

# ELIAS WHITLOCK LETTER 1877

The following letter was sent in by Mark D. Whitlock and is interesting for several reasons. The author is Elias Whitlock born In Franklin, Somerset Co., New Jersey Nov.27,1797 the son of John & Lydia (Howell) Whitlock. On October 15, 1827 Elias married Mary Johnston in Hamilton Co., Ohio. While it is not mentioned in the letter this couple were approaching their 50th wedding anniversary.

At 79, Elias still has a farmer's interest in weather and crops. Health concerns are paramount in the letter and Elias' rustic spelling makes the letter both endearing and unique. Several members of the family are mentioned and I hope you find the letter of interest. Our thanks to Mark for this item.

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Deare Son

i feal it mightey Dutey to Rite you this morning it has bin Long time Since you rote to me, i havent heard from you Since last fall onley what i heard from John, i hope you havent forgot ous we are both of ous quite frable and hardley able to get about i have bin Since Last fall Suffered with pain in back and hips not able to walk about migh limes has give a way havent Strength to Support migh boddey Newalgra in the nerve of the bone, worme and Drey wether may help me at this time i feal better then i have bin for some time back, youre mother health is verrey pore her Coff is by Spels verrey hard Some Days hardley able to go then again She is much better her Coff is whearing her Down She is faeling verrey plain to be Seane So you See we are Living a Lonley Life we Cant get to Church, youre mother has bin twice and i have bin once in the Last Six months we are Deprive of theas blesing but we Live in hope of a better Day coming that is one great comfort to ous

how has the Season bin with you this Spring it has bin Cold and wet Corn had to Replant over on the Clay ground Corn is Small So much rain the farmers Cant work it the bottom ground Stands well theare never has bin a better prospect for what Last friday and Sunday theare was a Dredful Storme past over the Contrey wind and raine great Deal of Damige Done timber and fences blown Down the wheat flat on the ground in a Condition to taicke the Rust so it tis ... is one Calamitey after another

3 weakes ago young Straind his back and for two weakes he was helpilis Codent move hand or foot yesterday Eavning he was oup and Sarha he Can walk but Cant Stepe Down he is improving Sloley, Salley hall was oup to see ous and Staid one weak with ous first time she visit ous in 25 years She was great healps to mother we wanted her to Stay but She was ingage and Coud not but promis to Come back if got worse, william has be Confind to the house all winter with Rumatism i Received Card from his he is much better and Rest of youre acquaintence all well as far as i no the health of the Contrey is verrey good at this time, times is verrey Dul no improvment go on no work for men to get

Steave paid ous visit 3 weakes ago to See ous he will move this fall but Cant tel weane want ous to Come and See them before they move we are not in a Condition to go anweare if our health had bin that we Coud traveld we wod paid you all a visit Cant say aney thing about it at this time

We want to heare from you all rite and tel ous how you all are and how Mr Lickmans health is and how you Sumer Crop is and how you are getting along tel ous about it i will Close hoping to heare from you Sone ouer Love to you all and all inquiring friends

youre father E. Whitlocke

Oscar rite me a Letter and I will Send you a present your G. Father

Youre mother wants you to Send her the Liknes of that girle

Note: Some of the people mentioned in the letter are:

Letter is addressed to his son Arthur Oscar Whitlock (1841-1901)

Oscar - grandson Joseph Oscar Whitlock (1863-1952)

young - probably son-in-law Daniel Young married to daughter Sarah

John - son John Wesley Whitlock (1839-1912)

Salley Hall - probably Elias' sister Sarah Brunson Whitlock (1812-1895) married (2) William Hall

William - son William Francis Whitlock (1833-1909)

Steave - son Stephen Howell Whitlock (1836- ??)

Another of Elias' grandchildren, not mentioned in the letter, was Brand Whitlock (1869-1934) the American author and politician.

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