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The Ford Family Historical and Welfare Association
ATTN: Board Members & Ford Family Members
12739 Caron Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32258

RE: *All Male Relatives with the Last Name "Ford"*

Dear Family Members and Friends:

Tonight, as I was reviewing some of my older publications, I came across a statement of the great Frederick Douglass which is a sobering reminder to each of us that “[s]lavery **had no recognition of fathers, as none of families.**”¹

The LORD has thus placed upon my heart an urgent impulse to connect to the male members of the family who have the last name “Ford.”

I know my brother Patrick Ford. And I know that I have cousins, e.g., Sidney Ford, Lonnie Ford, Timothy Ford, Reginald Ford, Calvin Ford, Donte Ford, Casey Ford, Ronald Ford, Robert Ford, Jr., etc.; but I am certain that there are very many other men within the Ford Family, who have the last name “Ford,” and who are lineal descendants of Charlie Ford, who I do not know, and *who do not know each other.*

As you all know, the father passes on the “Y” *chromosome* and thus the primary family genes associated with a families surname. Perhaps this is why in the Old Testament we find that the Law of Moses took account of the males, and numbered them according to “**the house of their fathers, according to the numbers of the names...** every male from twenty years old and upward,” etc.

¹Frederick Douglass, *Life and Times of Frederick Douglass* (Secaucus, N.J.: Carol Publishing Group, 1995), p. 15.

(Numbers 1: 20 (Reuben); 1:22 (Simeon); 1:24 (Gad); 1:26 (Judah); 1:28 (Issachar); 1:30 (Zebulum); 1:32 (Joseph); 1:34 (Manasseh); 1:36 (Benjamin); 1:38 (Dan); 1:40 (Asher); 1:42 (Naphtali), etc.

And so, as I look over the Ford Family website, and consider the plain fact that we are aging and passing away, that the future of the “Ford Family Reunion” depends greatly upon some future and sustained effort and *bringing the Ford men together*, with the long-term goal of building friendly, brotherly, and supportive relationships.

To that end, I would like for each of the recipients of this letter to send me the names and contact information of any and all men in the family who have the last name “Ford.” I would like to connect with each of them, and to connect each of them to each other, with long-term goal of preserving the Ford Family, its legacy, and heritage.

I would appreciate if you can assist me with collecting the following information:

- Name:**
- Address:**
- Phone Number:**
- Email:**

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

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