

INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO THE SIXTH EDITION OF

A WONDERFUL LIFE

It has been a real pleasure to re-explore many of the details of years gone by. Pictures and many years of *Weekly Planners* have led the way.

In the early years of this series I did not have a great many details in the form of photographs or written notes to rely upon. It had to be a few hand-me-down professional family portraits and word of mouth information.

Gradually, personal cameras became affordable and upon entering the business world appointment calendars became a daily record of what was going on. Fortunately, for the purpose of this autobiography, I had the habit of "never throwing anything away."

On the other hand, that trait is responsible for the minute detail the reader is faced with in more recent editions. In fact, some have said two of my three initials, (D. M.) stand for "Detail Man."

Whereas, Book 1 covered an expanse of about 120 years, this book covers only four ! If things continue at this rate I cannot expect to publish all of A WONDERFUL LIFE. After all, as of the 31st of December 2006, there will be at least 32 years to go. Unless Medicare comes up with a magical new medication, I don't expect to reach the grand old age of 117 !!!

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