Gordon Cline MERRITT was born in Beamsville c1916. He was the son of Curtis James and Clare (nee WILCOX) MERRITT, both of whom were descended from Mayflower and United Empire Loyalist families. For the first few years of his life the family lived at the corner of Mountain Street and Fly Road just above Beamsville on the escarpment in Clinton Township. When Gordon was about four years old his family moved into the old "Sterling House"on Ontario Street in Beamsville. Gordon moved to St. Catharines about 1935 and lived there for 37 years prior to his passing in 1972.

Gordon's early employment was with the Merritt Brothers feed and grain mill in Beamsville and Port Weller. In about 1957 Gordon became a real estate broker and at the time of his death he was past president of the St. Catharines-Niagara Real Estate Board.

At the 1964 annual meeting of The Historical Society of St. Catharines held at Rodman Hall, Gordon was elected president. His wife was elected corresponding secretary at the same meeting. He held the presidency for three years: 1964, 1965 and 1966, the Society at that time was known as the St. Catharines and Lincoln Historical Society

He had also been a president of the John Howard Society. He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Gordon was a very active member of Seymour Lodge No.277, A.F. and A.M. He was also a member of Plantagenet Preceptory No. 8, Knights Templar, and was a 32nd degree Mason, also being a member of Mount Moriah Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

Gordon died suddenly on September 12, 1972 at the age of 56 years at the St. Catharines General Hospital after suffering a seizure at his home at 35 Rivercrest Drive, St. Catharines.

Gordon was survived by his wife Phyllis English (nee DEAN) MERRITT. He had three brothers: Roy Dean MERRITT of Beamsville, Bruce MERRITT of Port Colborne and Ralph; and one sister, Erma.

A memorial service was held under the auspices of Seymour Lodge No.277, A.F. and A.M. at the Hulse and English Funeral Home. Interment took place in Lot 6, block B, range 3, grave 1 of Mount Osborne in Beamsville. A large MERRITT family plot stone, but no individual marker, marks his burial location.