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Dear Cousins,

It would be difficult to tell you now surprised and delighted I was to get your letter of 18th March, 1983 with copies of your first two newsletters. My apologies for this late response but we have just returned from cruising the Florida keys in our sailboat and found your letter when we got back home.

I am looking forward to your feature on Lodowick in the next issue of your newsletter. I am sorry I did not get your letter in time to be able to contribute to the feature.

As you will note we do not use the middle o in the name although I am sure it is quite correct. The name is right out of Shakespeare and appears to have first been given to the one you are writing about-b.ca.1710 in Va. Some people mistakenly assume it is an anglicised version of the German Ludwig. Not so. It is more likely that Ludwig is germanized version of the Italian Lodovico.

So far in my research I have turned up 11 Lodwicks in the family but I am not sure which one is my ancestor. As far as I know I am the first to bear the name in this century. I was named for James Lodwick b.1749, d.1820 Wake County, N.C. which family tradition holds is my ancestor. But we can't prove it yet, at least to the satisfaction of the DAR. The problem is we can't find proof that my great grandfather Green Alford, b.1787 d.1848 in Wake County, NC was indeed the son of James Lodwick. My research indicates that my James Lodwick was the son of James, Jr. b.1713 who was the brother of the first Lodowick b.1710 VA.

I was delighted to find the names of Tressie Bowman and Charles Sleight on your list of correspondents. I had corresponded with Tressie for years and had visited her once. But when her bulletin No.10 did not come, I could get no response to my letters. Similarly, no response from her co-editor Stuart Blakely whom I note you are also trying to locate. Anyhow I need bulletins 10, 11, 12. Charles Sleight is also a descendant of my James Lodwick but we had lost track of each other for 27 years. I have written him today.

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I am working on the pedigree chart you sent me and will send it soon.

Here is \$10 and I am looking forward to the next newsletter. Let me praise you to the skies for doing it.

Also thanks for new address on Randall Alford. I will write him today and thank him for giving you my name. The association you said he mentioned is the W. L. H. Alford (my father) Family Reunion and Lucy Mell Overby Alford (my mother) Memorial. We met last Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> in our old hometown Sylwester, Georgia and there were about 110 present. One of my nephews is president now. More about this later.

Thanks again for your letter and again apologies for late reply -

Sincerely yours.

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