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1. How did you become interested in Sherlock Holmes?  
The Basil Rathbone / Nigel Bruce movies of the 1940's-50's. I became a serious "Sherlockian" when my wife gave me the Baring-Gould Annotated Sherlock Holmes (pub. 1967) for my 40<sup>th</sup> birthday in Norman, OK.
2. What is your favorite story or stories?  
In order: Hound of the Baskervilles, A Study in Scarlet, Musgrave Ritual, Adventure of the Empty House
3. Who are your favorite characters other than Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson?  
Grimesby Roylott, Helen Stoner, Violet Smith of Farnham, Surrey, Irene Adler
4. What do you enjoy about our monthly meetings?  
Renewing friendships, interesting takes and interpretations of the stories, wondering why we do this for years on end. It's not natural, you know...
5. **Biographical Sketch**

Born in Texas in 1944, I graduated high school in Jacksboro, TX in 1963, and went to college in Shawnee, OK at Oklahoma Baptist University. In 1966, I was married for the first time. Our children, Travis (Nashville) and Hannah Hawkins (Greenville, NC) are from that marriage. Attended graduate schools in Rochester, New York, and Los Angeles, California. Entered the U.S. Army as a singer in 1969, and was a member of the U.S. Army Band and Chorus at Ft. Myer, VA, singing for events at the Nixon White House and for patriotic Washington, DC events.

Lived in Norman, OK for 10 years where I was Minister of Music at First Baptist Church. I also learned to fly via the Oklahoma University Aviation program, and purchased and flew an Archer II (Piper aircraft) from 1978 to 1985.

In 1985 I became the national consultant in choral music for the Southern Baptist Convention (Baptist Sunday School Board) in Nashville, TN. In 1997 I left the Baptist Convention, and became a free lance web designer, doing specialty sites for laser vision surgeons. In 2001 I joined Southwest Airlines in Nashville as a Customer Service Agent, moving to the Operations department in 2002, and into the In-Flight Division as a Flight Attendant out of Chicago/Midway in 2005. In my 13<sup>th</sup> year with Southwest now, I still live in Nashville and fly trips out of Chicago.

In 1992 I married Susan Morris, and we just celebrated 21 years of marriage this past June, 2013. Her Sherlockian nom is Hatty Doran, but she is not an active Sherlockian.