

Hi All - **Merry Christmas** 'again'<G> - (Christmas 2003 Follow-up letter.)

Sorry everything is a little late!
Guess it makes it even bigger of a surprise.

Enclosed with the gifts, please find a preliminary copy of "The XXX & XXX Family Registers", hopefully they will contain more data in the next issue. This one is pretty rough and fairly sparse, plus some of the addresses may be out of date, I started on this project way back in 1999.

We finally got hit with some cold weather, so I haven't been able to take any new pictures outside to send your way. But I finally found some that Debi took while I was working on my office in the garage. I wish I had more, because working in this crowded area was unreal and you wouldn't believe the things that I had to do to make the room turn out nice.



After careful planning and measuring, the photo on the left is the first wall I put up. It gives you some idea of how crowded the garage was, which made the task even more difficult.

The photo on the right is part of the closet framing, I'm standing inside of what will become a wardrobe closet.



The picture on the left is the finished closet rough in as viewed from outside the room. The picture on the right shows the ceiling pull box and the first sheet of drywall installed. And you didn't think I would let you get by without one more picture of my office did you?



This is a view of the outside corner of the office. In it you can see the loaded tables that I had to move from the office area. I had less than 1 inch working space between the table edge and vertical studs I had to put up.

The opening on the left wall will have a door opening into the garage, it is sized as a linen closet. Inside the room will be two wardrobe closets similar to a master bedroom.

I'll save explaining the finished room until I clean it back up again and take some more pictures. I wasn't thinking of pictures when I built the room, else I would have taken some better ones showing some of the obstructions I had to work around and the detail work that is now covered by insulation and drywall.



I hope you enjoy your gifts, I know they are not much, but this super-po unemployed folk out in the boondocks don't have much in the way of greenbacks. But we sure do enjoy the view!

Merry Christmas Again from **Gary & Debi**