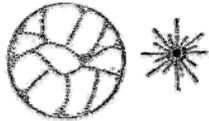


## ***ERLY DATES IN MY SHEOLIAN***

***JURNY:*** [Stage 8]



***1926: My Conception:*** In the fall of 1926 a hevvy jolt to both Frank & Sylvia Holland ocurd during intercourse, a hy unlike enny preevius experience they had had. I am told by my sheolian asociats that aparently my soal didnt arive at the 5th month of pregnancy as most do [the quickening], but came in erly, eeven perhaps befor the joining of sperm to eg.

***1927: My birth on May 28, in Victoria, [Vancouver Island], B.C., Canada.*** Mother had contractions for sevrul days ahead; then the birth ocurrd very suddenly and easily - almost befor atendants at the lying-in home cud arive. [They didnt beleev her wen she calld out "It's cumming!!! ]

This trait also characterized all the births of my 3 dauters. My second was almost born enroute tu the hospital in Minneapolis, scaring my mother-in-law – hu was driving – haf out of her wits. I had wornd the doctor, Olga Olavs, that it wud likely cum fast. She told me later she broke all the speed laws getting tu the hospital from her home in St. Paul, tu be thare on time - just made it. That wasnt like the doctor for my first girl, Seymour Monat. He took his time – tho I had wornd him - & the baby mor or less fell intu the hands of a nurse and an intern.

My third was almoast born in a taxi enroute tu the hospital in La Crosse, Wisconsin. The driver was swetting and trembling as we proceeded, begging me tu wait, saying he wasnt prepared tu play delivery man.

The children of my mother's sister Ida wer also boath hurried arivals. However my own 2 dauters had a mor normal time. In fact the yungest, Joanie, took 18 hours for her first delivery, tu

were they were considering a cesarean. Her hips were only 34½ inches in width. I think that makes quite a difference. My hips are 36 inches around even though I am and have always been skinny. The broader pelvis allows more room for delivering a baby, I'm sure.

All went well when I was born, & after a couple of days we went home to the new house my architect parents had designed at 1170 Tattersall Drive [it's still there, saved as a heritage home, now owned by an Icelandic]. While Frank was present a hummingbird came in at the open window and boldly sipped the flowers in the congratulatory bouquet. My parents took it as an omen of good fortune.



Hummingbird by Theo, 1995

**THE NAME THEODORA:** Frank declared that he had heard the name Theodora in a paranormal experience about 1924, and that this child's name should be Theodora.

Frank and Sylvia had been fellow students at the Architectural Association institute ["the A.A."] in London, England before they married & moved to Canada. In their off hours at the A.A. the 2 had collaborated with fellow students in creating short humorous plays, which were performed for entertainment at the institute during the early 20's, and much enjoyed....to the point where Frank & Sylvia considered giving up architecture for the theater. I still have the scripts of some of these satirical skits, [the time after WWI was a very satirical-to-disillusioned time] & they are still funny - & poignant.



In one of these Frank & Sylvia played the part of a married couple in a spoof about a Communist family in Russia, written by a fellow student named Jarrett. Frank, assigned to play the grandfather, was searching his mind for a suitable Russian name for his wife the grandmother, when he suddenly heard a voice clearly saying

“Theodora!” He lookd around but nobody had spoken. “That’s od,” he thaut, then “Do they hav that name in Russia?”

He chekd it out and was told that in Russia the name did exist, tho rarely, & that it shud then be calld Feodora [e sounded as in they]. So the grandmother in the play was Feodora Feodorovna.

The name and the od expirience of hearing it had stuk in Frank’s mind. Wen he later anounced that my name shud be Theodora, Mother axepted it. The nickname Boris. from the play, had alredy cum to be asined to Frank by fello architectural students. Altho my brother’s name is actualy Joseph, she - & later evryone else - has calld him Boris all his life after his father, who playd the sarcastic skeptic in the play.

Thare is mor about the name Theodora [shortend to Theo wen I was a child]. Maybe later I’ll tell yu mor.

