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Overview

Stuart Dodd never wrote a comprehensive biography. I have sifted through his archive and found a number of articles and items that contained biographical information. Unfortunately, the material that I found does not fall neatly into chronological order. There are gaps and overlaps. I thought it best to include as much as possible. I considered trying to construct a coherent third-person biography for Dr. Dodd but decided that, even though the result might be a bit confusing, I preferred to let Dr. Dodd speak for himself. His words contain such passion, humility, poetry and humor that I wanted to share them with the reader.

Outline of Section

An American Pepys in London

Dr. Dodd traveled to London to do research at London University on statistical methods under two respected professors in the field. He enjoyed playing around with different writing styles and crafted an account of his time in London after *The Diary of Samuel Pepys*.

“Detailed and intimate, Pepys' diaries became a mainstay of British literature after their first publication in 1825. Pepys was educated at Magdalen College, Cambridge, and spent most of his career working in the British Admiralty; he also served as a Member of Parliament for three different terms between 1673 and 1689. For 10 years, from 1660-69, Pepys kept an extraordinary diary, with running commentary on his daily rounds, his meals, his health, even his relations with his wife. Pepys never intended the diaries for publication, and he wrote them in an unusual shorthand which kept them from being read for many years. When the diaries were published in 1825, they were hailed as an intimate glimpse at life in the Restoration-era England.”

A Case of Red Tape in Beirut

This is a short piece recounting Dr. Dodd's adventures with bureaucracy in Beirut when he went to obtain a drivers license.

Biographical Sketch

This is a short overview of Dr. Dodd's life.

Book of Dodekiah

Dr. Dodd recounts more personal details of his time in the Near East in Old Testament style. Unfortunately, I was only able to find chapters 8-12 of this document in Dodd papers.

Canoe Trip down Orontes

Dr. Dodd enjoyed canoeing and wrote an account of a canoe trip down the Orontes River in what is now Lebanon.

Canoeing with Friends

During a furlough in England during the Second World War, Dr. Dodd took a canoe trip with friends who were members of an English canoeing association. The

original article that was published about this trip was accompanied by a number of pictures. Unfortunately the pictures are too poor quality to be reproduced for this book.

Chronicles of the Hill Tribe of Ainab

When he went to the Near East to take the position as the head of the Sociology and Psychology department at the American University of Beirut, Dr. Dodd purchased land on a hill top in the village of Ainab along with a few other American families connected with the University. He wrote about the adventures of the group in the style of the Old Testament.

My Life and Times - Brown University Video Tape Seminar

Dr. Dodd sat for a series of video tape interviews on his life and work at Brown University in 1973, near the end of his life. The transcript of his interview is the longest and most detailed of the biographical elements that I found in his papers.

On Unifying My Life

This is a short piece that Dr. Dodd wrote after the Brown University video taping in which he recounts 5 incidents at different times in his life that appeared to him to show a unifying theme for his life.

Glander Biography of Stuart C Dodd

Timothy Glander wrote this biography of Dr. Dodd for his book, *Origins of Mass Communications Research during the American Cold War: Educational Effects and Contemporary Implications*. Lawrence Erlbaum Associates. Mahwah, NJ. 2000.

Dodd Biography for World Future Society Presentation in 2004

In 2004, I wrote a short biographical sketch of Dr. Dodd at the Request of Dick Spady for inclusion in materials being submitted to the World Future Society for their annual conference.