

James Hines

(1926-2017)

Writer of Short Stories & Songs

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky.

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James Arvin Hines

— ROSINE
James Arvin Hines, 90, formerly of Rosine passed away Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. He was born June 22, 1926 to the late Johnie and Jessie Hines. He was a known short story and song writer. His work can be viewed in the Kentucky Room at The Owensboro/Daviess County Public Library. He played the guitar and was a bluegrass music fan. James graduated from Horse Branch High School and attended the University of Kentucky. He was a United States Army Veteran of World War II.

Aside from his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Homer Hines (Lillian); one sister, Gertrude Raley (Bud); and a great-nephew, John Worth III.

Survivors include his sister, Barbara (Harold) Wilson; one niece, Sherri



Worth; three nephews, Bruce Raley, Joey Wilson and Sammy Hines; great-nieces, Ali Estevez, Lexee Wilson and Kylee Wilson and one great-nephew, Beau Worth.

A private family service was held with Rev. Truman Cooper officiating. Burial took place in Rosine Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the Wesley Phelps Honor Guard.

Online messages of condolence may be left for the family of James Arvin Hines by visiting his memorial tribute at www.danksfuneralhome.com

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Bill Monroe, "Father of Bluegrass Music" and James Hines, book and magazine publisher and songwriter, 1968.

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Interview with James Hines

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Interviewer: Sara McNulty
Interviewee: James Hines
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Topics include family, childhood, education, writing stories, farm work and life, story telling, moving to California, returning to Rosine, Bill Monroe, William (Bill) Pierce, local fiddlers, Pen Vandiver, Charlie Monroe, house dances, the community, wagon travel, folklore and writing, fiddles, music at church. James Hines also provides biographical and family information. Interview also accessible at the Kentucky Historical Society. Copyright belongs to the Kentucky Oral History Commission/Kentucky Historical Society. Please contact the Kentucky Historical Society for rights and reproduction purposes.

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Notes by Jerry Long: James Hines (1926-2017) was a writer of short stories and songs. He published his first short story at the age of seventeen. His stories have appeared in more than two hundred national magazines and several of his songs have been recorded by popular bluegrass and country artists.

His farm near Rosine in Ohio County adjoined my grandparents, Ben & Anna Mae Long's farm. He was related to my grandmother, Anna Mae Long (4th cousins), through the Wilson family. One of their relatives, Clarence Wilson, a musician, was a close friend of Pendleton Vandiver, Bill's Monroe's "Uncle Pen". James Hines wrote that Fletch Wilson, another relative ran a store in Rosine and talked Bill Monroe into leaving Ohio County and going to East Chicago to get a job. James Hines was close friends of Bill Monroe and kept in contact with Monroe. Mr. Hines was close friends with Albert Long, my great-uncle, and other members of my Long family. He wrote a short story base on Albert Long entitled "Dog Fight" and gave me a picture of him.

On one of Mr. Hines's visits to the Kentucky Room at the Daviess County Public Library I said the library would be interested adding to their collection any of his published writings. During 2007-2015 Mr. Hines brought periodicals to the library in which he had published articles. I copied the publication's cover and table of contents page and his article. Mr. Hines in 2015 had to enter an assisted living facility and was no longer able to bring any additional articles. At that time I closed the project. I organized all of the (173) articles we had collected in chronological order and bound them in a five-volume set of books. To the introduction of the volumes I added a biographical section of letters and articles about Mr. Hines. On 18 October 2015 I visited Mr. Hines and showed him the set of books of his collected writings. The set of books, Articles By James Hines, was added to the shelves of the Kentucky Room, at the Daviess County Public Library, in Owensboro, KY (library catalog #KR F Hine).

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Riverton, Ky.
Aug. 23rd 1948

Dear Jimmie Hines:

Yes, I fully understand your letter. But if you didn't have talent and moods you would never feel too dissatisfied with yourself. If you were satisfied with yourself, you perhaps, wouldn't be thinking about writing short stories and photography. You would be working on your father's farm, teaching school, running a little store. My good friend writers are not always very happy people. They can't be and write. They are usually disturbed. This might be called unfortunate for one to have to go through life like this, that is constantly being disturbed...but if you are not, then I don't think much writing would be done. Of course Jack London was. He was a writer too! He did more in his 40 years than ten average men did each living to be eighty. In other words he did more in 40 years than the average man could do in 800. The way I measure is, I would rather have done what he did than to have done what the others did.

So Jimmie the moods that bother you are natural moods. You ought to thank God that you have them. You ought to wonder about yourself and why you are alive. And you ought ~~to~~ not think of taking the years from yourself but of making the most of them. After you have lived so many of them, you will have an aboutface in your thinking. You will want more years to live. You will have to think that the good years of your youth have passed. You will begin to wonder what the remainder of your allotted time has in store for you. I have been through every mood you mentioned in your letter and had the same thing. I have often envied the men that could coast along, enjoy life without a worry in the world. Now, I am old enough to look back to see what these men have done. Very little.

You have written more and sold more than I had written at your age. You have made an effort and a good one. I don't mean to say this to make you satisfied with yourself. If I could do that I wouldn't. I hope you remain dissatisfied with yourself. It is then you will work. Self satisfaction is a dangerous thing. You mentioned to me that I had come along and that I could buy this or that. This sort of thing doesn't mean a damn to a writer that wants to leave a reputation. Yes, I can do much of this sort of thing. But this doesn't give me happiness anymore than it did Jack London. I had written five books and had them published and was broke and back teaching school when I wrote TAPS. My back was against the wall. So it is what a man is made of. If he keeps up the fight somewhere, at some point, he will do something. Often he won't fight unless he has to.

I know you want to be a writer. Keep on working and writing and you will be. Put your moods into action. Once you make the magazines you want to make, and you will, then you will strike out on a new adventure. The only way to write is to write. The only ~~easy~~ way to know your worth is to let editors see your stories. Not one editor but many. Keep writing and keep showing. Thank you for writing me a good original letter. I get so few of them these days. When you are back in this section of Kentucky drop around for a talk.

Sincerely,


Jesse Stuart

Horse Branch Is 'Home' to Writer

By JOHN FOSTER
Press Staff Writer

HORSE BRANCH, Ky. — The place isn't listed on the official Kentucky road map, and writer James Hines doesn't live there anyway, but he was told once that no fiction writer would ever forget an address like Horse Branch.

So far from that's his address, although the rural village is located a few miles from Hines' home, near wooded Jerusalem Ridge in west-central Kentucky where people know their neighbors.

James Hines, 37, whose papers are being collected by the University of Kentucky, is the author of short stories published in pulp, slick and quality magazines.

Hines lives in a modest farm house behind a small grove of trees off Kentucky Highway 42.

His stories are being checked out to original manuscripts by novelist-critic Robert Penn Warren and Catholic monk Thomas

Moates, according to Herbert Finch, field representative for the University of Kentucky library.

THE LIBRARY'S collection is designed to preserve material which has historical or cultural value to the university and to Kentucky. The letters of Henry Clay and the papers of such Kentucky writers as A. H. Garfield and Justice Hall Giles are included.

"We're interested in major Kentucky figures," Finch said, "and that includes writers whose reputations are not established but who are now working and producing material."

Hines is not a well-known writer, but he has been selling his material for approximately 15 years, and has said his writing supports him, with his farm acting as a "base."

The work of Hines and writers at the University of Kentucky, Finch hopes, will contribute to the knowledge of creative processes and the writer's mind.

Finch said it is possible that cashless for advanced degrees in literature would turn to the collection for these material.

NO RESEARCH is being done at the moment on Hines, however, Finch said the files on the Horse Branch, Ky., writer are far from complete.

An anthology published by Morehead State College Press, "Deep Summer: a Collection of New Writings," lists one of Hines' early stories, "The Rooming," which he said has been reprinted several times.

The story is of young Hamilton who returns from college to lonely parents. In spite of himself, the youth carves out a case with them and spends the night playing his music with an uncle who lives across the valley.

James Hines is a heavy-set man who likes to wear a sports straw hat, sunglasses, and no shirt.

He owns 250 acres of land and is building a new home in a

hairy valley where he once had a one-story brick structure. For six years, he wrote there during fall, winter and spring, and recently turned to moving in the hope of really making it.

MR. HAN WHITEN six novel manuscripts, each averaging one million words, causing early rough drafts. Finished, they stood at 200,000 words.

Hines began writing in the eighth grade, he said, and during the summers before he attended the University of Kentucky, worked and "barned around the country," visiting the East Coast, Deep South and Far west. He started traveling at 14.

He quit college and then taught in a one-room Kentucky school before turning his full attention to writing. Today he lists recent publications in American Mercury, Farm and Ranch, Arizona Quarterly and Laurel Review.

"My roots are deep," he says of his hills and valleys. He is

distantly related to Bruce Hines and one of his ancestors, Capt. Thomas H. Hines, attempted to get Indiana, Ohio and Illinois to join the Confederacy.

IN SOME of his stories, Hines describes young hillmen who ride miles, drink (probably) dew and turn to calves' hot jelly when sniled upon by some sweet young Daisy.

He has also written of badmen of the Old West, during his research in Evansville, and Louisville, public libraries.

One of his most successful stories, published in Fly magazine, was graphically entitled "My Life With the Human Beast at the Boko Jungle."

Hines said he was always frustrated by having to work while wanting to write full time.

He believes that imagined events are more enjoyable than real life happenings, however.

IN OCTOBER, 1964, Hines was appointed an associate editor and

fiction writer for the Louisville Courier and News Digest.

"I pick on writing as much as I can. But it gets harder, because you want to do better."

He said he couldn't understand why some editors today write that they lack the talent as they rejected his manuscripts. "After all the stories I've published."

He said, "I'd be a wealthy man today if I'd spent as much time doing labor as I have spent writing."

"If I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't have wasted my time with short stories, I would have concentrated on novels."

He has one big novel that some editors wanted to like he said. He has hopes. And one editor is interested in a collection of short stories.

Ohio County News, Hartford, KY, 27 April 1962, p2:

Writing Is Doubly Enriching For Rosine's James Hines



Surrounded by research material, James Hines, young Kentucky author, meditates at his typewriter, which has poured out millions of words—and appears destined to grind out millions more.

(Reprinted from the Evansville Sunday Courier and Press)

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April 13, 1968

Dear James:

It was certainly appreciated, your sending me all the news & I can't tell you how glad I was to receive the "old" picture of the class.

It seems when I should be taking it easier, my work keeps getting heavier. I don't know when I'm going to record; I have so much to do, especially getting acts for the park in Ind. I've got a good line-up, but still have about 7 more to book. Too, I'm going to have to be up there when some of the acts go, like Loretta Lynn and a few others.

In between my own personals, I have to work on the park, and get advertising up for the Festival up there June 21-22 & 23rd. We were up there last week working on the cabins & I want to build an outdoor stage to take care of the crowds on certain dates.

I've written Wendell Allen today concerning the re-union date with Charlie & me, whenever we all decide on the date. It will have to be in May or July, and I sent Wendell the Saturday I could come up there, or Friday, whichever.

We've really been bothered with the riots; they weren't as bad as other places, but we had a curfew for over 3 nights; however, we finally got to play the Fri. & Sat. Opry this week-end. Last week, it was cancelled because of the 7:00 P. M. curfew, and that was the very first time the opry was not held.

Well, I'll be in all this week, had to get some work done here at the office; I'm usually not here very much. My ex-wife, Jimmy's mother does all the booking and I just leave most of it to her.

Tell Charlie "hello"
for me. Write me.



A Monroe Brother comes home to Jerusalem Ridge

Jimmy Hines, a successful young writer and graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Journalism, gave the above title to a story he wrote for the April 15, 1962 edition of Evansville's Sunday Courier and Press. The story highlighted the careers of both Charlie Monroe and Bill Monroe, but the spotlight was focused on Charlie whose quiet retirement was the theme of the two-page, eight-column, four-picture article.

The fact that a major newspaper devoted so much space to this publicity attests to several other facts: Jimmy Hines is an excellent writer; the Monroe Brothers are an excellent subject; Charlie Monroe's semi-retirement from entertainment circles is newsworthy; people like to read about good entertainers; Charlie Monroe was - and still is - one of the best.

Especially at a time when Bluegrass Music is making great strides in popularity and being recognized even in centers of culture as the grass roots of American folk music, it is indeed gratifying that a nationally known pioneer of Bluegrass Music has rendered this new album - for Charlie Monroe is an originator, advocate, and champion performer of Bluegrass Music.

Back to Jimmy Hines and his profile on Charlie, the following is quoted from Jimmy's story:

"Mark my word, Charlie, you'll be back on Jerusalem Ridge one of these days, a-listenin' to the fox hounds and a-

drinkin' lonesome water," said Pen Vandevur, old-time fiddler, and one of the Monroe Brothers, Charlie and Bill, one spring day in 1927 as the boys packed their musical instruments to try their luck on some radio station.

"A lot of so-called water has flown under the bridge of time since then, but 'Uncle Pen' was right: Charlie Monroe, after appearing on innumerable radio stations throughout the country, is back on Jerusalem Ridge... Charlie bought a farm adjoining the original Monroe homestead, plus a few other farms, and now he owns approximately 1,000 acres stretching... across the heavily wooded ridges known locally as 'Pea' and 'Jerusalem' in Ohio County, Ky.

"Yes, after thirty-three years in the competitive, nerve-wrecking entertainment world, playing thousands of radio programs and making personal appearance tours, Charlie is back on the old homestead leading a secluded and quiet life... Charlie drives his tractor over his land, feeds stock, cuts bushes, mends fences, 'slops' hogs, and performs the other usual chores around a farm.

"Most folk music fans have heard of the Monroe Brothers of Kentucky, for of all the singers, and instrumentalists in this field, they are perhaps the best remembered even though they no longer perform together as a unit. As a duet, the Monroe Brothers were in constant demand for personal appearances and set new attend-

ance records wherever they played. But some twenty years ago the boys... split up the act.

"Charlie worked independently, moving from one station to another back and forth across the country... always breaking the record for fan mail at every radio station at which he performed, including Station WHAS in Louisville... Charlie's business manager is his wife, the former Elizabeth Miller, whom he married in 1936.

"Until recently, Charlie had a 30-minute program every Wednesday on WSL-TV in Roanoke, Va., and a 30-minute program every Saturday on WSJS-TV, Winston-Salem, N. C., and a daily 30-minute program on Radio WPAQ, Mt. Airy, N. C. During this time, he and Bill met at Corbin, Ky. for their first appearance together in over 17 years. Crowds traveled hundreds of miles to see the Monroe Brothers together again, which proves that folks aren't likely ever to forget Charlie and Bill Monroe."

There will be a homecoming September 16 at the Rockport Baptist church. Services are at 11 a. m. with afternoon singing.

Tuesday guests of Mrs Edith Wilson were Mr and Mrs Encil Fuller, Clay and son and grandson, Dennis Fuller, Washington, D. C. Wednesday guests were Mrs Wilson's sister, Mrs Myrtle Maple and daughters, Pauline Reeves and Naomi Chancellor, Louisville.



THE MONROE HOME AT ROSINE

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The Hines Family

By James Hines, PO Box 412, Rosine, KY 42370-0412

Henry Hines, Sr., the father, of the Hines family which settled In Warren and Butler Cos., Kentucky from 1803 to 1820, was born and reared In Campbell County VA. He was a soldier In the Revolutionary War, as was his brother James Hines, who was killed in the war.

Henry Hines, Sr., first married Dorcas Kelly, also of Campbell County, VA, He had 6 sons and 3 daughters during this marriage. After her death, he married Elizabeth Harvey and moved to Charlotte Co., VA and had 2 sons and 2 daughters. All of the children from both marriages moved to southern Kentucky except one - Tobitha who married Thomas Parsons and moved into northern Kentucky.

Henry Hines' parents are purported to be Dr. Thomas and Elizabeth (Jones) Hines. Dr. Thomas Hines was said to have been a Royal Surgeon in the Queens Army. He was given 10,000 acres to settle near Hobbes Hole, Virginia. Henry Hines, Sr. was allegedly born in 1732 on that land. Others have stated that he was a wealthy planter and that his parents and perhaps grandparents were in Pennsylvania at least two generations before the 1732 birth of Henry, Sr.

Today, over 3,000 Hines' are descendants; and the 7th 9th generations of Hines's are scattered throughout the United States. The original spelling was Hynes in Ireland and then was Anglicized. Modern variations Include Hynes, Hines, Hinds, Hynds, Hindes and Hyndes.

Some of the more famous and infamous Hines's have included: Duncan Hines, whose book, "Adventures In Good Eatlng" became a must read in the 40's and 50's - before franchised motels and AAA ratings, it was the only guide for rating restaurants. With the "Recommended by Duncan Hines" sign posted out in front of a business, travelers were assured of a good meal and hospitality.

The infamous Confederate Spy, Thomas H. Hines, was 2nd in command of Morgan's Raiders and escaped Union troops six times including the famous Columbus Federal Penitentiary break he engineered which freed General Morgan and six Captains plus additional soldiers. He later became Chief Justice of Kentucky Court of Appeals in 1884.

My grandfather was named Thomas Henry Hines. He was born in 1873 and lived to be 101 years old. He was named after Capt. Thomas Henry Hines, CSA, his uncle. My grandfather was from Hines Mill, ten miles from Rosine, where my people settled in 1846. The town in now named Dundee.

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Kentucky: A History of the State (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, 1885, Ohio County section):

JOHN BIRKS HINES, Ohio County, was born January 23, 1832, in Butler County, Ky., where he was reared and lived until 1862, when he removed to Ohio County, where he has since resided. His father, Simeon W. Hines, was born near Richmond, Va., in 1802, immigrated to Kentucky in 1812, where he served many years as magistrate. and died in 1870. He was the son of Henry Hines, who was born and died in Virginia. Simeon W. first married Elizabeth, daughter of William and Polly Wade, of Butler County; she died in 1840, and their offspring are Mary E., William H., Thomas H., George A., John Birks, Sarah J. (Hines), Caroline C. (Wilson), James D. and Elizabeth W. (Acton). To him by his second marriage were born Lucy A. (Talley), Eliza W. (Leach), Nancy W. and Fayette W. (drowned). John B. Hines married, October 18, 1855, Nancy A., daughter of Hardin and Fannie (Rone) Doolin, of Butler County, born August 21, 1839; died January 31, 1870, and from their union sprang George A. (deceased), John C, James D., Mary A. (Hoops), Joseph A. (deceased) and Emerliza (deceased). June 16, 1870, Mr. Hines was married to Rebecca A., daughter of Laban and Frances (Johnson) Wright, of Ohio County. She was born in 1845, and to them have been born Sarah E., Thomas H., Virginia W., Laban W., Willie A. and Rebecca F. Mr. Hines is a farmer, owning 215 acres of fair land in good condition. In politics he is a member of the Democratic party.

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8 October 2007

James Hines
Box 412
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Dear Mr. Hines:

Thank you for bringing copies of some of your articles to the Owensboro Library. I have typed up a chronological listing of the 21 articles we now have copies of. If you have any other articles that you could bring in we would like to have them. What I am doing is making a good Xerox copy of each article including the cover & table of contents pages of the publication they appeared in. At some point in the future I want to have them hard bound into a volume(s) with a table of contents and added to our shelves here in the Kentucky Room. If you have any of the original publications that you want to keep possibly you could bring them in and let us make copies and then you could keep your originals.

Earlier you mentioned that you wrote a short story entitled "Dog Fight" that was based on Albert Long and his dog. Would you have a copy of this article? I would love to have a copy of this one for my own family files.

I don't know if you recall that about 1981 I gave you a call and talked about the Wilson family. We are 4th cousins twice removed through the Wilson family. You and my

grandmother, Anna Mae Long, were 4th cousins. Her great-grandmother, Angeline (Wilson) Watson (wife of Jeff Watson), and your great-grandfather, Samuel L. Wilson, were 1st cousins. I have compiled quite a lot of data on the Wilson clan of the Horse Branch-Olaton-Rosine area. I have a few questions that I was wondering if you might know anything about. If you don't know that is okay. Some of your dad's siblings had middle names – Roy Lee, Clarence Cecil & Myrtle Ann. Did your dad, Johnnie Hines, or his brothers, Ira or Marvin, have middle names? Do you know the middle name of your grandfather, Thomas H. Hines? I have that your grandmother's full name was Artie Viola (Wilson) Hines. I found the marriage dates for your parents and several of those for his siblings. However, there were a few I could not locate. Your uncle, Clarence Hines, married 2nd Zelma Hager on 9 Oct 1948 but it was not recorded in Ohio County. Do you recall where he might have married at? Your uncle, Marvin Hines, married 2nd Catherine Pauline after 1965. Do you know her last name and where they married at? I found your aunt, Myrtle Hines, 1st marriage to Nick Delphia in 1919 at Rosine. She later married a Brackett and then a Swigart. Would you know their first names? Do you know when and where your aunt, Myrtle, passed away? In 1961 she was living at Windham, Ohio.

I have enjoyed talking to you. Thanks and best wishes,

Jerry Long
Kentucky Room, Daviess County Public Library, 2020 Frederica St., Owensboro, KY 42301

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14 November 2007

James Hines
P.O. Box 412
Rosine, KY 42370

Dear Mr. Hines:

What I had in mind for our collection was to have a bound volume(s) of your published literary articles. The Kentucky Room tries to collect literary works of local and Kentucky authors. The albums, videos and photos are a little beyond the parameters of our collection. For this reason I do not believe we can accept these non-literary materials.

For the articles you have brought I have made one good copy for binding. I have also made copies of the cover or title and contents pages for each. As well as made a chronological listings of the articles. For the introduction I will include some biographical items such as newspaper articles about you. I thought I would also include a few letters of note, such as the Bill Monroe & Jesse Stuart letters that you sent, if that is okay. We do not need to keep the original copies of the magazines that your articles were published in. Because of space limitations I cannot promised that they in the future will be retained. If you would like I can return these on your next visit.

Best wishes,
Jerry Long

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**Phone call from James Hines, Box 412, Rosine, KY 42370-0412, 25 December 2007
to Jerry Long:**

Mr. Hines called to tell me he had dropped off some more of his articles to the Kentucky Room for me to make copies of. He said my granddad, Bennie Long, heard the gunshot shots when his dad, Johnnie Hines was killed by Wavy Hines. He was witness during the murder trial at Hartford. His brother, Albert Long, moved to Dayton, Ohio in 1944. He remembers that in the years before he left he had lived alone, and for a time his son, Thomas, & one summer, daughter Cora & her child stayed with him. Mr. Hines said he was close to Alvey Long and gave him 10 acres that adjoined his tract, it had been part of the Nancy Thomas place. In recent years Ron Brian had owned granddads old Hall's Creek farm. Not long ago he sold 80 acres for \$220,000 that included a brick home.

**Contact : James Hines, Davco Rest Home, 2526 W 10th Street, Owensboro, KY, 18
October 2015:**

I (Jerry Long) visited Mr. Hines and showed him the 5-volume set, Articles of James Hines, that the Daviess County Public Library received this week from the Evansville Bindery. They will shortly be catalogued and added to the shelves of the Kentucky Room at the library. Since 2007 Mr. Hines has been bringing periodicals to the library in which he has published articles. I had promised to make copies and compile the collection. Mr. Hines in the past year had to enter an assisted living facility and for quite some time he has not been able to bring any new articles. I decided to finalize the project. I prepared a table of contents and arranged the five volumes. He was very appreciative.

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