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30th July 1978

Dear Peter,

Many thanks for your letter and the most helpful information you sent — I shall transfer it to my file on "Helpful info"!!! I do find with my travels to London, Truro, Exeter etc — that time is the overriding factor — there are so many places to go, so many facts & statistics, so many reads — I just wish I could spend my working life on genealogy — it's all so fascinating.

Now I must report to you that my husband & I had a super holiday in Devon — it's as glorious as ever — all those beautiful "patchwork quilt" looks that ^{the} countryside has — it's like going home for me! We are hoping to go again & visit various relatives I "discovered" on my travels — maybe

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Sept - one relative has offered to take me all over the particular bit of country that my blind gr grandfather walked and to show me where he lived. My husband is most forbearing - he's not interested in family history himself but helps me in every way - even to the extent of letting me have 3 mornings and one whole day at the D.R.O. & the D.S.R.S. at the West Counties Studies Library! I managed to get some valuable work done and have progressed back several generations on the Phillips (to Macland Bishop) and a few odd generations here & there & generally little "fill-ups" in some spaces - so I had a good time. He also drove me around to all the small villages & let me visit them & the churches - so I was able to get a picture in my mind's eye.

I found just one Whitlock name in all my searches and that was at Morchard Bishop in the Parish registers - as follows: -

MARRIAGE MORCHARD BISHOP, DEVON.
WATLOCK, ^{WHS} Henry of WINKLEY and Rachel KEY
OF ATHERINGTON. 17 July. 1745 -M

I don't know if this ties in with any of your Whitlocks - but it was the only one of yours that I came across and I searched the following registers: -

MESHAW, M BISHOP, SANDFORD, SANDFORD
PEVERELL, CROWYS MORCHARD - these were thorough searches - other parishes were of a more random search - once again time being the enemy.

One item which may interest you, was when we visited Hemjock - one of the bell ringers who was in the church at the time - gave me the address of the local historian, whom he said, had done a studied history of the village & its inhabitants and also had a list of all the residents at the time of the Napoleonic Wars - this list gave all their goods, ^{occupations &} addresses and where they had to go in the event of invasion.

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I am now awaiting a letter to see if he has any of my Gillauds on his list - if so, it should help me considerably from the Family History side to fill in details.

I am going up to London in October for a few days with my friend and whilst there should have the opportunity to go to Kew - so will let you know how I get on - it's all very modern there now I understand so should be quite a difference from the dingy old boxes Room in Portugal St!!

I will certainly visit the Guildhall as you say to make lists of wills - homework is the main thing in this game isn't it?

Once again, when I come across any Whitlocks, I'll list them & send them on to you

Regards to you & your wife

Sincerely
Jean

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6th August 1978

Dear Peter,

Just a hurried letter to say that I took the bus last Wednesday to do some work in the Salisbury Diocesan Record office for a BHS member who had helped me, & in the process of looking through the Bishop's transcripts I found a couple of Whitlock marriages. I don't know if they will tie in with any of your Whitlocks or not - but I thought they'd be worth sending.

NETHERBURY (DORSET)

Marriage Sept 18. 1716^M

Benjamin Whitlox and Mary Abbott

Dec 28 1716^M Richard ~~Whitlox~~^{Whitlox} & Estha Travers

Netherbury is near Beaminster, Dorset so it's all in the Wiltshire & Devon areas;

Salisbury was crowded with tourists doing the city & the cathedral - it's

a marvellously historical place as you probably know - it gives one a new think & relook at it all with different eyes at times. My husband met me at Marlborough & took me out to dinner to a village pub at Oxford - so I had a rather enjoyable day - except that it poured all day (a typical English Summer day!)

Yours sincerely

Jean

Aug 19th

P.S. I hadn't posted this letter off as I was going up to the Local History Room & I never know what I'll find in my searches and I found a Whitlock & Elston reference today, so am enclosing it for you - it may come in handy at sometime.

~~Jean~~