

Reflections & Directions or What am I doing here?

Henry Strobel, March 8, 2014

Sound of mind and body, 78 years of age, I still have new things to do. Fifteen years ago I thought I had said it all in [Reflections, Personal Essays](#)

But there was more - In my **Oregon years, 1985 till now**: Since 2006, I pushed along the St. Boniface Community Archives & Museum. Before that (2004-2009) I was on the Portland Archdiocesan Historical Commission, the Salem Youth Symphony board for 15 years, and from 1985 until now Henry Strobel & Sons, Violin Maker & Publisher, a full service violin shop, also selling 100,000 of my books on violin making internationally. [My main web site](#)

In the preceding **California years** beginning in 1965 I received a physics degree, was an electronic engineer and entrepreneur (a founder of Digital Telephone Systems), and became a violin maker.

In "BC" (**before California**) I was a US Air Force Communications Officer in Scotland. I had received a degree in philosophy at St. Meinrad College in Indiana, attended various other colleges and worked in several industries.

Well, this is not to regale you with my patchy past, but to say why I'm still productive. Among other commitments I will maintain and improve my web sites, including www.sublimityhistory.net, my gift to our community, full of readable and visual local history.

Meanwhile I trust the good people of Sublimity will continue to share in person their hospitality and substantial historical resources in their warm brick home, thanks to St. Boniface. Godspeed!

Prayer of Saint Boniface

Eternal God,
refuge and help of your children.
In our weakness you are strength,
in our darkness you are light,
in our sorrow you are comfort and peace.
For all your goodness we bless you.
May we ever live in your presence,
love the things that you love,
and serve you in others each day.

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Things have leveled off. I will not necessarily be publishing an **Archives Record** every week as I have since 2006, only when a special occasion indicates. Keep me posted, thanks. Yours truly, Henry Strobel