

PAMELA WHITLOCK

Included with the "Additions" section this issue are two letters (X830 & X838) from a freelance journalist, David Addis. Mr. Addis recently rediscovered a book from his childhood called "The Far Distant Oxus" and was surprised to see it was still a popular children's story, having been borrowed no less than ten times in the past year from his local library. He remembered the book with great affection and decided to see if he could trace the authors, Katherine Hull and Pamela Whitlock. Two two had written the book while in their teens and had it published without their parents knowledge in 1935/36. They had worked on the book in secret and had sent it to the famous children's author, Arthur Ransome. Mr. Ransome had obviously been impressed with the book as he wrote a long introduction to the book and presumably was instrumental in having it published.

Mr. Addis' search for the authors has uncovered the fact that Katherine Hull died in 1977 but he has had no luck in tracing Pamela Whitlock. I was able to tell him that his most likely prospect was the Pamela Frances Whitlock born March 21, 1920 in Penang, Malaya, particularly as there are two brothers Mark Peter, born April 17, 1917 born in London and Brian Mark born December 4, 1922 at Bexhill, Sussex. (The book was dedicated to "Peter & Brian").

This should have been the end of Mr. Addis' search as I knew Mark Peter Whitlock quite well when we lived in England (1970-71) but unfortunately I lost contact with him when he moved in 1974.

Peter Whitlock was a Solicitor and a member of the Middle Temple in London. He and his wife had two families - two grown-up daughters who were both Catholic nuns and two young school-aged boys. I remember they had a place in Somerset that they hoped to retire to. I also remember going for dinner once and there was a Mr. Richard Whitlock Davis there, also a lawyer, I believe. He was from New York and was interested in tracing his Whitlock connection to the British families. I have passed most of this information on to Mr. Addis in the hopes he will be able to trace both Peter and Pamela Whitlock but if there is any information any of you have that might be of help please let me know or write directly to Mr. Addis at The Old Rectory, Englefield Road, Theale, Nr Reading, Berkshire, England RG7 5AS.