

Foreword

These are memoirs written by Nathan Keyfitz, dated 9 February 2004, when he was 89 years old. He died at age 96, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on 6 April 2010. Professor Keyfitz was one of the giants of 20th century demography, a son of Canada who made important contributions to demography, and a man of humbleness, intelligence, and kindness.

I downloaded his memoirs in May 2010 from the following website:

<http://keyfitz.org/nathan/memoir/index.html>

Because his original memoirs are listed in sections on the website, I reorganized the original document in separate chapters. I have grouped miscellaneous sections dealing with travels in Chapter 29 and various sections dealing with people in Chapter 32. I inserted sub-headings within each chapter to make the text clearer to read. Where there are sub-headings with no following text, this is because the original website document does not contain text.

I include a table of contents to aid readers. Except for the correction of spelling errors and punctuation, I made no changes to the text. I do not include the two detailed family genealogies from the website in this document. I have added several photos of Nathan Keyfitz and one of Nathan and Beatrice Keyfitz.

Nathan Keyfitz served as the President of the Population Association of America (PAA) during 1970-71. The PAA Oral History Project has recorded interviews with past Presidents, asking them about their own careers, recollections of others in the field, and views on key demographic, in addition to their recollections about PAA. Professor Keyfitz provided a written interview in 1988, while he was living in Jakarta, Indonesia. His interview is archived at:

http://geography.sdsu.edu/Research/Projects/PAA/oralhistory/PAA_Presidents_1961-76.pdf

For additional information about Nathan Keyfitz, Harvard University Library is the depository for his papers and correspondence. An inventory of the depository can be found at:

<http://oasis.lib.harvard.edu/oasis/deliver/~hua17002>

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