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Dear Dr Wilson,

Thank you for sending pNC36 so extremely promptly!

Unfortunately when Lee Palmer left Cambridge (approx. 1972) no effort was made to preserve his strains. One or two were made (5 or 6 years later), a majority were dead. To my knowledge there are no  $\text{pyrA}^-$ ,  $\text{B}^-$ ,  $\text{C}^-$  or  $\text{E}^-$  strains still in existence, I can help you out slightly, however, as I have some  $\text{pyrN}^{25}$  strains ( $\text{pyrN}^-$  are tightly linked to and fail to complement  $\text{pyrA}^-$ ,  $\text{B}^-$  and  $\text{C}^-$  strains - see Palmer + Core, MGG 138, 243 (1975)). I enclose:

$\text{pyrN}^{25}$  } both from my cross no. 1744.  
 $\text{yA2; pyrN}^{25}$  }

There seems to be an upsurge of interest in  $\text{pyr}$  mutants; 5 or 6 weeks ago I received a letter from Clegg Waldron of Eli Lilly asking about them. I replied promptly that, although most no longer exist, I have a few and would be happy to help if he would tell me which ones he needed. I've not as yet had a reply.

Best wishes,  
+ Happy Christmas!  
Alec Curt