

AMBASSADOR SMITH HEMPSTONE, JR.

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Born in Washington, DC
University of the South (Sewanee)
George Washington University;
University of Virginia
U.S. Marine Corps, Korea
Institute of Current World Affairs

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Africa travels
“National Geographic”
Somalia
Mau Mau war
Sir Richard Turnbull
Kenya independence
Kenyatta
“Rogue Ambassador”
CIA contacts
South Africa
Apartheid
U.S. newspapers - Africa assignments

Africa Experiences

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Soviets and Chinese
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Harvard University - Nieman Fellowship

1964-1965

Latin American Affairs - Spanish language
Mexico

The Washington Star” - Reporter

1965-1970

Latin America travels

London, England - "The Washington Star" Bureau Chief

Washington, DC - "Star" Editorial Editor 1970-1975

Kissinger
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Watergate
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Albritton buys "The Star"

Independent Columnist 1975-1989

Kurdish rebellion
"Reader's Digest" assignment
Shah and the Kurds
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Savimbi
Magazine assignments
Rhodesian independence
Smith regime
South Africa

"The Washington Times" - Ex-Editor and Editor-in-Chief 1983-1985

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Kenya - Ambassador 1989-1993

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