Jim: “I am experiences/ideas/feelings gathered over 71 years that grow in a field—like flowers/grasses/trees over the seasons of life. Some of the seeds were planted at Williams in the early ’50s. New seeds are being planted today.”

Ed: “Upstate New York small-town boy who returned to his rural roots as a country lawyer and judge. Father, husband and lover of wilderness. Descendant of Ephraim Amidon, a private at the Battle of Bennington.”

THE REV. JIM SYMONS ’56 (LEFT) AND ED AMIDON ’56

“As a student: agitating for change, for queer students, for women, for students of color. In the classroom: transformed by new ideas. As a professor: teaching queer theory, women’s and gender studies, tutorials on Whitman and Dickinson. Working to sustain community. Mother, avid cook, yard saler, and, recently, disabled. Never forgetting how hard it was.”

KATIE KENT ’88, WILLIAMS ASSOCIATE PROF. OF ENGLISH AND CHAIR OF WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES, WITH HER DAUGHTER RUTH WEAVER, AGE 3

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