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About the Author

Ross M. Curry was born on November 13, 1929, in a farmhouse at the height of the Great Depression. He attended rural schools and was an honor grad of Wisconsin Dells High School before attending what is now Madison College. He worked as a printer and later as a writer for the Wisconsin Dells Events for forty years, the longest anyone ever worked for a newspaper in Wisconsin Dells. He has been partially deaf since a childhood illness but learned to communicate by lip reading. He married Sylvia Phillipson on April 6, 1963. They are parents of a son, Ross P. Curry, and a daughter, Laureen Hunter, and have five grandchildren. He was an active church worker for most of his adult life and taught Sunday school for fifty-five years. He presently writes a column for the Wisconsin Dells Events and another for his church newsletter. He is a former member of the Dells Historical Society and the author of nine books on genealogy and local history. He has written over one thousand published articles. Ross's grandfather moved into the area as a baby in 1849, and his father knew all the earliest settlers in the Kilbourn-Dells area. His grandfather's sister married the son of Eben and Roseline Peck, first settlers in Madison and Baraboo, and all of their descendants are related to him.

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