

Lapsus Calami

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What's in a Name?

With this issue, I revive the original small journal I produced for the NAPA in the 1969-1970s. The name is different – and is correct grammatically for the first time. The first eight issues were published under the name *Lapsus Calamus*, and Bill Boys kindly pointed out that I had listed two Latin nouns – “Slip” and “Pen.” I meant the name to be *A Slip of the Pen*, i.e., an orthographic error. I have perpetrated many *Lapsus calami* in my tenure in AJ – mostly in my AAPA journal, *Whippoorwill Comment*. My press name is the **Whippoorwill Press**. A press name is the least expensive item a publisher can have, and I enjoyed the euphonious sound of the name, and the strident call of the bird that breeds every summer in the Bluegrass region of central Kentucky. I hope the number of this wee journal is correct. I remember that the last issue concerned an eloquent statement by Brother Antonius about the joy and problems of printing on a large iron hand press on dampened handmade paper. If I am wrong, please let me know. I am ashamed that I have not kept better records about the journals I have written for and printed.

Re-Introduction

I am an aging (who in AJ is not?) retired teacher of biology and geology who lives in the Bluegrass region of Kentucky, a lush, rolling, limestone plain at Frankfort, the capital city, located on the Kentucky River. I live out in the sticks, eight miles from the city, on about 13 acres of our own private Chipmunk and Ragweed Ranch. We have all sorts of wild life, including coyotes, skunks, groundhogs, red and gray foxes, and eastern white-tailed deer, which we see almost daily.

I have my own letterpress basement printshop, and about a hundred fonts of type. It has been an endless source of enjoyment for me, but it is not a very immediate medium of communication. I have rejoined the NAPA primarily to circulate this small journal to AJ friends electronically. I believe that e-journals are the wave of the future, and that AJ organizations are not urging their large silent majority of inactive members to get involved and write and create e-journals for distribution to the members. Internet bloggers are putting all AJ organizations to shame! I hope to write and publish on a regular basis if health and time permits.

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