

Welcome Home Contest Winner - IN THE HEIGHTS comes to UNCP

My family is a bit like air moss – ever surviving but not necessarily with roots. I come from a mixed English/Irish and French background – with my mother’s line being able to be traced by to the Norman Invasion of England in 1066, our first American ancestor on the Mayflower and more on down to my brothers and sister and me. My father’s side is Canadian once you get to my Grandmother’s generation and before that from the Loire region of France. Daddy was a Navy man, so despite the fact that we can trace so much of our lineage, we rarely got to see family as we moved around so much. There really was no home – as it’s hard to become attached to places when you move around so much. Five schools in two years was our record I think. However, what that taught me is that home is not a house, or a place, or even necessarily a community – but the people. Home is family. Wherever my family is, home is.

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