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Dear Dr. Peeples,

Thank you for the added info and the corrections. I have made all the corrections, including my typos (19-- comes a lot easier than 18-- or 17-- when you are typing by touch and thought instead of looking!)

As for Mahala Platts, I do have her whole name, Abeline Mahala Elizabeth Platts, but on a print-out, the computer allots just so many letters to names and it usually chooses which letters...the first ones, of course. I do feel it is important to include all of a name. I have one instance where the name used all of that persons life does not show up on either the Bible or birth certificate record...it is a baptismal name. In another one, my own gr'mother heartily disliked her given name, Artiemissia, and chose to go by Lillie Myrtle from the time, I suppose, that she had a choice. In her 58th year she had it legally changed, but her sisters and her aunts continued to call her 'Artie'.

In both her case and in Mahala's, if some future family historian should come across an early school or family record with the original name, how would they know to connect it with the person known by a different name on all the genealogical records??? Or if a future generation looks for an early relative of their ancestors (by the name given that relative in their ancestor's papers) how would they know to benefit from the work we've done??

I also had the adoptions recorded on the 3 persons you mentioned but this does not show up on the descendancy or pedigree charts. I'm sure there are a lot of such little details I don't have, so, please, don't hesitate to let me know when there is anything you note I might not have. I don't mind getting it from more than one source!!!

I do have one question. To whom does the Emma Jane Folk, b5Jan1895 belong?? She is on your list with the others from p 73/14, between Henry Nimrod and Henry Calhoun.

You asked about the two younger sons I have for Mahala Elizabeth. I will have to go back through my files and try to see where this particular info came from. Most of my info on Bob's families, just like the Folk info, has come from other researchers. Some I got from THE ANNALS OF NEWBERRY and a couple other Newberry Co books, most of it came from other Folk and Kinard researchers I met at the Dutch Fork Chapter annual reunion several years ago. Most of them have written books on their related families and had most of the Folk, Kinard, Platts, Steedly, etc., that I had when I first met you. A very small amt has been gleaned from O'burg and Barnwell Co. records but my own research has mostly concentrated on my own lines which I've been working on the past 30 years, since Bob and I have no children. I'm compiling it for his sisters and

brother's families but have only recently begun to work on any of the documentation and/or active research for his lines.

I'm keeping your letter out (of the files) so I will remember to let you know where the info came from and we can verify and/or correct it.

I especially appreciated the info on Gerry Varn's connection. I have several Folk/Varn marriages, but couldn't connect Gerry to any of them. I guess that's why I have been doing this for so long...I don't like loose ends!! It always bugged me no end when I found a piece missing in a jigsaw puzzle!!!

Congratulations on the new gr'neices and nephews...I'll bet you and Cora are as busy trying to 'spoil' them as Paul is!!! Have fun!!

Bob continues to do well, all things considered!! He drives himself back and forth now to dialysis, runs most of our errands and does all the 'in-between' grocery shopping. He has just had his 5-yr cancer check-up and was found to be cancer free. The Lord continues to bless and we take it just as he gives it...a day at a time!

Tell Cora I haven't used up the roll yet but will send her the pix as soon as they are developed. The Lord's best to you both.

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Fondly,
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