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I entered SRV in second grade and stayed through 6<sup>th</sup> grade (1947 through 1953). At SRV, my teachers; Mary Spiller, an exchange teacher from Belgium, Betsy Gray, Wayne Higley, and Peg Nowell were role models that gave me a lifelong passion for the arts and sciences, the natural-and-built landscape and wildlife which all surrounded the SRV. My SRV unpressured participatory-education approach, anchored around kindness, fairness, and sense of belonging, had the following impacts upon my life, education and career. Being very shy and emotionally troubled, the small SRV classes allowed me to be part of the SRV shared experience at my slower pace. In third grade the class studied the American Indians as an introduction to social studies, and the peoples of the Netherlands and India sub-continent in fifth grade, that instilled the love of learning in me. The morning recess often found my classmates and I playing field hockey in the open field where the Rawson Building is today. The unforgettable class plays at Christmas in the Chip Building and in the woods in the late spring again allow me to be part of the group where ordinarily, I shied away. Also important to me were the art, music, and science classes, woodshop, and spring bird walks in the early morning before school began. In fact, in fifth and sixth grades, my SRV class was carpoled to Robert and Ruth Grooter's house on Moylan Avenue, across the street from where I lived for an hour of classical music at the close of school one Friday a month.

I attended 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades at Nether Providence High School and completed high school at Friends Select School in Philadelphia following my parents support and enthusiasm for higher education, a high priority in their meaning of life. At Friends Select School, I was on the soccer and wrestling teams after school. In 11<sup>th</sup> grade I made the honor roll once, while building a gasoline engine go-cart with the neighborhood kids after school and having fun, much to my parent's chagrin.

At Wilmington College in Ohio, I continued taking liberal arts courses with no clear goals in mind. In 1961, I enrolled in a pre-summer course in world archaeology at Temple University, by chance, which changed my life with my new

passion for archaeology. I then spent several summers pursuing archaeology at university field school excavations, eventually continuing at the University of Oklahoma, in a small Anthropology Department, in graduate studies in archaeology.

Following a tour in the US Army Map Service in Vietnam, I completed my Master Degree in anthropology in 1969 in Oklahoma. My first archaeology jobs were in the new cultural resources management field, where the new Federal National Historical Preservation Act of 1966 mandated archaeological compliance requirements revolving around construction projects, opened up consulting work for preservation groups, counties, state and federal construction projects. Opportunities continued to appear. I joined the US Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Office, in Baltimore in 1976 as a staff archaeologist, carrying out archaeological assessments and investigations as part of 75 study teams over the next 28 years 1976 through 2003. Following my retirement, I continued my passion in archaeology staying involved in state archaeology societies, attending archaeology conferences and seminars, assisting other archaeologists, and spearheading my own archaeological research in the Middle Atlantic Region. My SRV experiences in small groups, team work, and one-on-one role models served as my road map in my archaeology career and family life with my wife Barbara Israel. In 2014, I reconnected with the SRV; and together initiated the SRV: Digging Our Past Project. The Gate House Ruin at the head of Mill Lane and associated with the Mill Era, and now owned by Rose Valley Borough, became the first SRV archaeological field dig. The Gate House Ruin (36DE158) became the first recorded archaeological site in Rose Valley. Additional SRV digs are being planned with student involvement. The Little Chestnut House (36DE167) the site of the SRV Old Campus on Vernon Lane gave the Middle Group an opportunity to participate in an archaeological field survey in 2015. My SRV experience permitted me to overcome my troubled start in life for a rich life full of passion, hope, fun, and achieving numerous planned goals.