

Seeing your return address on the envelope the other day, certainly brought back many memories of the times when you and Tom corresponded so frequently on ~~xxxx~~ family history.

I would be so happy to have you search Tom's records, - I know you would take excellent care of them, but ~~but~~ unfortunately I don't have them any longer.

During the spring of 1982 - before Tom had the terrible seizure which caused so much mental damage, his niece, Annette B. ARmbruster, called him several times concerning family history. She asked to borrow his records, and when her husband made a trip to Louisville, Tom had me bundle up his papers for her to use and copy, if she so desired. I'm sorry to say, that is the last time I've seen those records.

Since Annette is Tom's brother's daughter, it never crossed my mind that she wouldn't return ~~them~~^{his records}; even tho' Tom's death came the following Feb. in 1983, he still has two sons who, ~~some day will~~ probably want those records. I certainly want them to have them in their possession. I've written her numerous times, but all I've ever gotten is a promise that she will send them to us. Usually a time-length is given, but ~~now~~ nothing has been sent yet. The last thing I heard was a note on a Christmas card saying that her New Year's resolution was to ~~return~~ return them to us.

If you are able to get the records from her, please do so. I will gladly pay the cost of havingg them shipped back to Louisville. Believe me, if I had had any idea of them not being returned, I would never have let her borrow them. When Tom asked me to bundle them up for him, I did so, gladly, but it seems I trusted the wrong person that time. Tom spent so many hours, days and years on those records it does seem terrible that his sons do not have them for their own.

XXXXX Mrs. Robert Armbruster (Annette), 5411 Fieldgreen Drive,
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You were kind to inquire about my health and well-being. ~~I am doing~~
~~very well~~~~x thankf~~~~fully~~ Thankfully, I seem to be in very good health -
~~health~~ except for allergies, which so many folks have these days.
I still live alone in our little house, and our son, Courtney, who is
continuing the insurance agency which Tom began, is still letting me
take care of his books. Having a purpose to "get-going" each day is
really wonderful, and keeps me "young" at seventy-seven. I go to Va.
a couple of times a year, - or more often , to visit with my brother and
his wife, and with our two sons and their families near-by, my life is
quite full.

My best wishes go out to you, - hopefully that you will get Tom,s records and complete the study you have begun.

Most sincerely,