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Dear Gil,

I've been slow in responding since last year in the pursuit of finalizing other lines of research.

Enclosed is one group sheet - two pages- ALFORD - depicting my lineage inre JOHN ALFORD (ca1807 NC).

JOHN ALFORD (ca1807) and spouse ("DIRISA" and phonetic similarities) settled in Knox County, Kentucky, in the remote mountains of southeastern Kentucky between the years 1834-36.

The birth places and birth dates of the children were the foundation of this settle date.

I have done very little research into JOHN ALFORDs (ca1807) parentage. Perhaps the enclosed group sheet will reflect this.

However, I have followed the offspring of this JOHN ALFORD very thoroughly for a simple reason. The clannish nature of the family in southeastern Kentucky had kept the family intact and localized until the most recent generations.

* In the 1970's I conducted a personal interview with the last living great granddaughter of JOHN ALFORD (ca1807). Since deceased, her name is ARMEIDA JANE MOSELEY HALL, being the daughter of SARAH ELIZ. ALFORD (ca1874), who appears on the group sheet.

At the time she was quite coherent. She related to me that she believed the spouse of JOHN ALFORD (ca1807) was nee "FARRIS".

I have never sought verification of this single personal accounting.

I am not the JOSEPH ORVILLE ALFORD (1949) to whom you referred. By coincidence my DOB is also 1949, yet I do not know ORVILLE F. and PAULINE (LEGER) ALFORD.

In addition to those maternal surnames on the group sheet, the following are "married into" the Alfords:

BOWLING CENTERS GOODIN LEE PARTIN WEBB

Should this JOHN ALFORD (ca1807) be that relative of Pauline and Orville F., I'm sure they could be of invaluable assistance in my pilgrimage out of this, the Kentucky settlement of John Alford. I would certainly reciprocate.

Regards,

Orville Alford

P.S. - I am perusing again your list of publications, although at this stage I know not which of them is related to my particular line.

* "living" - a personal interview would be difficult otherwise, wouldn't it?
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ASKED ABOUT "BILL" ALFORD