

Within these pages lie bits of family history of people whose surname is Dana, Gant, or Hendrix, and of countless more whose ancestors or cousins carry those names.

Life Snippets is my life story, recorded for my progeny. Less directly, it is also yours.

Roots traces our shared ancestry to the *Mayflower*, Colonial Virginia, England, Native Americans, Vikings, and Africa.

Death anticipates the end. My musings may stir your own.

The Future reflects on my charmed era (1945 to present), on today's inflection point in the American project, and on what may lie ahead.

Write Your Own might germinate your own memoir, whether we share a family tree or not.

Few of us know much about the lived experience of our ancestors, even quite recent ones. What happened between the dates of their birth and death? How did they experience their relationships, their special moments, and historic events that occurred on their watch? Unless they left a memoir, we don't know. Their life snippets were buried with them, lost forever.

Save a copy of this book for each of your children, though it may hold little interest for them today. One day, they may find these glimpses into the lives of their forebears deeply meaningful.

