

# ESME MARION (WHITELOCK) TROTTER (1915-2011)

I receive a letter from Esme's daughters to advise that Esme had passed away on February 10, 2011 at Orchard Manor in Kelowna, BC at the age of 95.

My first contact with Esme was in January 1976 when her name and address were passed on to my sister Necia by Evelyn Whitelock of Vancouver. Esme was living in Virden, Manitoba at the time and had written to Evelyn regarding the Whitelock family. Evelyn hoped our research into the Whitelock and Whitlock families could be of help to Esme. Esme's letter of January 8, 1976 began a correspondence that was to continue for 35 years!!

Esme's family was from Scotland with connections back to Ireland. She had traced back to George Whitelock of County Armagh married Elizabeth Doyle in Barony, Lanark, Scotland in 1834. Unfortunately, while Esme's research over the years added a lot of George's descendants to the WHITLOCK<sup>26</sup> family, we were never able to determine who George's parents were and 35 years later this chart is still headed by the same couple Esme wrote to me about in 1976.

Esme wrote a short history of the Alexander Brown family, her mother's family and sent copies to us all. The annual supplements to this history, kept us all up to date with Esme's growing family and Esme's Christmas Newsletters were also a great way to share information and preserve the family stories. he loved to travel and the Christmas letters were also a way for Esme to share these adventures as well.

In 1986 Esme and Harvey attended the gathering of the Whitlocks who all traced their descent from Ireland. We met at my home in Port Coquitlam and as well as the Trotters there was Jean and Art Whitlock from Cranbrook, Cuma Schofield from North Fork, California and Pam Hallock from Washington. A mini Irish Whitlock reunion!!

Esme was very proud of her family and worked hard to preserve their story. I shall miss her.