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## INTRODUCTION

I was given a surprise birthday party on my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2016. We were talking about my life and the forks in the road. It was suggested I write a book. I thought long and hard about it. There are some things I know about my ancestors that I would like to pass on and decided to do it. I titled the book, Forks in the Road and My Travel Through Life.

I started writing and it turned into a large task. It took several years and I ended up with 33 chapters. It was larger than *expected as I split it up so the chapters would be 20 pages or less. Then I decided to do a condensed version of around 1 page.* When I was done I saw there was a story within the story. It made a huge difference in my life and needed to be consolidated into a single chapter of its own. I ended up copying and pasting segments of several chapters into one chapter. The title is Marriage – How We Got Together. It shows this evolved over many years and not an impulsive quick decision as it looked.

I am now near my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and wrapping it up. The book is on my laptop in the folder mybook chapters. I maintain several webpages on my website [www.hhpages.com](http://www.hhpages.com) and have put the book on it. The address is [www.hhpages.com/mybook](http://www.hhpages.com/mybook). The website is paid up until 2030 and may even exist after that. The book is also in printed form in my bookcase. I have also stored the mybook folder on an orange finger drive, so there is backup.

There is ample material for someone to write an obituary from. I know how hard a task that is with little time to do it. Therefore, I have condensed the material down into a draft obit to make it easier. It is long at around 500 words, or 2700 characters but would be usable. hh

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