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I was born and raised in the suburbs of Pittsburgh and graduated from Penn State in December of 1971. I started at Haskins & Sells in Baltimore in January of 1972 and worked there through November of 1975; In December of that year, I started work with Coopers & Lybrand back home in Pittsburgh. Some of the clients I worked on included a large insurance brokerage, an international spice processor, an industrial distribution company, local governments, and numerous manufacturers. One of the best parts of working in public accounting was seeing various types of businesses. I found that I enjoyed manufacturing companies most and spent most of my career after public accounting with manufacturers in different industries.

My wife Regina and I recently celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary. We have two grown daughters and a grand dog. We have lived in the same suburb of Pittsburgh since moving back 49 years ago, not far from where we both grew up.

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My interest in the Civil War started in the early 1960s when one of the TV networks ran a show during the 100th anniversary of the conflict. My interest has grown over the years as I learned about my great-grandfather's service with the 63rd Pennsylvania Volunteers. I've since found out that his father and two brothers served with the 84th PA Volunteers. I have yet to fully investigate ancestors on my father's side of the family and I'm sure I'll find some interesting characters there.