

Garrison Keillor: "The great beauty of the life that I've led is that I've had a chance to see so much and meet so many people."

Seeking obscurity again in Denmark

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Sometimes when Garrison Keillor is stuck on his writing, he studies an old black-and-white photograph hanging in his office at Minnesota Public Radio. Shot in 1947, it shows the members of his boyhood church in south Minneapolis during a fundamentalist conference. He's related to half the people.

The picture will be among the first things he unpacks when he moves to Denmark a few days after his last "A Prairie Home Companion" show on June 13.

"To me," he says, "that's my life—my life in a frame. My treasure. I think as long as I have this picture, I'll still be able to tell stories about Lake Wobegon. I can just pick out one face in the crowd, look at it long enough and I'll remember something. This is my future as a writer."

He lovingly points out the faces. Here's his mom; his dad is missing from the picture and probably was on the road for the Railway Mail Service. Great Uncle Alfred over there must have been about 80 when the photo was taken, and lived to be 93. Cousin Bob Anderson, who was pretty good on a baseball diamond, still looks this youthful. That woman married Keillor's uncle and later went crazy. These two — Aunt Elsie

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Staff Photo by Stormi Greener

Garrison Keillor, with photo of the members of his boyhood church: "To me, that's my life in a frame. As long as I have this picture, I'll still be able to tell stories about Lake Wobegon."

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Garrison Keillor: "I would like a small thing and make it stand for something, I think that I was put here on Earth to do that, to write in extravagant praise of common things."

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Keillor, center in front row, was about 4 at the time of this photo; he says his relatives to half the people in it.

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