The financial needs in rearing four daughters and providing their education kept me on a nine to five ( sometimes more ) hourly leash.  I found time after selling my business to one of those daughters.-.to write a fictional accounting of a hate crime in Georgia titled   A MULBERRY SUMMER.

 I next started an exploration of my family history and that led to the fact- based  novel titled  SIPSEY.  I actually met and discussed those events with members of Jerry Blakeney's family, including his youngest daughter - Mrs Evalina Greene.  I have maintained a communicative relationship by telephone and email with her only son  Dr. James Greene, who is my age and a retired professor from Oberlin College.

I have another novel titled WAITING FOR THE JUNEBUG- which I have never submitted for publication.  I may self-publish it as I have with COTTON FIELDS.  The publishers  I have experienced have been a disappointment...doing little more than providing an ISBN number and a printer- and then selling the author his own words.  Of course- if you have a good agent and your name is John Grisham or Dan Brown-  it's a different story.

My books can be ordered directly from Blakeney Associates- P. O. Box  846- Social Circle, GA.  30025.  Sipsey is $20, A Mulberry Summer is  $15, as is Cotton Fields- plus $3.00 shipping.