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After graduating from South Salem, I attended Oregon State University with a bachelor's in Business Administration – Finance.

Next was three years in the Army in guess what? Finance.

After the military I worked for the Marion County Assessor's office in Salem for three years to gain enough experience to qualify for a professional license which I received and started my own appraisal company appraising commercial and industrial real estate. After a year, I joined forces with Spence Powell (SSHS '64) for 13 years. Then off to Los Angeles for three years at American Appraisal Associates, an international appraisal firm, managing the Investment Real Estate Division in the Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle and Denver Offices. I missed Salem and my friends here so I moved back home in 1991 and started Totten & Company, a commercial/industrial appraisal and brokerage firm in which I am still active to the tune of 50+/- hours per week.

I'm looking forward to retiring one of these days to officially join Susanna Owens, my partner of 15 years, as "assistant vineyard manager". We developed a commercial vineyard on Ankeny Hill in the south Salem Hills growing premium Pinot Noir grapes. We are not interested in developing a winery but we sell our fruit to various wineries in the Willamette Valley.

During the college years I married Gena Layman (NSHS '65). We were blessed with two wonderful children: Michael (SSHS '88) and Scott (SSHS '91). Both attained degrees at U of O (I forgive them) and they are successful today. Michael is a free-lance writer in Portland and is a known expert on the middle east political and religious scene. He has been widely published and has written four books to-date. Scott is a software engineer with offices in Portland, but he telecommutes from Las Vegas where he resides. Both are married, but alas, no grandchildren.

I'm looking forward to seeing all at our 50th reunion!

