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## The Irene Adler Story, Continued

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In the lightsome spirit of the Baker Street Irregulars and their universe, I'd like to add some recently discovered notes concerning Irene Norton, nee Adler ("Jerseyana," July 8).

Not only was she from New Jersey, but a native of Hoboken. While Ms. Adler spent most of her professional career abroad, she returned to her childhood home prior to the birth of her son, the famous Nero Wolfe.

World travel had ceased, but she continued to enjoy "those glorious weekends in Spring Lake at the Monmouth." In later years she resided in a classic Trenton townhouse somewhere "off East State Street," where in October of 1903 she died "quite alone," according to a friend, a certain Miss V. Hunter. (Although the son lived in New York City, their relationship seems remote at best.) A grandson, John H. Wolfe, attended Rutgers and the New Jersey School of Medicine. Upon graduation he entered the military and was duly attached to the 82d Airborne during the Grenada invasion as a divisional surgeon. There he was struck down by a rare strain of Lyme disease and was returned to the States for medical discharge.

He gravitated to New Jersey, settling in the Princeton area, where he entered into a private practice, specializing in substance abuse and weight control. His offices are "just round the corner from Banana Republic."

As Sherlock Holmes himself might add, "A singular practice, indeed."

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