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Education: Buckhurst Hill School, England. Senior Matriculation, London University.
Royal Air Force School, Cranwell, England.
London Polytechnic, Industrial Accounting Diploma.

Resident of Canada for 45 years.

Work Record: 35 years as a forensic auditor, industrial controller and vice-president of administration.

Writing experience: Ten years writing humor columns for local newspapers (Neshoba Democrat, Barrie Examiner, Lindsay Post, Stratford Gazette) and humor articles for Canadian magazines (Stitches – Humor for Doctors, Homes and Cottages – Last Nail Page, Canadian Living – O Canada Page).

Seven years preparing and writing humorous bicycling routes guides for local tourism boards. ‘Adventure Cycling in the Victorian Kawarthas’ 1998 Victoria County. ‘Adventure Cycling in Durham Region’ (2000 Durham Region) ‘Cyclo Tours in Shakespeare Country’ (2002 Cyclo Tour Guide Books, Rochester, NY) ‘Cycling in Shakespeare Country’ (2004 Perth County Visitors’ Association).

Experience relative to this book proposal: Winston Churchill was our local Member of Parliament during World War Two and up to his post-war years. His popularity never waned with my family and I studied his life by reading history and biographies.

In the third year at Buckhurst Hill, an exchange teacher from Philadelphia took us for English Grammar and English Literature. She talked to us about Churchill’s American antecedents, his mother and grandfather who evidently passed down to Churchill a love of horses and racing. Both families also enjoyed a full Victorian quota of scandal.

During a visit to our school, Churchill gave us a little talk on two subjects – the honor of writing good, clear English and the necessity of serving in the army. I promptly enlisted in the Air Force at the age of 16. After the age of 18, I spent all my service overseas in North Africa and Arabia.