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RONALD MCCLURE's autobiography:

On a slow sunny summer Saturday, sitting on my front stoop, I was suddenly inspired to do something about my peculiar vision and the repeated remarks, "You see things differently." I went to the bank, took out my whole life savings of \$125.00, and bought my first camera, albeit used. I found an intensive course that promised to teach me in six weeks all that I would need to know about photography. I promptly proceeded to ruin my first two rolls of film. Disappointed but undaunted, I eventually graduated from San Francisco Art Institute and Rhode Island School of Design. I was among the first generation of artists to embrace digital technology, being a recipient of a scholarship to the Kodak Corporation's Center for Creative Imaging in Camden, Maine. I have been a recipient of a Lilly Endowment Grant for "Sacred Journeys: Twentieth Century Art and Faith" at Loyola Marymount

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