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Dear Alan,

I am truly sorry for the delay. Many problems such as health, taxes and others have derailed my genealogy pursuits.

Please peruse the attachments and advise me of any errors needing correction. Also any additional information regarding these specific pages will be appreciated.

As I may have mentioned previously, I have been assembling a rather large O'Carroll pedigree of the transition years (~1600-1800). When rolled-out onto my eight foot dining room table it extends beyond the ends. My goals are to eventually computerize this pedigree, extend it further back into antiquity and make it available to other O'Carroll researchers.

Inspiration for the transition pedigree came from my lack of progress in surmounting the brick wall between James Carroll (my 5g grandfather) and his ancestors. I had little choice but to give-up my pursuit or break the "golden rule" of genealogy and work backwards.

Choosing the latter, I have progressed beyond my dreams. However, in this process I have taken on the altruistic goal of attempting a comprehensive Ely O'Carroll pedigree. A huge task no doubt, but one that I feel is highly interesting and worthy of pursuit.

By late fall I hope to have more time to devote towards this master pedigree.

Looking forward to our future correspondence,

J. C. Dean

P.S.; I have further thoughts and comments concerning the attachments, but I will wait for your reply before we discuss them. Please bear with me for it may take some time before I am able to return your replies. J. C. D.