

Dear Mr. Whitlock:

I was surprised and pleased to get your letter, and to learn that another party is interested in the Daniel Oliver family.

Not knowing what all you have now, I am enclosing some items of information from my own records.

apart from the birth of a son on March 3, 1855, I have nothing about the descendants of Lucy and James Hopkins Doyale? at the time of Sophia's death they were in Muskoka, but Daniel's obituary in the St. Marys Journal (1901) gave her address as St. Marys.

Sarah Oliver, it appears married Frederick Whitlock after Charlotte's death, and looked after the children of the first family. When was Sarah married? When did she die and where was she buried?

Mabel Edella Oliver (b. May 7 1901), grand daughter of William Oliver and Jane Rose is working on her family line. Her address is 20 McCord Rd. Toronto. (Tel 483-8126). She and a friend called to see us here, and we found them very pleasant people. I think she would be glad to see you, and you might consider giving her a call.

Daniel Oliver had 11 children in his two families, 8 or 9 of whom left descendants. I am working on this line when I get opportunities, and should be able to supply more detailed information later.

Please tell me more, if you can, about Thomas Edward Olive and Anne Sophia Whitlock. -- the dates of their birth and death, where they lived and were buried, etc. -- + their children, if any.

George Oliver was in Alvinston and in London. None of the Oliver descendants I have contacted to date know anything more. However, there are plenty of Olivers around, and something about him might turn up.

Jane Emily Oliver and Alexander Sinclair had five children, three of whom went to Boston Mass. I have written to Mrs. (Col.) Harold G. Thomas (Dorothy) 135 Albert Ave. Cranston, Rhode Island 02905, inquiring about them but have had no reply yet. The family of Daniel James Sinclair (10 children) went to London Ontario but I haven't located any of them yet.

Daniel James Sinclair and his father Alexander operated one of the stone quarries south of town here. When the father gave up, probably due to ill health, the son did also. Alexander was buried in St. Marys, and Jane Emily went to one of her son's homes in Boston.

The local newspaper said that Charlotte & Fred Whitlock went to "Scratching River" and Moosomin, Manitoba. Perhaps you can tell me precisely where they did go, and when. - Section, Township and Range. Where were Charlotte and Frederick buried? Who were their children, and where can living descendants be found to-day? Obviously Charlotte and Fred were very early settlers in the West.

David Oliver and Dinna Sager lived and died in this area. David was a stone mason, and was financially distressed and almost blind at the time of his death. There were, probably, 10 children, some of whom died young. I have met two descendants to date, but some of them. I suspect will be hard to locate.

Mark Oliver was buried in St Mary's. His monument was erected by his niece, so I suspect he had no children who grew up. However I do not yet know.

Luke Oliver had several children in St Mary's (1891 to 1901) then he went to London where he was on the police force. There are descendants of Luke around, but I haven't got to them yet.

Let's keep in touch.

Please, more about yourself, and where you fit in.

J. Merwyn Melne
(b. Mar 7 1903)