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Dear Lt. Kirk;

I have received notice of your April check and assume that another check was sent in May that we will be notified of with our end of month statements from our bank. Therefore, I have spent a day on your lines plus some hours at home which I will not count in analyzing what the data might indicate. I had hoped to hear from you about the connection on the Kirk side of your family from Levi L. Kirk to his parents and grandparents. This gives you a new family surname of Peele/Peel/Peale, etc. Hope you enjoyed reading the guardian account records which told a lot about your Levi L and his siblings I thought. It mentioned their clothing, their schooling, that they have lived in Alabama for a time and were brought back to Georgia by their guardian. One document even tied the grand parents to your Levi L. All very exciting.

For this search I continued with the Kirk side of your line checking plus in Georgia was also looking for the new Peel line. Your Rebecca Peel having married first Levi Kirk and 2nd John S. Beckham. Levi and Rebecca married 14 March 1826 in previously found research in Jones county. My goal for this time was to extend if possible, to see who Rebecca's parents might be. Possible parents and to see what additional might be found on Stephen Kirk and Anna who were parents of your Levi Sr. and grandparents of your Levi L. Kirk.

Since they were married in Jones County, Ga. I wanted to find additional information in that county, surrounding counties or parent county. Jones county was formed as a county in 1807 from counties of Baldwin, Bibb and Putnam. Further the other court records and early census show that Stephen and Anna, parents of Levi Sr. were before 1830 in Hancock county. Hancock county, was organized in 1793 from parts of Washington and Greene counties. Stephen died before 1830 census when Anna was a widow.

Before beginning this latest search I reviewed my work sheets that I had filled out on various Kirk families in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Then went over my research notes to determine what additional references for those target areas I might check.

I reviewed the book Southern Kirk and Carroll Families again to see if I had overlooked anything more on your last known Stephen and his wife, Anna. Only early Stephen Kirk reported in Bute county, N. Car., Orange county, N. Car., York and Chester counties in South Carolina. He is reported to have been born 1740-1756 and died in Chester county prior to 9 Dec 1822. His 2nd wife was reported to be Susanna. His children Thomas born 1783, Jesse born 1783 and he moved to Jackson county Ga. by 1802, Jasper county Ga. , Pike county Ga. by 1825, George, John, Benjamin Franklenn, Susan Rebecca, Nancy and Martha. No child Stephen cited to fit our requirements.

Another interesting early family to Georgia in previously cited book was on page 3 Joseph Kirk, son of George Kirk on 1755 Granville, Tax lists, 1760-1770, Orange lists, 1771 Chatham county, N. Car. tax lists. He died after 1829 in Chatham county. Children cited in account oldest son John born abt 1763, migrated from N. Car. after 1786. Question is asked in book if this John could be John of Wilkes county, Ga. who had a wife, Cathy; 1794-1805 to Hancock county, Ga. Other children to Joseph George, Joseph, Marry who married a Meacham, Nancy, Sally, Nelly who married William Love, Hannah who married James Perry, Elizabeth who married William Perry.

Another interesting early family in book Southern Kirk and Carroll Families(929.273K635a on page 9 was one Stephen S. Kirk, son of Young Kirk with siblings Peter Akin Kirk, Hugh Cain Kirk, Cynthy Kirk, Robert Hannah Kirk, Martha Kirk, Lucy L Kirk, Frances Caroline Kirk, Mary Lucy Kirk and Rachel Louis Kirk.

Still reviewing earliest Kirk families to see if anything proven in this book on new ancestry through last known Stephen who married Anna. On page 33 there is question about who your Stephen Kirk was with question was he same man as Stephen in Wilkes county in 1788, Hancock county in 1794, Jasper in 1808 and died in Jones county before 1824. We already know your Stephen was indeed in Jones county before 1830 census with his children and wife there in 1830 census. I am going to give you a rundown of what I found for Hancock county in early deeds to tell you what I think about that. Records for this search in Wilkes county have not been completed so cannot say about all clues completed in Georgia at this time.

The index to 1820 census for Georgia(975.8x2p) compiled by the Georgia Hist. Society shows in Jones county Annie Kirk, James Kirk, John Kirk. Jasper county Jesse and Wiley Kirk. In Jackson county John Kirk. Gwinnett county George and Catharine Kirk. Walton county, John Kirk. Washington county, Thomas Kirk. I note in Hancock county Byrd and Mansfield Brazel; In Columbia county Edmond Lyon. In Lincoln county Thomas and Edmond Lyon. Also in Columbia county John, Dixon and Thomas Lyon.

Checked the book 1805 Georgia Land Lottery, bk. no. 975.8R21w, pg. 196 Noted Kirk names. In Jackson county Henry, Jesse, John Kirk Jr. and Sr. In Screven county James Kirk. In Hancock county Stephen Kirk. In Chatham county Thomas Kirk. In McIntosh county Thomas Kirk. pg. 37 In Hancock county Bird Braswell. Pg. 216 Dixon Lyon, John Lyon in Columbia county. In Lincoln county Edmund Lyons, John Lyons, Robert Lyons. This puts your Stephen Kirk in Hancock county about when some of his children were born or at a young age.

Book 40,000 Early Georgia Marriages by Maddox and Carter 975.8V2me. In this book abstracts of early marriages from many counties including Greene county, Hancock county and Washington counties. Looked for all known family names in these counties.

Pg. 130 Hancock county several Alford marriages. Earliest Jacob Alford marr Martha Culver 2 Feb 1818. Robert Alford marrMason 23 Dec 1806. pg. 132 Hancock county abstracts Samuel Braswell marr Frances Butler 27 Feb 1798 Mansfield Brazel marr Nancy 20 Oct 1817 William Brazil marr Creasey Tillman 24 Nov 1824 No early male Kirks in those county abstracts.

Early Georgia Tax lists bk. no. 975.8R4j compiled by Rice, McCoy and Roth. 283 - Wilkes county Byrd Braswell. No Early Kirk names in these tax abstracts Many Alfords. 1790 tax lists Glynn county William Peal 29

Georgia cemetery records, abstracts from Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson and richmond counties, Georgia on film 874016 item 7 formerly book no 975.862V22c) Cemetery for Hancock county Sparta cemetery. Compiler Reed S. Cawley. Read all no early Kirks or other family names.

Hancock county, G. index superior court deeds, mortgages, 1794-1838 filmed originals, 222008

1796 Stephen Kirk from Nathan Bennett bk AB pg. 197
Joseph Kirk from Abram Smith bk AB pg. 345 1797
1798 John Kirk from Thomas Brantley bk AB pg. 481
1797 Isaac Kirk From Wm. Thompson bk D pg. 62
John Kirk to Joseph Thompson bk D, pg. 192
John Kirk to Stephen Clements bk F pg. 325
1807 Stephen Kirk to Robert Chambers, bk H pg. 193
John Peale bk e 1800 from John Robertson pgs. 24 or 26.

Superior court deed bk AB Hancock county, Ga. pg. 197-199 Nathan Barnett of Wilkes county, Ga. sells to Stephen Kirk of Hancock county tract of land 100 acres on Fort creek, 2 Jan 1794. Same sources pg. 487-8 Thomas Brantley of Hancock county sells to John Kirk, tract of land in Wash. county when surveyed,

now in Hancock county, waters of Ogochee, 204 acres. Reg. 7 Feb 1798.

Superior court deeds, bk D Hancock county Ga. pgs. 62/3, film 222011 William Thompson sells to Isaac Kirk tract of land in Hancock on waters of Beaverdam, 300 acres, 7 Oct 1794. Pg. 192/3 same source John Kirk of Hancock county sells to Joseph Thompson tract of land in county, 50 acres, belonging to said John Kirk. Surveyed for Thomas Brantley Year 1784. On same film item 2 deeds superior county book E pgs. 26/27 deed of John Peace not Peal as it looked in index 28 Nov 1800 to John Robertson.

Hancock county, Ga. court deeds bk F. film 222012 pg. 325 Sparta 31 Aug 1803 Jno. Kirk sells negro named Bristol to Stephen Clements and releases any claim to him.

Hancock county, Ga. superior court deeds bk H pgs. 193/4, film 222013 - 1806 Stephen Kirk of Hancock county sells to Robert Chambers tract of land on Fort Creek in Hancock county. Pg. 541=543 William Daniel and his wife, Mary, John Myrick and his wife Elizabeth, of Halifax county, N. Car. sell to Henry Colquitt of Hancock county. Sellers lawful heirs of Isaac Kirk, dec'd. Sell tract of land sold to Henry Colquett, 20 Dec 1805.

Film 006990 Organizers of White Plains Bapt church by Mrs. J. L. Beeson, Hancock county, Ga., DAR misc. churches, organized 12 Sep 1846. Original members list no family names. No parish registers.

Hancock county, Ga. Family records and wills, film 848574 item 1, DAR misc. records, 1948, Georgia, read table of contents no family names at all. Index to Hancock wills pg. 101. Kirk, Braswell, Brazill data at all. Disappointing.

Film General index early wills Hancock county, Ga. 1793-1900 and estate index. Thomas Lyons AAAA pg. 53; AAA pg. 130; No Kirk names at all, no Doggett.

Inferior Court probate records 1794-1809, film 222100, mixed estate records with inventories, appriaselements, minutes, no index, item one pg. 17 Court jurors 24 June 1795 including Stephen Kirk, William Thomas, Levin Ellis, Geo Barharty, Joseph Cooper, Edward Browne, Henry and Robert Miller, Joseph Howell Jr., Nathaniel Clay, John Dennis, William Allen, Willian Bryan, Marshall Turner and Joseph Cooper. Pg. 20 Overseers of rhodes(their spelling) appointed Stephen Kirk from Samuel Hawkin's to Major Tripp's old place. Qunny Pope from Tripps to Chambers Mill. Pg. 76 suits 1- John Kirk versus Moses Harris; also versus Moses Harris - Aaron McKinsie and John Hill. Pg. 143

ordered that Nathan Sanders be appt'd commissioner in place of Stephen Kirk on road leading from Sam'l Hawkins to Major Tripps old place 10 June 1797. Read to page 202. Film in very poor condition and very time consuming so opted not to finish as I had other references I wanted to check also.

Jones county, Ga. probate records, transcribed wills 1809-1867, film 454232 Item one will book A 1809-1815; volume B 1815-12; Volume C 1826-1856. Indexed. Pg. 209-10 John Kirk of Jones county. I had read abstract of this in Jones county History previously and had included that as part of a previous report. read all of this to see if any additional clues other than printed abstract had shown. His/mother Anna Kirk cited. Brothers and sisters mentioned. Executors wife, Lucy E. and William Kirk dated 3 Oct 1825. Brother Levi Kirk to get 100 acres McGrong place. Document showed her children sued her after she remarried after John's death to William freeman to get share of estate. Heirs at laws next friends cited in suit were Sally Cabiness, William Kirk, Willis Hunt, Levi Kirk, appelants. This would tend to show that Levi Kirk was still alive in 1829 and that his father Stephen had died before this with only mother, Anna cited. See filmed copy two pages of John's will and suit following about his estate. Note that the interested parties are sibilings of John, dec'd acting in behalf of his children. Item two book D same film pg. 32/3 Alexander J. Hunt will of Jones county, his debts to be paid.(brother in law of Levi Kirk Sr. your direct ancestor) property to be divided equally between his wife and children as they come of age or marry. Wife Lucinda (Levi's sister). Executors, Thomas Hunt and John J. Beasley. dated 1 Feb 1848 and approved 7 Feb 1852. I have noted in the index to 1850 census this man's name as a head of family so will look that up and type of collateral family for you as part of next report. Disappointingly children not named in will.

Since reference in early genealogy series of Georgia families noted some of early Georgians named Kirk had come from North Carolina in Bute and Orange counties I decided to check some references to these counties. In previous checking had noted a Stephen Kirk had moved North Carolina to Chester county, S. Car. and died there. Since he was in South Carolina in early 1800's he could not be same person appearing at same time frame in Hancock and Wilkes county, Ga. early tax lists.

With your Stephen's wife Anna being approximately 50-60 in 1830 that would make her born between 1770-1780. From ages of her children in early census I have approximated that they were born in early 1800's(1800-1810) since they were of age at their marriages. No parent had to sign a bond or permission for their marriages. Since I had not located a marriage yet on Stephen and Anna I would say they married between 1795-1800 sometime. A birth between 1770 and 1780 would work out fine for Stephen and Anna.

Since earliest deed in Hancock county, Ga. shows your Stephen as buying and selling land from 1794-1796 he must have been of age by then. Legal age for male usually meant 21 or older. If he were 21 in 1794 then he could be born 1773 or before. Stephen buys land at Fort Creek in 1794 from Nathan Barnett. In 1807 Stephen is selling land in Hancock county to Robert Chambers. Stephen is also mentioned in the 1805 land lottery. In Jones county court abstracts mention is made of him as being in Capt Evans district in 1811 so between 1806 and 1811 he moves to Jones county where he dies before 1830 census.

Early Hancock county deed books show several men all buying and selling land there in the 1790's and possibly related, though at this point I am not certain of exact relationships. Other men in Hancock county early in addition to your Stephen with earliest deed in 1794 are Joseph Kirk with was a witness to sale of land by one John Kirk in 1797 and who was buying land of Abram Smith in 1797. John Kirk and wife, Caty sell to Joseph Thompson land on little Ogeechee branch waters; witness to deed Joseph Kirk. In 1803 John sold a slave to Stephen Clements in Hancock. On 1 Nov 1797 Thomas Brantley to John Kirk land on waters of Ogochee.

Hancock county, Ga. had land 1794 on Beaverdam, heirs ^{Isaac Kirk} sold property 20 Dec 1805 - lawful heirs Martha, wife of Jacob Zollioffer, Elizabeth, wife of John Myreek; Mary - wife of Mary, wife of William Daniel.

Bute county, North Carolina records abstracts 975.65V2h by Brent Holcomb pg. 1 Bute county marriage Warren Alford - Betty Ward 25 Nov 1778. Benjamin Ward, bondsman. Read all Bute county abstracts no Kirk names.

Bute county, N. Car. minutes of Court Please and Quarter Sessions 1767-1779 by Brent Holcomb (975.65P29h) Pg. 96 Grand jury empaneled 13 Feb 1771 - Nathaniel Peebles foreman, among jurors - William Moore, George Kirk; John Rose deed to James Alford; deed of Lodwick Alford Jr. to Goodrich Alford, proved on oath of James Alford. Jacob Brassell sells to Jacob Powell proved by oath of Lodwick Alford Jr. On 11 Feb 1768 among jurors William Brazer. Pg. 244 On 14 May 1777 William Hansell acknowledged deed to John King Rosser and Stephen Kirk.

This Stephen Kirk is too old to be the same Stephen with wife. Anna who is father of Levi and his siblings in early Georgia records. On same book pg. 249 deed from Jacob Fox, Richard Fox, John Kendrick, Joseph Price and Sarah Price to Edward Davis, proved on oath of a Stephen Kirk, 15 May 1777. Pg. 37 Francis Johnson to be overseer of road in Julius Alford's place Feb 1769. petit jurors including Lewis Kirk, James Dozier, William Cooper and others. pg. 103 Lewis Kirk Overseer of road from cross roads to Rose's store 14 May 1771. 1 Pg. 136 William

Bobbitt to be overseer of road in place of Lewis Kirk 13 May 1772. pg. 155 John Kirk, orphan of James Kirk to be bound to John Baxter, now age 15, 13 Nov 1772, to learn carpenter trade. Pg. 335 estate John Kirk dec'd granted by William Balthrop 10 Aug 1779. Pg. 346 sale estate of John Kirk dec'd recorded 11 Nov 1779 by sheriff Isaac Acre.

Bute county was the parent county of Franklin and Warren counties in North Carolina. Therefore, I checked into some reference books on those two counties to see if missing marriage for your Stephen might be there. Franklin county, N. Carolina marriages by Utah Gen. Society, bk 975.654V25h Many Alford marriages including pg. 2 Jacob Alford Betsey Purvis 2 Dec 1813 (one of your Billingsley ancestors married a Julia(Julianna) Alford in Ark.) Julius Alford marr Sarah Sandefor 2 Jan 1826; Kinchen Alford marr Sinia Williams 16 May 1789; Lockard Alford marr Tabitha Cook 221 Dec 1811; Williams Alford marr Mason Gay 7 Nov 1812; Willie Alford marr Winnie David 4 Jan 1814. No Kirk male marriages at all. Pg. 22 William Brassell marr Martha Jones 16 Aug 1825; pg. 130 Willis Peal marr Mary Johnson 10 June 1806; William Peale- Martha Norwood 31 Jan 1825.

Franklin county, H. Car. will book A 1785-1797 bk no 975.654P28h, indexed no family names Book Kinfolks Franklin county, N. Car. by Joseph W. Watson, 1793-1844, bk. no. 975.654R2w, nothing on known families. Abstracts Early Deeds Franklin county, N. Car. compiled by Joseph W. Watson 975.654R28w countless Alford names here - Ansell, Drury, Isaac, Jacob Jr. and Sr., John, Lamuel, Lodwick, Lucy and Mary Alford. No Kirk names.

Warren county, N. Car. marriage bonds and marriage compiled by Utah Gen. Society, bk. no. 975.652V25n. No male Alford, Kirk, Marsh, Peale/Peel names at all. Estates Warren county, N. Car. vol I, bk. 975.652P28g, 1780-1805 by David B. Gammon, nothing; Vol 2 1805-1833, no family names at all.

I tried a few more counties in Alabama for marriage records trying to find Levi Lewis(Louis) Kirk's marriage to the Doggett ancestor and checked some bordering counties to Ga. and Macon county, Ala. Chambers county, Ala. marriages index 1833-1918 on film 1290835, original index. No Kirk - Doggett marr, In index E. H. E. Lyon marr to Elizabeth L. L. Croft 21 Mar 1839 bk 1 pg. 245. No Peal, Peel marriages. Chambers county, Ala wills volume 1-2, 1833-1855, on film 1290791 item 2, indexed to Doggett, Kirk, Lyon names at all. Some Alford names which I extracted in case they might tie in later when Ark. connection is made.

Russell county, Ala. Marriages 1833-1887 on film 836,755 item 6. pg. 243 John D. Lyon marr Eliza Ann McGesher 7 Sep 1847. No Kirk male marriages at all; no Doggett marriages. Read all pages to end. russell county, Ala. probate, wills, 1838-1873,

volumes 1-2, film 1033491 item 2/3, both indexed no Kirk, Doggett names at all. Russell deeds on films 1302117, 1302118, 1302119, deeds from 1838 through 1856(1302120). Read individual indexes for all books on these films no family names at all.

To review the possibilities on the surnames of Marsh and Alford in early Ark. census to see where your ancestors - July Ann/Julia Alford wife of Jess Granville Billingsley might have been born before her marriage 14 Oct 1860 in Sevier county. I had already checked previously 1850 census for Sevier county, Ark. and didn't find an Alford family at all. Also was looking for Allen J. Marsh and his parents in 1850. He would have been 23, while his wife, Emily was 15 in 1850 so they wouldn't be likely to be married in 1850 unless she was mighty young bride. Their oldest child was born in 1854 so feel they married between 1850 and 1854 some time. I need to find Allen J., therefore in 1850, then hopefully could locate their marriage in area where I would find him in the 1850 census. So far the marsh families I have checked in nearby counties have not had a son right age to be your Allen J. Will continue looking in wider area of 1850 census returns to see if he can be picked up somewhere in Ark.

In the index to 1840 census for Ark. recheck for Marsh names 976.7X22m by McLane and Cline I found Edwin and Noah Marsh. Edwin in Franklin county and Noah in Jackson counties. Robert Marsh in Washington county, S. B. Marsh in Hempstead county. In Pulaski county Robert Alford and John Brazsel; In Conway county Wm. Alford. In Saline county Moses Brazel Jr. and Sr., R. Brazel, Richard Brazel Jr. and Sr., Robert Brazel.

I have made an outline of 1850 census names to check on Alford and Marsh names in counties not previously checked in Ark. which I will continue to check until I locate the missing families on your pedigree. If you have any questions about any of this please let me know by page number and paragraph.

It is my pleasure working with you on your family lines. I feel in the early deeds in Hancock county we have clues as to possible brothers of your last known Stephen Kirk, who married the Anna and possibility that his ancestry may tie into the family further back with another Stephen Kirk and one Lewis Kirk who lived in 1770's in North Carolina and then ended up in South Carolina where Lewis lived for a time in Lancaster county and Stephen(not yours) lived and died in bordering Chester county, S. car. Clues in Georgia records also an early John and Caty also from North Carolina previously ended up in Georgia in some of same counties as your Stephen and may be yet another possible relative, a father ? uncle? etc.?

When I complete more of the threads which I am following through you will hear from me again. Sorry there appear to be so

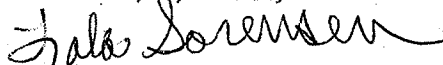
many missing threads on clues with this report. Hopefully by next report more of missing pieces will be found.

I still like Mansfield and Byrd as possible parent and grandfather of your J. L. Brazel/Brasswell, etc. When balance of checking done there will report on this too. Interestingly enough the Kirk's were from same county at a point in time in Georgia and ended up in same area as Brasel/Brazel/Brasswell families. This also causes me to wonder about the families having known each other in Georgia and possibly families being neighbors there and moving on to Ark. to be near one another here, too?

The weather here is very chilly for this time of year. We have been having lots of rain and cold for several days. Hope the cold front stops soon. I would like to thaw out.

Hope all is going well with you. You will hear from me again soon unless I get an official call to a particular time to serve as a juror while what I have had so far is notice that I will be called up but haven't been yet.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Lola Sorensen/AG

encl/two pages copy original will John Kirk and suit in behalf of heirs by John's siblings