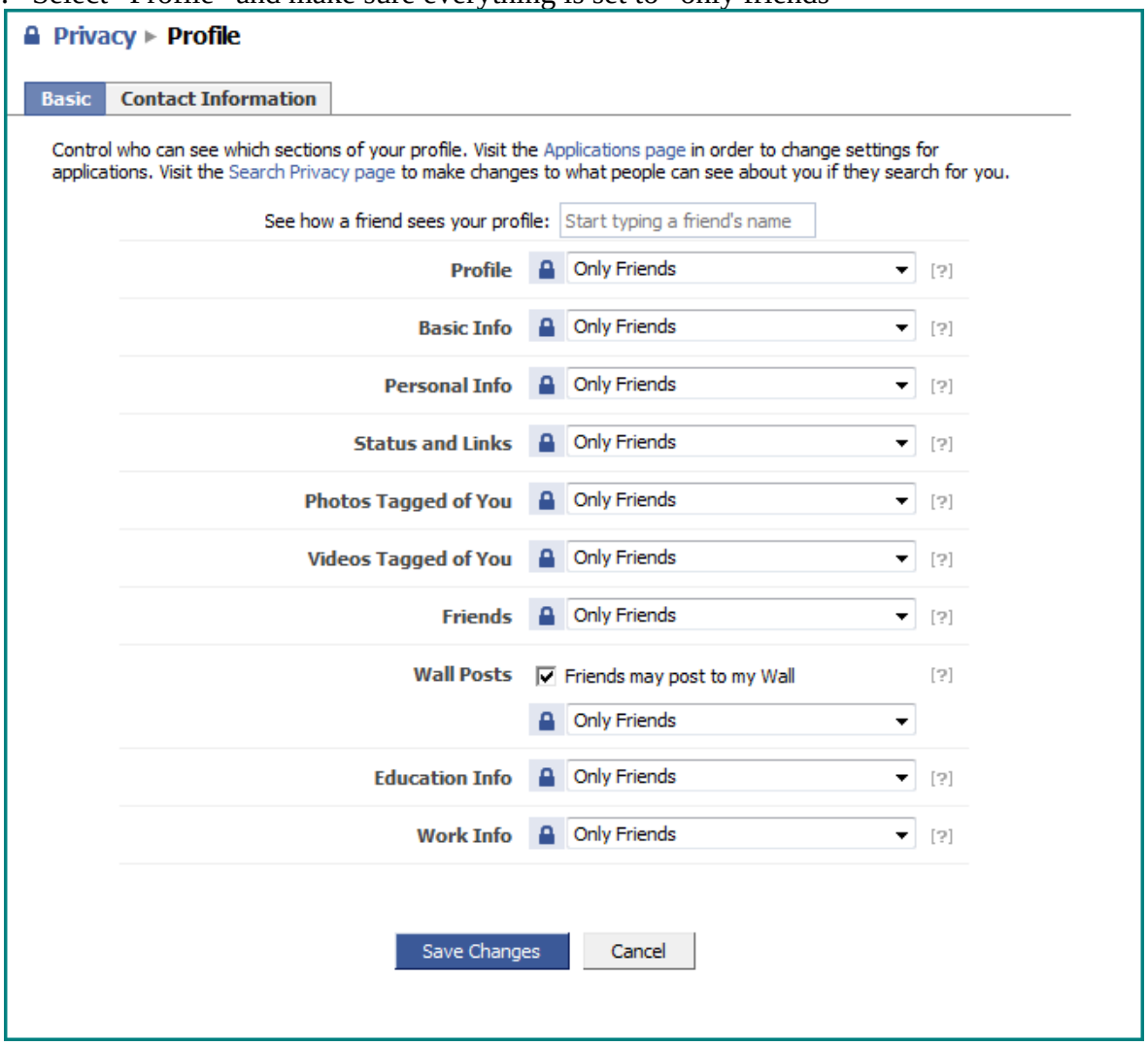
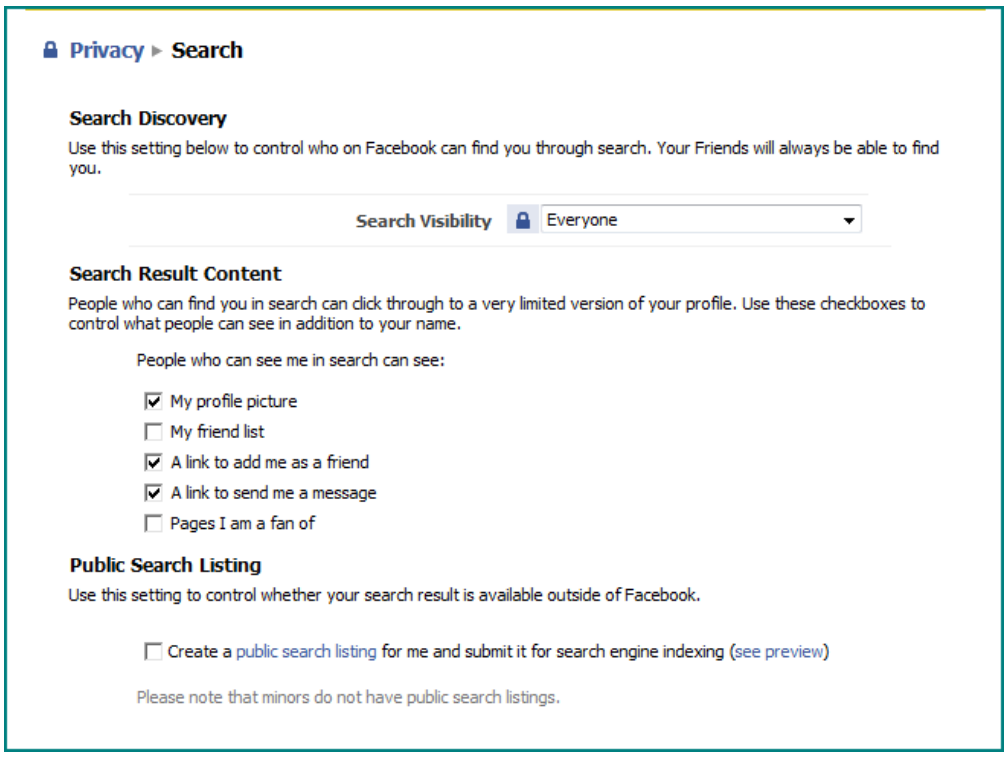
Facebook secrets that may inadvertently compromise privacy…

For whoever is interested and for what it's worth…

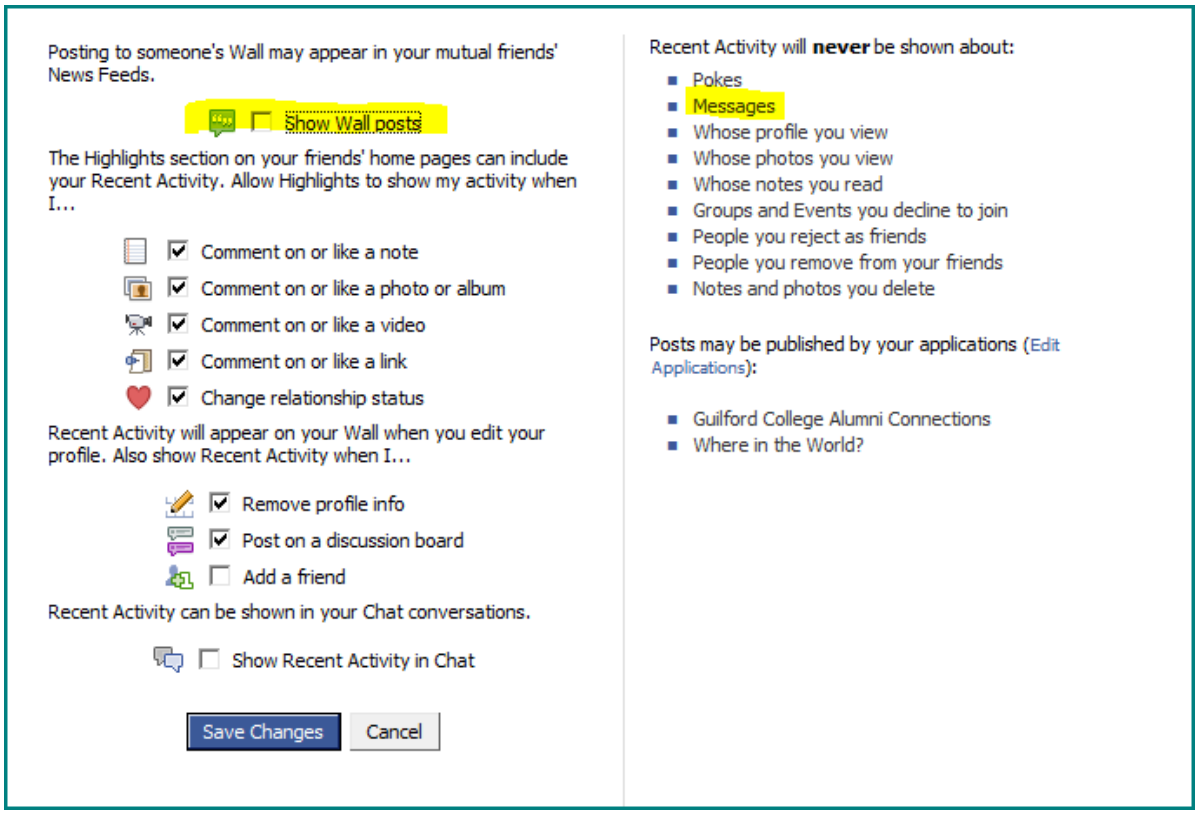
1. Make sure you only allow friends to see your profile.
   1.1. Cursor over "settings" in the upper right-hand corner, and select "privacy"
      1.1.1. Select "Profile" and make sure everything is set to "only friends"



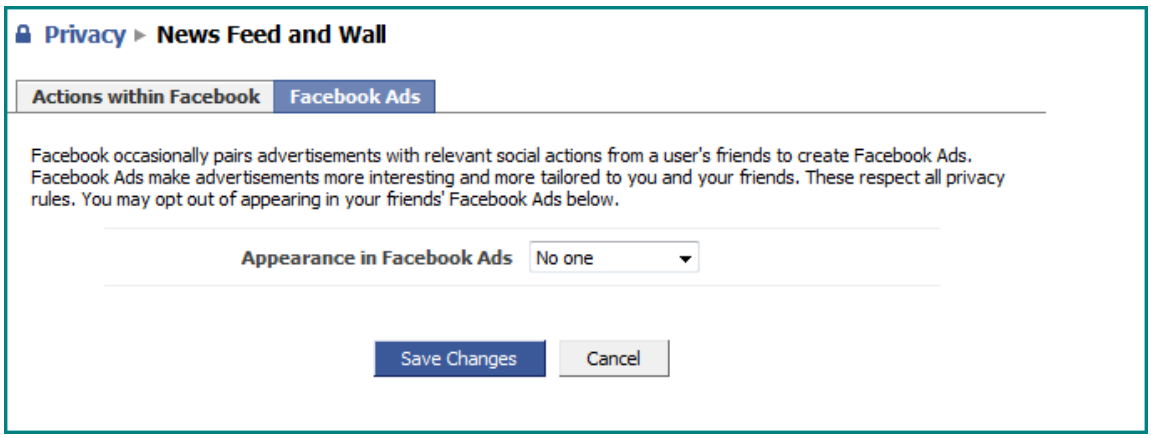
      1.1.2. As necessary, return to settings/privacy and select "search." Again, make sure your settings are appropriate.



1.1.3. As necessary, return to settings/privacy and select "search." Two tabs here. Start with "Actions within Facebook"



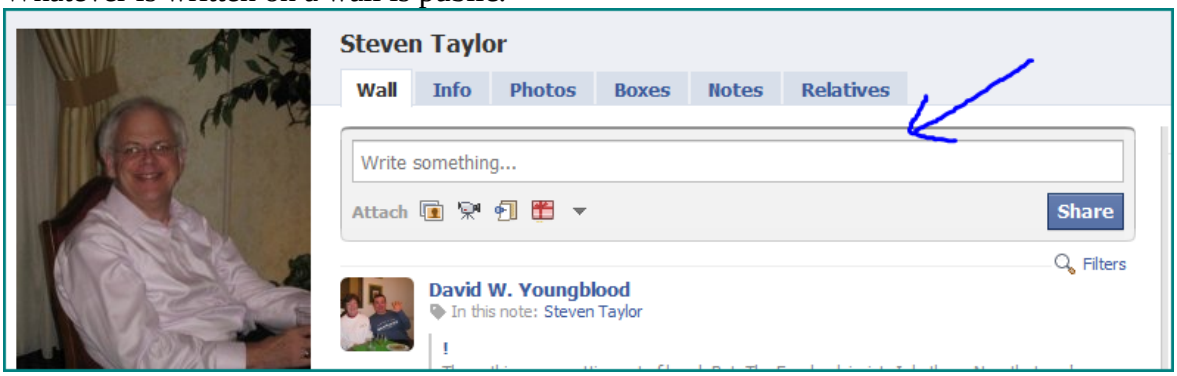
The two highlighted items are noted below…
Also check the settings under "Facebook Ads." These are (I think) attempts to get people to take various quizzes, etc. I can think of NO reason to allow this. So change the default.



1.1.4. The "Applications" tab contains information but no options to set…

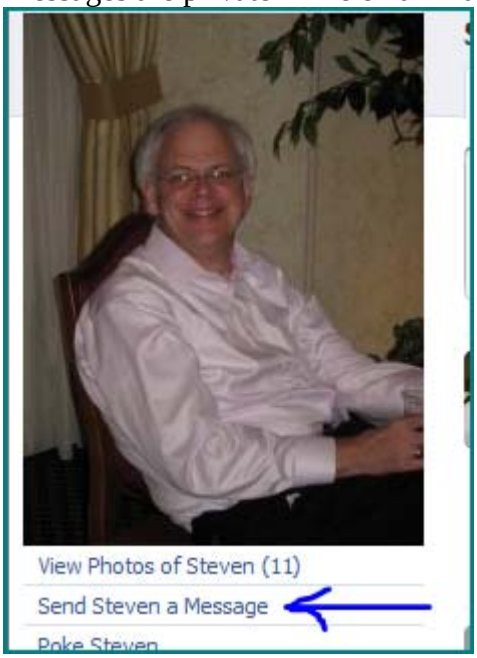
2. Facebook is VERY obtuse about what is and what is not shown. The two major rules are:

2.1. Whatever is written on a wall is public.



and this info may be viewed by anybody who has permission to view the wall of the person on whose wall it is written.

2.2. Messages are private – like email – and – within reason – are relatively secure.



and may reasonably be used instead of email. See 1.1.3 above concerning the fact that info

about messages will never be shown – allegedly.

2.3. A totally counterintuitive "feature" is that if one friend writes on another friend's wall, then all people who are friends of both ***may*** receive a copy in their notifications.

2.3.1. For instance, since I am friends of both Sarah Thomas and Elizabeth Thomas, the following appeared on my wall when Elizabeth wrote on Sarah's wall:

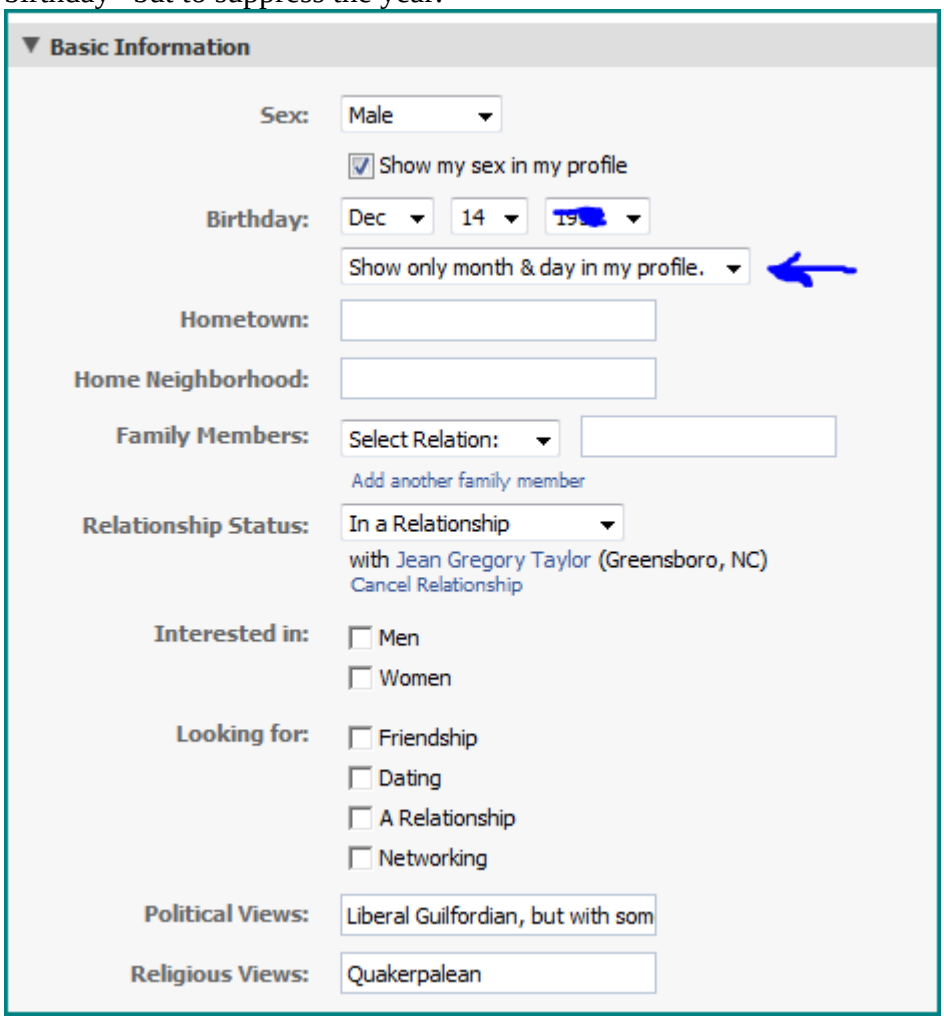
2.3.2. However, I ***think*** this may be disabled by unchecking "show wall posts" as shown above on 1.1.3.

2.4. The bottom line is not to post anything that you don't want to share with your friends. Use email instead.

3. What to show in your profile…

3.1. Click on "Info" on your profile. Then "Edit."

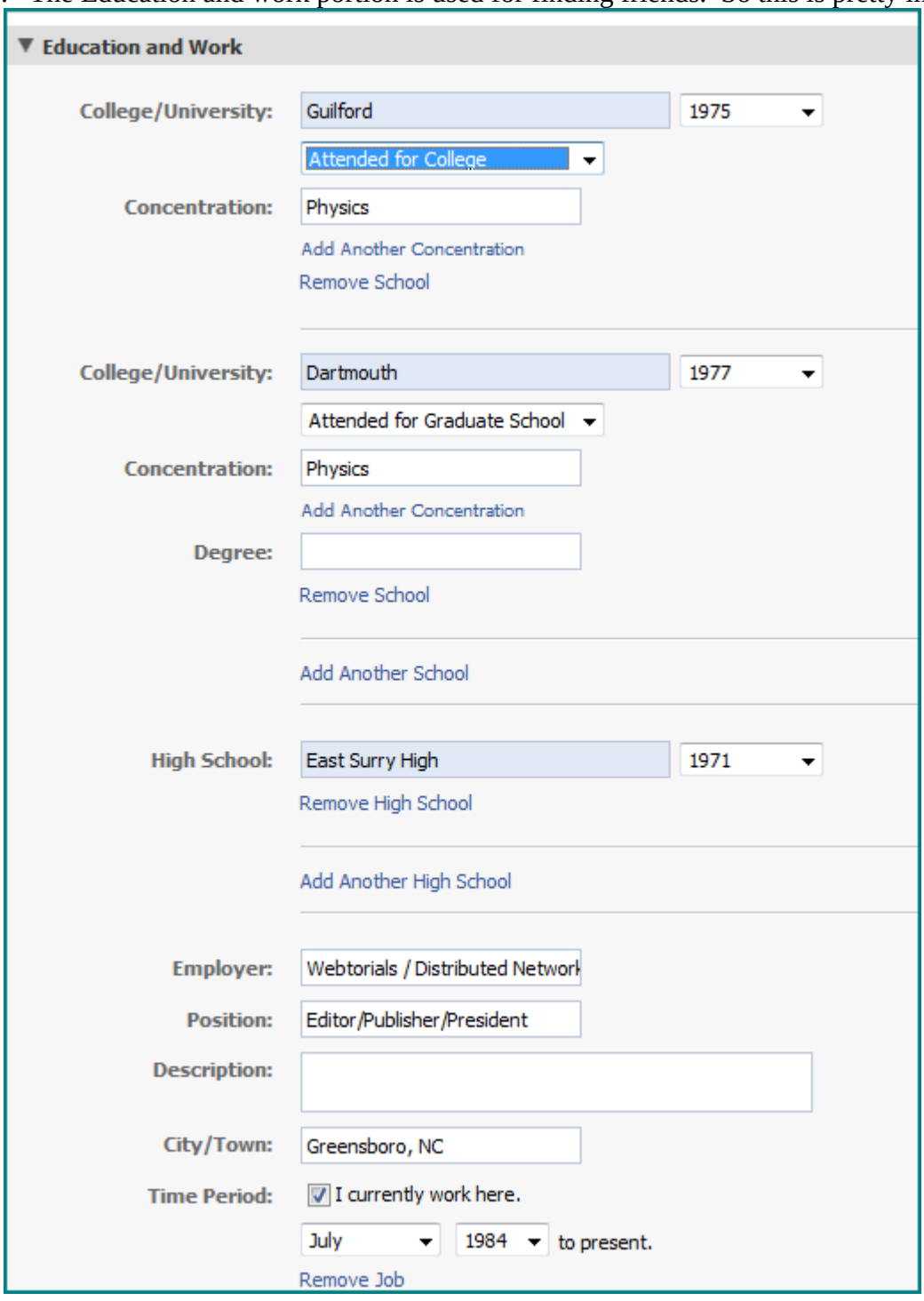
3.1.1. Probably the most important is to show your birthday (so people may wish you a happy birthday" but to suppress the year.



3.1.1.1. I probably would also recommend against listing family members… Just because.

3.1.2. Personally, I would be extremely circumspect about entering too much “personal Information” or “Contact Information.” Your friends know you…

3.1.3. The Education and work portion is used for finding friends. So this is pretty important.



There’s probably a lot that I forgot, but this may be a good start. Please comment, correct, revise, and extend…