

THE WHITLOCK JOURNAL

Some months ago I mentioned in the Newsletter that a Whitlock Journal had come to light and it was hoped it would be published. This has now occurred!!

The Journal is the personal account of the return from India to England of Hubert Cornish Whitlock (1837-1890). The voyage lasts from February 10 to May 23, 1862 and The Journal details the day to day life on board ship. The voyage is relatively uneventful but the writing style flows from event to event and ebbs and flows with the author's moods. By the time you arrive in England you know the writer's character and can imagine some of the events that must have shaped this person.

This is the time of the American Civil War and there are occasional references made regarding its progress.

The Journal was discovered accidentally by and is edited by Dr. Alex Sakula, a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London, now retired from clinical practice. Dr. Sakula's research has provided a capsuled history of this Devon family from the 1740's plus a wonderful set of notes. The notes give additional details of the people, ships and events mentioned in The Journal and provide background to many of the comments made.

At a hundred pages The Journal is an interesting study of someone who otherwise could have remained a name and date on a chart. A valuable addition to our collection.

Dr. Sakula has copies available and I am sure they would make very unique Christmas gifts for anyone interested in their Whitlock ancestors. The Journal is soft bound and the cost is L8.50 in Britain \$15 to North America. Copies can be requested directly from Dr. Alex Sakula, 7 Grand Avenue, Hove, Sussex, England BN3 2LF (Please include funds with order).

This is a limited and unique publication and some of you may also wish to donate copies to your local library or family history group either on your own behalf or as a member of the Whitlock Family Association.

Our sincere thanks to Dr.Sakula for both preserving this piece of Whitlock history and making it available to everyone interested in this publication.