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I started doing genealogy to find out more information on my great-grandparents for my father. Now, genealogy has become at times a soothing hobby. Thirty years ago, my interest was in getting the names of people, their birth, marriage, and death dates and locations. Along the way, the interest shifted to the how, the what, and the why, that provided the story of a person's life.

Every person has a story, whether his or her life was one hour or ninety-eight years. Finding, developing and writing about the story has opened doors as an author. Genealogy research has introduced me to a large network of individuals around the world. I have connected with extended family that emigrated from Canada to Australia in the 1870s. Working together, we were able to flesh out our family tree from a common ancestor who immigrated to Canada in the late 1820s from Tipperary, Ireland.

Today, my enjoyment is with assisting others find out about their family history. I have realized that over the years, I have become an expert with research in the areas of home children and Quebec. Assisting at the Ottawa Public Library Genealogy Drop-ins helps me keep my research skills current in many areas.