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Dear Mary & Gil:

Just got your letter of Nov.17 and the new quarterly. Great! I like the numbering system in the genealogies and would like to change the format in our book.

Sorry you never got any response from Adm.John and Capt.Zeb. One of these days they will get interested. How about Mrs. Van G. Williamson here on St. Simons Island? According to the Naval Academy yearbook of 1936 when Adm.John was graduated, he originally came from Galva, Henry County. Illinois. It seems to be about same distance from Moline and Galesburg and not too far from Peoria.

I may have developed a contact up in Washington County and have written a letter seeking information about Ole Lodwick dying there in 1789. I was all set to go up there myself and had the car loaded about two weeks ago but something came up and could not go. I have searched every library in this area but nothing found except a land grant of 287 acres for James in Washington County, in 1785. I wrote the Clerk of the Court up there awhile back for some help but he wrote back that Bill Sherman had burned all the records.

Seems like everyone including Mary J. Rogers of Franklin Co. NC is waiting until I prove Ole Lodwick died in Ga. Here is some copies of material she just sent me and it looks good. Do you think she is good enough for us to offer to pay her for research there in Franklin County? I am now sending her one of the recruitment packets you sent me. If she does not respond to you in a reasonable time, I suggest you write her direct. I am impressed with her work and interest in Alford's. I am replying to her letter in detail and will see if I can stimulate(or needle) her into further research.

Never worry about the looseleaf binders. The bound books will be fine. Be sure to give me a reasonably good price I should ask for the book.

Many thanks and will write again soon.

Best regards,

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