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1. How did you become interested in Sherlock Holmes?

a. The series of Sherlock Holmes movies starring Basil Rathbone frequently appeared on television back in the 1950s and 60s. Even as a small child I was fascinated that anyone could glean so much information and insight by being observant.

2. What is your favorite story or stories?

a. "The Hound of the Baskervilles," because it teeters along on the edge of a supernatural explanation before offering a plausible physical explanation for the crimes.

3. Who are your favorite characters other than Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson?

a. Mrs. Hudson. She is a constant, either ignores or is unaware of new dangers and accepts Holmes exactly as he is—though not without complaint.

4. What do you enjoy about our monthly meetings?

a. I am fascinated by the variety of personalities and interests found in the group.

#### Biographical Sketch

I was born in St. Louis, Missouri and grew up in the St. Louis metro area. My maternal grandparents were both natural story tellers. I was already to hear their stories and they were always accommodating.

At the end of my undergraduate studies at Missouri State, I was planning a career in law or politics when I experienced a calling to ministry. After attending seminary in New Orleans, my earlier experiences in journalism, writing, non-profits and political science would all help me in my eventual career at LifeWay, a publishing house for Christian materials. . Moving to Nashville in 1982, my wife Polly, and I both worked in journalism and publishing for Southern Baptist entities until our retirements in the past few years.

Our two sons, their wives, and our three grandchildren all live in the area. I share stories with them and have enjoyed researching some of the family legends through genealogical research. I also love to garden and teach English as a second language.