harbert Hills Academy and Brian Traxler of the E.A. Sutherland Education Foundation (EASEA) for organizing this work bee as well as Jim and Monica Taylor of Harbert Hills for cooking the meals.



The Heritage House painting underway

New Layman Foundation Office



Two chamber of Commerce members flank Ann Goodge, secretary (second from left); a Bert Coolidge, treasurer and vice president; and Bob Zollinger, president, at the open house for the new headquarters on Sunday, September 7, in Collegedale, Tenn.

The Layman Foundation was chartered in 1924, its base being the personal fortune of Lida Funk Scott.

From Our Readers

We want to thank the alumni staff and the editors of the Survey for keeping us up to date on happenings. Pat and I have been retired since 2002 but are busy in our little church in Oroville, Wash. Pat is head elder and I am the Sabbath School Superintendent as well as a deaconess and pianist. Pat speaks for the service once or twice a month and sometimes is asked to speak in other churches and teach the SS lesson.

It will be 50 years in 2009 since I graduated from Madison College and we plan to be there for Homecoming that year. It would be so nice for as many as possible who graduated at that time to get together.

--Pat and Esther (Edmonson) Scott

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George and I were at Uchee Pines for 12 years and have been in North Carolina since 1986 (I think).

George didn't graduate from Madison. He did finish a degree in education (teaching) at La Sierra and died in 2001. My 91st birthday was in July of this year.

God bless your efforts to keep Madison alive in our memories.

--Marjorie Kendall

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My Mom is now in a nursing home. She celebrated her 90th birthday in July surrounded by her daughters, sons in law

and grandchildren. Madison was important in shaping her life.

--Shirley Moore

My one year at Madison was one of the best years of my life. It gave me a purpose for living. Thank God for the relative, H.R. Veach, who called the attention of my family to Madison College.

The recent issue of Madison Survey brings many memories: Dr. Bowes, Billy Burks, Lillian Gray McKinney, Doyle Martin . . . nearly everyone in the photographs were personal acquaintances, either while a student or as co-workers in the field.

Thank you for keeping us in touch.

--Alvin Wilson

Dayton, Tennessee

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Receiving the Survey and reading about the alumni is something I look forward to each quarter. It would be a disappointment not to have it come regularly so inside you will receive my dues and a little more to help support the office duties.

I graduated from nursing in 1960 and from college with a Bachelor's degree the following year. I have many fond memories of Madison and developed deep-rooted friends while there. I met my husband, Ron Schmale, there and we were married for 19 years and we had four beautiful daughters. Unfortunately the marriage didn't last and since then I have married twice and both passed away. It isn't fun being alone, but I feel

so blessed in having my four daughters and their families close by.

Over the years I haven't been privileged to attend the Madison Home Comings so I enjoy reading about them and seeing the pictures taken. I was born at Madison, received my education there and lived there and worked at the Hospital for a few years so Madison is considered home to me.

--June Davidson Hendricks

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Larry and Gwen Hawkins of College Place, Wash., share this picture "to keep alive the life and story of Bob Sutherland in our hearts and with sympathy to his wife and loved ones."

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