Memoir-writing timelines:

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**Triggering Events:**

05-02-09: CHM-NIHF Gala Event honoring “godfathers” of Silicon Valley, deifying Mead and erasing me.

Began an investigating how this happened. Drafted investigative report, filed evidence, etc. Contacted various folks, including Bert, Dick, Doug, Telle Whitney, etc., to get reactions. Began following up with Dick re Mead’s activities (laying the foundation for what later became the VLSI memoir).

02-18-10: ACS Reunion at Computer History Museum – where Fran Allen exposes her ignorance of DIS and her defamation of me as claiming JC’s innovations. A total shock, but was the beginning of my finally discovering what had happened at ACS. Both MS and BR were there, and realized what Fran had done. I began interacting with them to investigate further and pin this all down (laying the foundation for what later became the ACS memoir).

06-09-10: Received IEEE Computer Society Computer Pioneer Award for 2009. Telle Whitney apparently nominated me for this (she was on the award committee). This was perfect timing to help me challenge the record re ACS and VLSI – by adding to my current professional credibility.

**1. ACS Reminiscences:**

11-08-10: Cliff Jones invited me to contribute to BR’s Festschrift

01-13-10: Coordinated with BR re the idea

Jan-Mar 2010: Worked hard on drafting the other memoir (VLSI)

03-07-11: Began detailed interactions with BR to work on ACS memoir

March- June, 2011:

Intensive collaboration with BR and MS to investigate ACS history and answer many open questions. Interacted via Skype to do lots of brainstorming. Made many fascinating discoveries. Began writing memoir, sending drafts to BR and MS for debugging and proofing.

07-06-11: Submitted final draft of ACS memoir.

Aug-Oct 2011: Interactions re final editing.

11-08-11: Memoir published in BR’s Festschrift by Springer-Verlag

**2. VLSI Reminiscences:**

10-06-10: Dave Hodges invites me to write memoir for IEEE SSCM, triggering the idea of simply ‘telling my story, as it is’, as a way of countering the historical blindness to my contributions.

Dec 2010: Began investigations, compilations of materials and references, drafted outlines.

Jan 2011: Began detailed writing

02-28-11: Completed initial draft

03-05-11: Distributed draft to about 25 people on d-list, began interacting with reviewers.

March-April 2011: Distributed more drafts, lots of feedback, made many revisions.

May-Oct 2011: Mostly suspended work (shifted to work on ACS memoir). Had to do this in order to answer fundamental questions about what had happened there, based on solid evidence and deduction. Fortunately, the VLSI memoir publication date got pushed into next year, with the plan now being to make it into an entire “special issue”. This gave me time to do the intensive ACS memoir-researh, and also to begin finding volunteers for commentaries.

Fall-Winter 2011-12: Got Chuck House, Carlo Sequin and Ken Shepard to agree to serving as commentators. Initial deadline set for all submissions was April 21, 2012. However, this slipped because of moving of memoir into the Fall 2012 issue.

05-31-12: Met with KS at Columbia

06-20-12: Submitted Final Draft

Jun-Sep 2012: Commentaries submitted, edited, finished.

09-09-12: Submitted tune-up revised Final Draft

09-06-12 thru 10-19-12: Received and iterated on page-proofs.

11-xx-12: Memoir published in IEEE SSCM