

## **PREFACE**

This chronicle is dedicated to my beautiful family.

My wife Marilyn and daughters, Nona, Lori, and Tamara, together with my son Kim, have encouraged me to do this very thing. I spent a great deal of time contemplating the purpose for doing this as I am not accustomed to bragging nor being selfish about me, mine, and I pronouns and so I felt that I would be breaking my own rules by documenting my life.

I also knew that my family may be hard pressed sometimes, to respond to some people's comments about my sometimes-exaggerated character and history:

- Union-Buster
- "Walking away" from the Grandview Project and absconding with \$3 million
- Financial difficulty at Elkford Square Limited
- Financial difficulty at the Vancouver projects
- Some people may even accuse me of favouring family at Whatshan
- And other whims and stories that may be conjured up in discussion with those "who know the truth"

Unfortunately, many people may just be envious of Elmer Verigin for whatever reason. There is not much that can be done about that.

All the information contained in this story is true and totally from my memory. No embellishment has taken place. I still have diaries which can be accessed to confirm dates and events, but this effort is not designed to be a "court document" to be used as evidence. It is simply about a farm boy that was destined to leave the farm and be part of many projects as well as perform humanitarian achievements to improve mankind.

I have always loved my family and I am still learning how I can reach a pinnacle in that love before my spirit is taken away for other challenges to which I can just contemplate and will only experience when I get there.

This is dedicated to my family! I love you all with all that I can humanly express!

Thank you for putting up with me in my times of stubbornness and inability to realize that our lives could have all been simpler if I would have just "bent a bit with the direction of the wind." That action may have resulted in a much greater financial wealth. I chose the other path as I had outlined in my poetry. I am satisfied that the correct path was followed in the end analysis!

Elmer Verigin

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