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Dear Robert:

I am sure that you have found me to be an enthusiastic --- on again, off again correspondent and worker. I apologize again for delaying answer to your , as usual, nice and interesting letter of May 31.

I have several interests and stay busy ---- not always profitably. I am interested in local, state and national politics. I work in some of the local and all the national campaigns and elections. I do not think I am rabid ---- just conservative. (Have you been watching the CONSERVATIVE Democratic Convention?). I deliver meals on wheels and am a diligent gardner. I have been active in the church but am now a back slider. I am in an investment club and put entirely too little time on the management of my estate. All this is excuses so do not be misled.

Back to the ranch. In my last letter I told you that I was going to a Rhoad Family Reunion. I also told you that my surviving Aunt passed J.C.Smoak's letter from you to me. Mrs McCormac is interested in the family and carried on regardless of some disappointments when she contacted some of the family.

Mrs McCormac later contacted Mr Marion Byrd of Branchville who has access to the Byrd Family Bible. Assisted by some others unknown to me they produced the enclosed THE RHOAD FAMILY OF BAMBERG COUNTY. I have combined this with some census data and other available info and hope to soon have some intelligible charts. Upon fruition I will share.

I feel sure that you have mentioned this before but I will bring it up again. Your chart shows a Mary Margaret Byrd as married to John L. Durr (1st). who later married Amanda and is apparently my g-grand mother. You will notice in Mrs McCormacs report a Mary Margaret Byrd who married Nathaniel D. Rhoad. Is there any connection?

Finally, I am an amateur genealogy researcher. Until recently I have been collecting data. Now I am trying to put various pieces together and find it amazing seemingly accurate data can vary. Must learn to live with that.

Thanks again for all your help and I hope to see you sometime soon.

Sincerely,

*Cecil*

*In cl: Rhoad family, etc.*