

# CHAS & DOREEN WHITLOCK

In 1970-71 I spent a year living in England and made contact with a Cockney couple, Chas & Doreen Whitlock who lived in Bethnal Green, London. They did not know a great deal about their Whitlock ancestors but were very interested to find they had distant Canadian cousins. We visited several times and on subsequent trips to England always tried to keep in touch. I always regretted not taking them up on their offer to use their caravan at Clacton-on-Sea. Chas & Doreen were very generous and always interested in the latest Whitlock activities. They were also very proud of their sons, David and Paul and kept us up to date on family events. Unfortunately over the years I moved several times and eventually lost contact with the family.

You can imagine my surprise to receive emails from California within a few weeks of each other, first from Paul Whitlock and then his daughter Samantha. It did not take long to determine that they were the son and grandson of Chas & Doreen Whitlock. I was very pleased to hear that the grandparents were to be arriving in America for Christmas and that they would pass on my good wishes. I must have been at this a long time when I start make contacts with grand-children of some of my original contacts!!

As I mentioned to Samantha I still do not know much more about this family than the detail that Chas & Doreen gave me in the early 1970's. Samuel George Whitlock had children Esther b.1880, Fred b.1882, James b.1884, Sidney b.1886 and Samuel George b.Sep.18,1888. The latter was born in Western Street, London. He married Mary Ann Holton at St.James Church, Dockhead, London in 1909. There were two children Samuel George Whitlock b.Jul.20,1912 and Charles William Whitlock b.Jan.20,1912. The first Samuel George Whitlock was in the Regular Army - regimental Sgt. Major, The Royal Hussars. He died at Chelsea Barracks. I am hoping the 1881 census for London will give us additional details and we will be able to work back from their.

Great to make contact again - hopefully we will be able to bring the family up to date and add more details.