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Dear Lt. Kirk:

Thank you for yours of 26 April 1995 with the information about Chuck McVey and his graduation. That was very thoughtful of you. I regret not getting back to you sooner but our whole family shared a bug and by the time it passed through all the families it took a long time to get back to my work.

I shall recap for you my searches in your behalf since the last report. There was a book Southern Kirk & Carroll Families compiler Mrs. Arch Bruce Marshall book number 929.273K635a. I read large portions of this book which has abstracts of Kirk marriages, census, histories from throughout the south. They listed all the Kirks in early Ala., Georgia, Arkansas, Tenn., North Carolina, Virginia. See work sheets for most likely families with similar names and in areas where your Kirk's could have lived before coming to Ark.

Earliest Lewis Kirk came into Lancaster county, S. Car., and from there went into Tenn. counties of Williamson and Giles. His wife's name was Mary. Lewis Kirk capt 27th regt. Tenn militia, 1796-1811. His widow was selling land in Lawrence county, near Ala. state line. Mary gave land to a dau., Sarah Rebecca and to another daughter, Mary - wife of Francis Guthrie.

On second thought I think I will include the work sheets in the body of this report to eliminate so much typing. I have typed on more permanent family group sheets the families of Jesse Granville Billingsley and for two of his four wives. Two of the ladies he married late in life and had no issue from them. Therefore, there are two sheets on him one for wife, 1. Juliann(July Ann, Julia) Alford, through whom you descend through child Virginia Lee Billingsley and sheet for Jesse with his 2nd wife Liza Knighton and their children. Sheet for John Billingsley(also called Jack) is now typed out because locating him in 1850 census definitely showed your ancestor Jesse in his household as well as other siblings. Combining the 1850 and 1860 censuses with marriages has given us a good view of that family. Only problem is the wife had died before 1850 so I don't know who she is yet. That could be in my continuing searching for you in a series of marriage abstracts and probate index for Tenn.

The next sheet alphabetically arranged is the work sheet for Thomas Jerome Billingsley and his 3 wives and what appears at this point to be his children by the various spouses. Thomas Jerome is a brother to your Jesse and son of your John(Jack) Billingsley. The next regular family group sheet is for George W. Brazil(also spelled Brasil, Brazzil, Braswell, etc. I had typed a work sheet for you on that family in that last report. For this report I feel that I have gotten what I can from the most important original references here on that family so have typed the sheet adding additional data found in this report and combining it with materials you sent and that I discovered in my previous report. One child was not identified by name in the cemetery record so don't know if it was a boy or girl. According to the mother she had had 12 children by 1910 and several had died by the 1900 census. I am assuming therefore, that some of those missing children were born where biggest spaces in years between known children took place. This is not positive but a theory. Since I have done all available census and cemetery records and checked also original probate and land records and didn't find anything more on those missing children I have therefore, filled out two places with question marks with no dates and filled out one child with a question mark too for which I had a date for your but no names in cemetery records. Also I was able to identify some of George's children's spouses, two with marriage dates and spouses names, one with just spouse's name.

Next regular group sheet is for J L or I L Brazel/Brazil/Brazzell/Braswell and his wife, Achsah A (Axy, etc.) and their children. Here again for this search I have filled in more blanks than when I had filled out a work sheet. Note the children's marriages. Only problem on cem record date of death for Achsah was 1909, when the original census shows her still alive in 1910, so wonder if her death date should be 1910 instead of 1909? Son Jessie L spells his name Braswell in part of references. This will make tracing that surname back into Ala. and Georgia a lot more complicated because of the many spellings to watch out for in each source.

I checked the updated fiche computer program of the International Genealogy index of names submissions looking for a J.L. or I.L. Brasel/Brazil/Braswell/Brazzel etc and found in the Georgia index the family of Mansfield Braswell and wife Nancy Hughes, see work sheet with a son, James Lemuel(J.L.) Previously in 1860 census in Ark there was a William Brazil in same county and census year as your J.L. or I.L. Brazil. Hancock county, Ga. is in middle Georgia close to South Carolina border whereas where the last few children in that family were born in Stewart county, Ga which borders Ala. at Barbour county. With your Achsah being born in Ala. that certainly puts a family in right migration pattern to have gone into Ala. and to have James Lemuel to have married in Ala. his two wives.

The next family group sheet typed on regular forms this time is the sheet of Levi Louis(lewis) Kirk and his wife Mary Elizabeth Doggett. Here again I have for this search added marriages and death dates from cemetery records, as well as those dates from your fine research and combined it all. The only thing that I would like to do about L.L. Kirk would be to see if there was a local newspaper in 1898 that would have his obit. Has anyone in your family tried to locate an obit? If not by using newspaper directories at the library I will see as part of my next report if an obit might be located. To try and establish who his parents might be I have kept in mind all the family given names from his family and have compared that against families cited in the Kirk-Carroll book which took hours but it was worth it. I noted that on one child your records showed a child Joseph Levi while the census indicated the names Josiah Lewis for same dates of birth exactly.

Next family group sheet is that of Robert Bruce Kirk, son of Levi Louis(Lewis) Kirk. From his cemetery records I note he died 21 June 1918. That is one of years that our country was involved in fighting during World War I. Whether he died from wounds or other complications in service, or whether he served I just don't know at this point, but it is an interesting possibility. Also located in a methodist church record, filmed original from Sevier county, Ark. a marriage for a Louise Kirk which could well be the marriage of Robert Bruce's daughter, Louise. See back of family group sheet for my comments about that.

Next family group sheet alphabetically is Rufus(Rufes) Clifton Kirk and Lucy Loma Brazel/Brazzell, etc. Could find no references other than your research to Geraldina Virginia Kirk except her death date. Note child Frank, is referred to in some of records as Francis(Frank nickname often for Francis) Edward Kirk. Found marriage on child Rufus Harrell Kirk to Flora Madden. Also located marriage for Rufus C. Kirk and Lucy Brazil.

Next family group sheet is for Stephen S. Kirk and his wife Aubrey H. Crow. Stephen S. is a son of Levi Louis(Lewis) Kirk. One of names of daughters was really weird in spelling so underlined it to indicate that that was the spelling. With available church, cemetery, probate, marriages, etc. searched in two counties of Sevier and Little River I also branched out for this search in some other counties too, trying to tie up loose ends from previous searching.

Sheet of William Asa Kirk and Mary Helen Marsh is typed on a regular sheet now that I feel that I have covered all the bases of most important census, cemetery, court abstracts, etc. in

Little River county and Sevier counties, as well as much in Hempstead county, too. For this additional checking I did find marriage of Emma to R. E. Thomas and found out that Annie Lamb's daughter was living with grandparents in 1920 census. Whether that means she was visiting when census taken or that he parents were dead, I don't know at this point, both are possibilities.

Final regular family group sheet typed for this report is that of Allen J. Marsh and wife Emily. The cemetery records of Old Union Cem, where part of your Kirks were buried, also yielded up more members of this family for us. Two children died very young. Annie Rebecca never married. Your Mary Helen was only child to have children that I could find in the various censuses and cemeteries I searched. Two of children died same year as civil war ended, sad.

I will now list my research log as part of the body of this letter to save me typing time and so I can use the spell checking on word perfect to cut down on my typing errors. I have already cited the family history on the Kirk-Carroll families so will not restate that reference but later in this report will constitute some work sheets from information in that reference to show the families that I think are best bets for the grandparents of your Levi L. Kirk, from migrations, ages, and family names.

Catalog of searches for May - June 1995 report

International Genealogy index of names submissions, on fiche checked for Alford's, Brazel/Brazzel, etc., Billingsley, Lyon, Kirk(Previously done) and related names. Many Brazil's in many counties, none that seem to fit our requirements. None married to an Achsah, Axcy, etc. Most Doggetts listed with families in counties of Choctaw and Washington. None of known family names. This fiche was checked for state of Alabama.

Franklin county, Ala. original 1850 census film 002347 checked for Kirks Pg. 220 Lewis Kirk and Samantha and family same family that shows up in Hampstead county, Ark. by 1860. This is not your family but certainly has similar names and migration patterns from Ala. to Ark and about same time frame. In same census pg. 181 James M. Kirk and wife Terry Ann, both born in North Carolina, pg. 179 Jesse Kirk, Mary, 60 and 59 b. N. car.

Completed the 1850 census index names for Alabama for William Kirks to see if any had a son, Levi Louis(Lewis) Mobile, Mobile, Ala. film 002353 pg. 323 William only 20. Clark county, Ala 1850 census pg. 239 William Kirk only 20, family too young. Pickens county, Ala. 1850 census 442864 film, pg. 112 William Kirk 60 b. S.Car, wife Elizabeth 59, B. S. Car. and children, no son LL.

Since your family records indicated the marriage for your L>L Kirk had taken place at a town in Macon county, Ala. I finished what I started in my previous search on film 002351 and completed reading page by page that whole census in case some of

your family could have been missed in the 1850 census index for Ala. No Kirk families there with a son your ancestor's age. This was very frustrating.

Research calendar continued

1850 census Marion county, Ala. film 002352 pg. 126 John W. Kirk family no L> L> 1850 census Russell county, Ala. film 442865, pg. 75 Jane Kirk with children, no L.L. Russell county borders Macon on a map.

Index 1880 census Ark. B452 film 445409 - Read to locate your Jesse G. Billingsley, see family group sheet for data. Then read index 1900 census Ark for same family, J. G. Billingsley in Caney twp., Little River county, ark, see family group sheet. Film 1242078.

Index 1880 census, Ark, film 445435, soundex M620 Marsh Nothing on known family members or possible relatives.

Index 1910 census Ark Brazil B624 Little River co. references included George Brazel Jr., Betty; George W. Brazel/Virginia and family, John D Brazel and wife Agnes. Film 1369153.

Index 1910 census Kirk film 1369208 Robert B. Kirk Little River county; Steve S Kirk, Aubry H - Sevier county, William Kirk-Helen M Little River county, see family group sheets.

Index 1920 census Ark. Kirk film 1823330, read all Kirks. Little River county William A Kirk - Mary H, gr dau, Helen Lamb; Rufes(their spelling) Kirk, wife Luzey , with a niece and nephew. See family group sheet for data.

1850 Census Clark county, Ark. film 002479 pg. 191 Samuel Billingsley 45 b. Tenn, wife Nancy and family. 1850 census Jackson county, Ark. Joel Marsh 60, farming b. Ga. and children, no son Allen J. 1850 census Dallas co., Ark, film 002480 pg. 30, Benjamin F. Brazzell and family including a son Jas. R. or K. 12 born Ala. pg. 35 Hiram Marsh 29 and family, no Allen J. pg. 51 Soloman Marsh, not right family either.

Since Hempstead county is parent county of Little River county I did Deed index on film 1006753 and found L.N. Kirk whose wife is Samantha that I had located in 1850 in Ala. Marriages Hempstead county, Ark and estrays, film 1005876, 1845-1875. Read all marriages with family names and none fit our requirements. Hempstead county, Ark. will records, film 1006730 from earliest through early 1900's. Nothing to connect to any direct ancestral families.

Original census 1880 Little River, Little River, Ark film 1254049, ED 182 sheet 6 line 3 Jesse G. Billingsley family see the photocopy. 1900 census Little River county, Ark, film 1240065, see family group sheets for info from this source on Brazzel and Billingsley families.

1910 census Little River county, Caney twp, film 1374068, see photocopies George W Brazil family including his mother living with them, another photocopy same county, twp. Robert B. Kirk family, next door William Kirk family with sister in law, Anny Marsh. Final census 1920 for Little river county ED 33 sheets 3B and 4B, see two pages of photos. These pages show

William A Kirk family and Rufus Kirk family. With this information I have followed through your known Kirk, Brazil, Billingsley and Marsh names from earliest records in Ark. statewide census indexes through latest federal census that we have of 1920.

Research calendar continued from previous pages. Next reference is the index for grooms for Little River county, Ark. marriages, 1880-1976, film 1007910. Located all known family members, then looked up original marriages for direct ancestral names. In addition to his marriage previously located in Sevier county to your ancestor, Jesse Granville Billingsley married three more times and those other marriages were all in Little River county. Enclosed please find originals for all of Jesse's additional marriages (film numbers and book numbers are on photos) and finally marriage in that county for Rufus C Kirk to Lucy Brazil. (4 filmed original copies of marriage bond, lic., and marr. return on each page) Orig. marriages bk B film 1007912, Book C film 1007913, Vol I film 1007916, Bk. D, film 1007914.

I had done cemetery records for Little River that our library has in previous search, this time did the original probate records on film 1007962, looked up all known family names. Much data on probate settlement of a Nathaniel Billingsley who is not direct ancestral but a relative. I haven't taken time to type up that family yet, there are some discrepancies on some of names and probate while mentioning heirs clearly is referring not only to his children but other relatives, too. No Kirk probate. No known Brazil names. No known Marsh data.

Next I finished survey from 1850 census index to Ark. of counties where Marsh, Brazil names were to see if additional could be located on end of line families. 1850 census Ouachita county, Ark, film 002482, pg 104, pg 69, pg. 59 Pg. 69 deals with William Marsh 30 born N>Y>, wife Rebecca 23 born N. Car and children including a son, Joseph 12 born N. Car. (Your Allen J. not born in N. Car). 1850 Census Saline county, Ark. film 442,876, many Brazel names but they are born in wrong states and none had a son 11(born 1829) with initials or given names beginning with I.L. or J.L. Brazil. This was frustrating as I had hoped to find Allen Marsh and J.L. or I.L. Brazil.

Cemetery records from Dequeen court house, Sevier county, Ark. film 1009457, 18 different cemeteries cited. See photos of pages dealing with family names, including title page and two other pages. Rechecked 1850 census Sevier county, Ark. for surnames not covered in previous searches since new maiden names for wives of many direct ancestral people located. Checked for Alford, Marsh(none), Billingsley. See filmed copy showing Jack Billingsley with children, o wife cited, including son Jesse.

Rechecked 1870 Sevier county, Ark. film 545563 for Red Colony pg. 291 Joseph Marsh family, a black family so not our line.

Research Calendar continued from previous pages

Sevier county 1910 census checked for two Steve S. Kirk and Stephen and Micca Kirk. Since not direct line didn't photocopy but could do so for STEVE S. if you wish. film 1374079 Steve S. Kirk 062-0170-0189. Other Stephen who married Micca was born in Tenn. 1920 census film 1820082 ED 171 sheet 19 Steve I Kirk family Not your relatives.

Various church records Sevier county, Ark. filmed originals on film 1009448, item 2 First united Methodist church, Horatio, Sevier, Ark. Foy James marr 16 Mar 1924 Louise Kirk, see family group sheets for my comment about marr. Also Opal Nix marr Kathlyn Brazil 1 Nov 1923.

Sevier county, Ark direct index to Deeds, grantors film 1009434 - 1830-1860 No Kirks in grantor index; No Doggett, no Marsh. Most of references to Nathaniel Billingsley selling.

Sevier county, deed bk 3 film 1009441, pg. 278 Thomas Billingsley of HARDIN COUNTY, TENN. sells 2 negro slaves to Nathaniel Billingsley of Lafayette county, Miss, 28 June 1840.

Rechecked index to Sevier county, Ark Marriages 1007942-1007944 Located R. E. Thomas marr to Emma Kirk bk B 10 Sep 1896.

International Genealogy index update georgia, see work sheet on Mansfield Braswell with son, James Lemuel. Checked update on Doggett names too, nothing new there. Checked update for Lyon and Kirk, too. No Levi Lewis/Louis Kirk. No Edmund/Edward Lyons.

Index to 1850 census ga. by Accelerated indexing 975.8X22ja read all Doggett names and Kirk names. 1850 census Chatham county, Ga original census 007060 pg. 255 William Kirk, no family. Gwinnett county, Ga. 1850 census film 007067 pg. 156 Families of George and William Kirk, not your direct lines families. 1850 census Heard county, Ga. film 007069 pg. 165 Wily Kirk and family, Wm. Kirk and wife Antionette, pg. 165 James Kirk, children, none of these families had a son, Levi L. 1850 census Murray county, Ga. pg. 186, film 442887, Wlilliam Kirk, Ann, no children cited.

Index to history of Jones county, Ga. 975.8567H2w, index by Margaret Heard Stephens and author of book Carolyn White Williams. Pg. 853 Levi Kirk marr Rebecca Peel 14 Mar 1826. pg. 960 will of John Kirk dated 3 Oct 1825, pr Apr 1829, wife Lucy E, mother Anna, brother Levi Kirk. Executors Lucy R and William Kirk. Pg. 841 John Kirk Lucy Hendricks 23 Dec 1819. Other marriages in this book not copying all. This is certainly an area where your family names are in Georgia and early marriages could be possibilities for your Levi L's parents.

Did a survey of Muscogee county Ga. records where that William Kirk showed up in Columbuæ in censuses for 1830-1840. Film 401844 DAR abstracts from cemeteries and marriages in Muscogee, nothing, Mt. Zion bapt cem. nothing, methodist church cem, nothing. No Doggetts or Kirks at all. Original deed indexes direct and reverse film 421424 William Kirk - John Ardes bk A pg. 28, William Kirk to Samson Cox bk B pg. 224; William Kirk - I Edmundson Bk. E pg. 326; William Kirk Thomas A Thornton Bk. E pg. 218. Muscogee county will bk. A 1838-1863,

film 401865, item 2 1862-75, item 3 1875-1891, all indexed no Doggett, Kirk names at all.

Research calendar continued Index Oklahoma 1910 census K620 No known family names on Kirk families. Index 1920 census Oklahkoma film 1829159 McCurtain county Ed 143 sheet 8 line 4 Joe Kirk 27 - 1920, wife Lurlie 23 b. Ark.

Index 1910 census Texas film 13732221, looking for Kirk names, none of known family names.

From book Southern Kirk and Carroll families pgs. 510,511, 1012 interesting family;

Stephen KIRK of Georgia, wife Anna
children Sally marr 3 Feb 1819 Henry B. Cabiness, William, got land lottery Jones county 1821, Levi marr Rebecca Peel 14 Mar 1826, died by 7 July 1834, Lucinda marr 22 Feb 1825 Wilkins Hunt, Louisa marr 16 June 1831 Alexander J. Hunt, John marr. 1 21 Nov 1813 Mary Reeves, 2nd Lucy E Hendricks 23 Dec 1819, all marriages Jones county, Ga.

Decided in interest of time not to type up all the work sheets I have filled out. None of families have a son, Levi L. in right time frame. However, in continuing searching for you I would go into records of Jones county, Ga. more thoroughly as well as nearby Kirk families in Tenn. who ended up in areas bordering Ala. or who moved to Ala.

This has taken three days of my time including the searching at the library, then many hours at home to compile work sheets and arrange all my sources to compile this report. Since I will need some extra time off during the summer to make repairs, paint, etc around our home, I do not work at library as much during summer months. Therefore, I have put in day you sent funds for plus expenses and two other days. I put in a lot of time in reading from that Kirk book because they had abstracted all Kirk censuses, marriages, etc into the 1880's and then my plan would be to follow through and see if a will, deed, etc. would mention your ancestor. There is also a large series of Georgia books of Historical and genealogy value to check on the Kirks, Brazil/Brazzel, etc., Doget/Doggetts.

If you wish I will put in another day in August and then would resume a regular schedule of my clients work orders in the fall as usual. you will need to let me know your wishes in this matter. It is my pleasure working with you on you on your family lines.

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Total expenses and time \$362.60
You paid me \$100.00 towards next search
balance due minus your payment is \$262.60

I have cited enclosures in body of this letter including regular family group sheets and work sheets 13 sheets. Photocopies enclosed were cited in paragraphs in body of letter describing my searching, also library book and film numbers.

Sincerely yours,

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