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Dear Anne,

It was such a pleasant surprise to receive your letter - Don't despair! My brother and my brother-in-law are also trying to trace the family, and none of us is getting anywhere fast! I will try to write all I want to say in a logical fashion so as not to confuse you. I am so excited to hear that you have access to some libraries - the nearest genealogical library to me is at Mobile, Ala; 50 miles away, and I will not get a chance to spend the day there until school is out. (I teach Spanish & English in H.S. & J.H. full-time, and with 3 youngsters, I stay busy!)

I noted some extra information for you on your sheet and also a few discrepancies with what Uncle Ira told me - Maybe you can check these discrepancies out and let me know which dates are correct. I am pretty sure that Ed Millette's father was Louis E. Wolff as my mother remembered her Uncle Larry being buried in Ed Paso. She told me this about 10 yrs ago when I lived in E.P.

Anne, I understand your frustration. My brother and brother-in-law both had

similar experiences, and I have written several relatives who knew me as a child who visited in my home repeatedly when I was young, and who will not even answer my letter. Uncle Ira and my parents have been the only ones to really help me. I still have a lot of processing I want to do on Uncle Ira's letters to get the stories and info all filed and catalogued as I wish.

I saw very much in a quandary over the Meeks line, and hope you can look up census lists for Rome, Georgia, Floyd County. You see my paternal grandmother was either Grace Meek's ~~niece~~ ^{niece} or her sister. Her name was Susan Jane Meeks. She was the daughter of Frank Meeks and Caroline Huckley and was born Nov. 1, 1862 probably in Rome or Cave Spring, Ga. Uncle Ira seemed to think Grace Meeks & Susan were sisters but my dad said she ^(Grace) was Frank Meeks' sister. This information

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would be a real help to me. I have corresponded with a number of people who are researching meeks. I may have found Frank Meeks' father, but I have no real clue just info from a correspondent who sent this:

Dr. John Meeks b. N.C. 1792
married
Sarah (Sally?)? b. S.C. 1799
had several children
one - Francis Meeks b. 1836 Tenn.
Is this his my "Frank" - I have it!

I have subscribed to the Genealogical Helper, a quarterly which features ads from people doing research. I'm sure the A.A. libraries must have copies. I have inserted an ad for Sept., and I wrote an inquiry about my Payne side which may be published in their "Question Box" sooner.

I have written about 30 letters to strangers since Feb. and many have sent their info, but only the one about seems like a "real" clue. I have started a file box of names they sent me, and I hope to be able to eventually find "ties" or at least give others clues -

Eventually, I'd like to compile a book.
I hope you can delve into Uncle Ira's
scrapbooks and take notes. I can
give you several suggestions: One
is that if you could tape Uncle Ira's
stories, (he has such a wealth of
information), you would have a
really wonderful method of getting
lots of information easy. It is
easier for a person to tell you
than it is for him to write it
all down for you - do you have access
to a tape recorder?

I would love to have copies of
some of the pictures -

I really wish I could give you
more help. I have several leads
I still need to pursue so maybe
I will have more later - I hope
you can sort out this letter. It
is confusing after all -

Please give Penny my love. She
is my only girl cousin and I
have always loved her especially.

Please write and keep me
informed on your progress -
Love
Irene