

CALL FOR ANNOTATIONS:
THE REIGATE PUZZLE

Annotating “The Adventure of the Norwood Builder” for our 2015 *Almanac & Reader* was great fun – enough fun that we’ve decided to annotate another Sherlock Holmes story: “The Reigate Puzzle.” We will publish the finished product in the 2016 *Almanac & Reader*. Please do feel free to pitch in. This call and the complete text of the story are available at www.greenbag.org.

How to submit an annotation: Email us a Word document with the passage from “Reigate Puzzle” that you want to annotate, and the annotation included as either (a) a footnote to your document if the annotation is just text or (b) an attachment if the annotation is an image (photograph, chart, or whatever). If your annotation involves assertions of fact or law, include citations to appropriate authorities. Thus, for example, it is not enough to say that the lawsuit between Acton and the Cunninghams involved a particular kind of property dispute or would have been heard in a particular court. How do you know? Where are the cases supporting your view? What do they say? Do any point in other directions? Similarly, if lawyers used a particular kind of strongbox at that time, we will need to see some law-office records, or pictures, or other evidence of its use circa 1887. You get the idea: We are giving “Reigate Puzzle” the law review treatment. Each annotation should add to readers’ understanding or enjoyment of the story, including but not limited to its legal aspects.

We will give credit where it is due: Annotations to our edition of “Reigate Puzzle” will appear as footnotes and illustrations. Each footnote will identify by name the author of that note. Each illustration’s caption will identify by name the contributor of that image. Each annotator will also have a byline at the beginning of the story (underneath Conan Doyle’s) and an author note of no more than 25 words.

Length limit: There is no length limit, but please be reasonable.

Deadline: Finished works must be received at our editors@greenbag.org email address by October 31, 2015.

Criteria: We will select works for publication based on how useful, interesting, well-researched, well-written, and good-spirited they are.