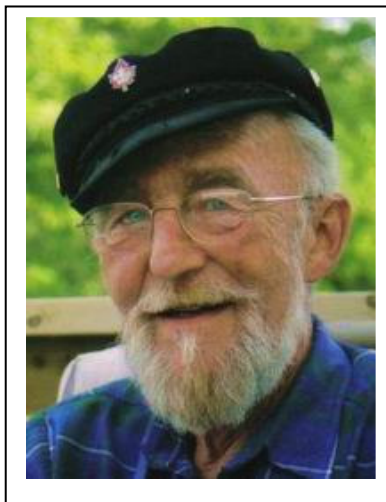


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I began writing this column a number of years ago when a heart condition put a halt to all my favorite physical activities, gardening, woodworking, canoeing, fixing things around the house and farm and a host of others.

I needed something that I would enjoy doing, that would provide a lot of intellectual stimulation, that would be meaningful and that would involve me with other people. It seemed natural for me to fall back on my passion for genealogy. Nothing could have answered better. If I had known how much I would enjoy it I would have started a lot sooner but nonetheless I have had a very exciting time of it.

The joy of corresponding with over 425 readers on an amazing range of topics has kept me on the *qui vive* and constantly learning. Meeting readers at conferences has added to the pleasure of those events. All in all I feel very blessed and thank you all for that.

I am also very aware that the editors of the various papers have played a key role in the success of the column. They have been a joy to work with and have always been very supportive and helped the column to

look good in their papers.

Slowly failing health made it necessary for me to stop giving talks to various groups that had been an important part of the whole experience and now my doctors feel that it is time to think of closing the column.

I will certainly miss writing them but I would remind you that all the columns along with a detailed index are available at www.adarchives.org/ and you can download or print them from there.

What of the future? I look forward to maintaining my e-mail correspondence with and working on queries from former readers. I also feel that I have one more small book in me for beginning genealogists so I am going to have a try at it and if circumstances permit I will try to make more progress on our own family genealogy.

My warmest wishes and heartfelt thanks to all of you for such a wonderful time.