



## HARVARD-RADCLIFFE CLASS OF 1966

Dear Classmates,

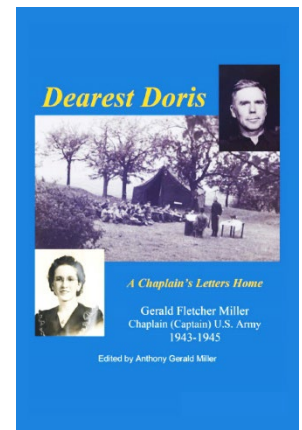
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July news, but first: Harvard has decided to phase out the post-Harvard address forwarding. Consequently, when you want to communicate with me, please use my direct address, **teblack43@gmail.com**. I'll remind you of this each month. Apparently, the forwarding service was getting too large; too complicated. Now the news:

### Anthony Miller:

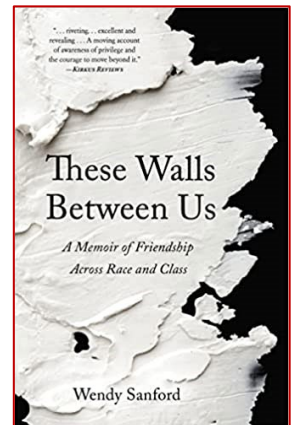
It's about time. Anthony Miller's first book is out from Florida-based Scribblers Press. *Dearest Doris: a Chaplain's Letters Home* is based on Tony's father's letters from World War II, when he was an Army chaplain in Europe. The letters are humorous and grim, filled with Rev. Gerald Miller's love for wife and family, humor and wordplay, faith and dedication to duty. Tony has compiled the best parts of the letters and added commentary relating Chaplain Miller's experiences to the war in general.

The book is available direct from the publisher: [https://www.scribblersweb.com/store/p108/Dearest\\_Doris.html](https://www.scribblersweb.com/store/p108/Dearest_Doris.html) and from Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/195030839>



### Wendy Sanford:

I had the thrill of taking *These Walls Between Us: A Memoir of Friendship Across Race and Class* to Bookstock, a book fair in (you guessed it) Woodstock, Vermont. During a sunny, hot weekend, ten authors from She Writes Press talked with inquirers about our own and each others' books, sold lots, and had a great time, while "Ben Franklin" cruised the town green in period dress. The book also received an award that matters to me: a Silver in Memoir from Nautilus Awards ("Better Books for a Better World"). Please let classmates know that I love meeting with book clubs. I can send reflection questions to anyone who asks.



### Tony Scholl:

Everything is fine...just returned to NH after a warm week off Maine's coast. You asked for any complaints: I have one. I responded to Harvard's request for recommendations for somebody to succeed Larry Bacow. I suggested Mike Fitts (Tulane) and Eddie Glaude, Jr. (Princeton.) However, the Search Committee did not acknowledge my submission. Does this mean they have rejected Fitts and Glaude?

Certainly, a minor complaint and I am happy with Harvard otherwise.

### **Margaret Lesser Bach:**

I have been immersed over the past months in organizing the placement of *Stolpersteine* in Germany in memory of my paternal grandparents -- whose tragic fates were sealed by Hitler and the Nazis. My grandmother, fleeing to Shanghai in 1940 where she died one year later; and my grandfather, deported to the Riga concentration camp in 1942, where he disappeared, presumably murdered. My father, of course, was one of the lucky ones, managing to emigrate to the US in 1936, thanks to a Jewish fraternity at the University of Illinois.

For those who may not know, *Stolpersteine* -- meaning, literally, "stumbling stones" -- are a project of a German artist, Gunter Demnig, initiated in the 1990s, as small but powerful reminders of the losses of that time -- Jews and non-Jews alike -- all persecuted victims of Hitler. As of January 2022, more than 90,000 *Stolpersteine* have been placed throughout Germany and other European countries.

The small brass plaques, about 10cm x 10cm, are embedded in the pavement in front of the last address of choice of the individual being commemorated. In his statement, Demnig cites the Talmud saying that "a person is only forgotten when his or her name is forgotten."

The *Stolpersteine* in front of the buildings bring back to memory the people who once lived here. Almost every 'stone' begins with HERE LIVED... One 'stone'. One name. One person."

The process for me, including working with local contacts in the two cities, has been rich, and often intense. Many of us -- immediate and extended family -- will be traveling to Germany for the placement ceremonies in mid-September. I would be interested in hearing from any of my classmates who have embarked on the *Stolperstein* journey, or who wish to know more..I can be reached at [mnlbach@gmail.com](mailto:mnlbach@gmail.com).

### **William Neaves:**

Photographing wildlife at Priscilla's ranch on the Salt Fork of the Brazos River in Northwest Texas continues to distract me from less pleasant matters. Here's a Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*) on July 7, 2022.



### **T.D. Allman:**

Lauzerte

24 July 2022

Esteemed Friends ==

Respected Colleagues ==

And All the Ships at Sea ==

The Tour de France swept through Lauzerte the other day -- a big event for a small town, The Tour, in my memory, had run past Lauzerte twice, decades ago. This time they raced right up and over the mountain. It was all beautifully organized, and they were gone almost as soon as they got here.

The television coverage of the race produced the most evocative video of Lauzerte I have ever seen. Because the racers had to pump their way to the top of Lauzerte, where I live, and then down, it gives a strong sense of the topographical reality of the place.

The aerial coverage was especially evocative. It included a view of Place des Cornières and a direct view of the house where I now have lived, off and on, for thirty-two years. It showed the façade of the house with its pale blue shutters closed against the heat. It also showed the back terrace with the tan-colored, slatted sun screens I had just lowered before going down to watch the race.

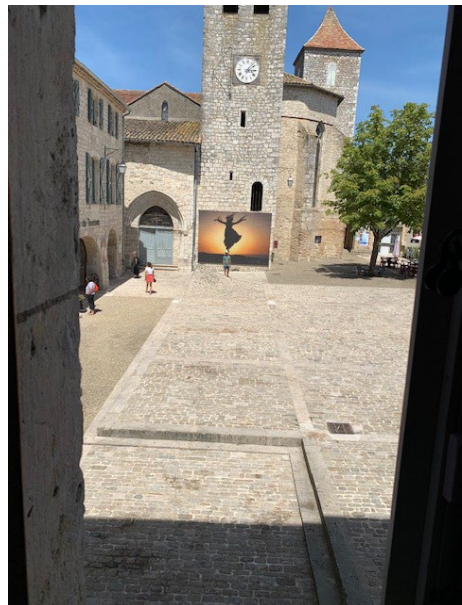
Nothing I've seen gives a better idea of what it is like actually to be here. The good-natured crowds applauding the racers as they pass are a big part of that.

My nephew Jason Allman caught it all on American TV and was kind enough to send it to me. The link to the video, from NBC I think, is at the top and bottom of this message. I can't actually see it. The network won't let people in France access it, but you can. I assume the U.S. media were using the same video feed French television did. I have seen an amateur copy of that.

Take a look, Enjoy, as Chinese waiters say when they bring you your dimsum. If anyone can find a way to get a viewable version of this video to me in France, that would be much appreciated.

Summer will be over before we know it! Stay safe! Have fun!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CkhpblLeQ5nA>



### **Charles Smart:**

So, here are a few photos of the Smart family (and you and I together) from the Crimson Society and Alumni Day events in June that I hope you will consider for the newsletter's next edition (the July edition, I assume).

My wife, Ann, and I had a terrific time and hope that the Crimson Society event will be continued in future years. I agree with Randy Lindel and others in our class that at our age 5 years between reunions is just a bit too long!

The young man in the photos is our son, Jon (Class of 2012), who was celebrating his 10th Harvard reunion. His attendance made this year's Crimson Society/Alumni Day festivities even more special for Ann and myself!



**In Memoriam:**

**Sheila Grinell:**

My husband of 42 years, Tom Johnson, died of Parkinson's disease on June 23. I want to thank classmates who have sent condolences. It helped.

AB'66	Barry Hilton	4-23-22	Portland, ME
AB'67	George Cloutier	4-30-22	Palm Beach, FL
AB'67	Kenneth Dym	4-04-22	Northampton, MA
AB'67	Nathaniel Bissell	4-22-22	

As always,  
your devoted servant,

Tom Black  
co-class secretary