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Dear Irene and Roy,

Eva Louise called the other day to let me know that she had visited with you and had found you both in good health. That was great news. We are pretty good but it is hard for Carl to get around because of a bad hip and poor eye sight due in part to medicine that he must take because of keeping his blood thinned. He had open heart surgery in May 1978 for the replacement of his aortic valve. We have gone by plane to visit with our youngest son, Bob and Eva in Atlanta for a short time. Frank is close by and that helps.

I have retired from teaching but I do get to put in two to three hours most days each week that gives me some diversion. Last summer I decided to make a sort of history of the families out of all the pictures that we had accumulated through the years for the boys. Starting back in 1832 for Carl's father's side and continuing through 1980, I wrote on every card to show relationships. I had many less pictures for my side of the family. Fourteen albums later, I decided to write briefly about each generation's family...in story form by the year as far as is possible. Would you be able to give me some information about Mamma's side of the family? I have a form that may make it easier and more complete but the most important thing I think would be the little incidents that happened through out life of as many as you know of human interest. That would include anything, work, schooling, travels, foods, good times, diseases, fatal illness, accidents, etc. I remember Grandpa Lucas' death in your Dad's home but I'm not sure of his birthdate nor do I know anything about Mamma's mother and her background. I need to know Aunt Janie's family names. I have nothing on Aunt Fannie's family or Aunt Addie's family. I have Aunt Nora's youngest son's address and am writing him today too. Chester Swor said that he would give me his family's outline as soon as he had the time. I'm not sure when that will ever be though.

I hope to write our background story this summer if at all possible while we have to stay inside due to the heat. If you are interested in having a copy, I'll be glad to send one to you as soon as I can get them printed. I am very fortunate to live close to a printer who is very helpful. So, that will shorten the time relative to form that it will take to complete the task.

Irene, I was just thinking of a much better plan. Why don't you and Roy just get on a plane and come for a visit. We could talk and write and go places. I drive everywhere. We have been here nearly thirty years and know where about every point of interest is located. The museums, parks, Knotts Berry Farm, Disneyland, zoos, planetariums, beaches, cities etc. are not far away.

Just to hear from you will be appreciated but if you could come and visit that would be the best. Any suggestion and information will also be valuable.

It was so nice to hear about you all again.

Love and Best Wishes,
Nannie Jean Pittman Shippy