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Dear Mr. Whitlock:

Thank you for your letter of December 12 in reply to my request for information about the Whitlock family. I am most happy to supply the information in my possession in hope that it may prove helpful. Most of this I have received from Mrs. Esme' Calderwood of Torquay, Devon; she has done some searching at my request.

First let me deal with Sally Whitlock, the one who married Jonas Smale; and who became my paternal great-grandmother. Sally and Jonas were married 12 July 1835 in Black Torrington Parish. Their son Robert (my grandfather) was christened in this same parish. Subsequently this family migrated to Canada (probably between the late 1830's and early 1840's) where Jonas purchased a 100 acre farm in Usborne Township, Ontario. The 1851 Census of Usborne Twp. records Jonas as age 52, Sally 43 (i.e., born ~~c. 1808~~ 1808), and there were six children. By the time of the 1861 census Sally had died; Jonas is shown as a 64 year old widower. So I surmise that Sally's life span was about 1808-1855 (?).

My father and mother were both born in Usborne Twp.; Ontario; but as far as I can tell, neither knew anything of the Whitlock family history. My mother had in her possession the text of a letter written in 1916 by Justina Sutton, the youngest of Sally-Jonas' children. She referred to Sally's father as "Lord Wedlock" (sic) which I take to ~~have~~ be a member of the "landed gentry" rather than titular nobility. At least Mrs. Calderwood reported no entry in Burke's Peerage to confirm this title. Also there were two Whitlock families who owned land in Usborne Township: Isaac Whitlock who was not married, apparently; and Silas Whitlock who lived there with his wife Mary, and John Hooper (26); Elizabeth (19); Mary (17); and Peter (7), whom I take to be their children, although the census report is not clear on this point. The letter from Justina (mentioned above) states that the Jonas-Sally family received some financial help from "an old aunt of mother's".....also "after our mother died, Mary and I stayed with Mrs. Wedlock (sic), a cousin of My mother's.". I have never been in a position to identify these people, nor to determine whether Isaac and/or Silas were related to Sally. I enclose a Xerox copy of the letter for your records.

Now let me turn to the Whitlock records as I have received them from Mrs. Calderwood in Devon.

A. Whitlocks of Langtree

- WT-1*
1. Thomas (16 July 1731) m. Joan (?) (*surname unknown to me*)  
Thomas bap. 19 Oct. 1755  
Elizabeth " 5 July 1757 (d<sup>e</sup>??)  
Elizabeth " 1 Aug. 1765  
Susan " 22 May 1767  
Francis " 10 Feb. 1771  
John " 30 Nov. 1774
- WT-2*
2. Richard (19 Aug. 1759) m. Mary Smale (m. at Frithelstock??)  
Susannah bap. 10 Feb. 1770  
John " 27 Feb. 1772 (d<sup>e</sup> 1777)  
Catherine " 4 July 1774

Richard	bap.	25 Apr. 1776	
John	"	5 Apr. 1778	
Thomas	"	2 Aug. 1780	( <del>1780</del> ) (dec.??)
Mary	"	25 May 1782	
William	"	11 Jan. 1784	
Rebecca	"	15 Jan. 1786	
Philip	"	29 Oct. 1787	
Henry	"	15 May 1791	
John	"	12 Sept. 1802	
Thomas	"	22 June 1806	
Philip	"	4 Mar. 1810	
Mary	"	12 Apr. 1812	

3. <sup>W-9</sup> Thomas (9 Oct. 1755?) m. Rebecca (?) (surname unknown to me)

Christopher	bap.	28 Apr. 1782	(dec.?)
Catherine	"	23 Jan. 1785	
Thomas	"	28 May 1787	
Elizabeth	"	28 Mar. 1790	
Johanna	"	24 May 1791	1795
Saloma	"	8 Sept. 1797	
Christopher	"	7 Sept. 1800	

4. <sup>W-16</sup> John (b. ?) m. Thomazin (?) (surname unknown to me)

Grace	bap.	19 Dec. 1784	( <del>1784</del> ) (dec.??)
Mary	"	18 Dec. 1785	
Samuel	"	19 June 1787	
Peter	"	19 Apr. 1788	
James	"	30 Jan. 1791	
Elias	"	25 Apr. 1793	
Grace	"	16 May 1795	
Betsy	"	30 July 1797	
Elizabeth	"	22 May 1800	
** Sally	"	6 Jan. 1803	

(End W. of Langtree)

B. Other Whitlock Records

1. Entry from Petrockstowe Parish  

<sup>S125</sup> <u>Cyrus</u> , s. of Christopher & Mary	4 Nov. 1804
** <u>Sally</u> , d. " " " "	18 May 1809
  
2. Entry from Buckland Filleigh Parish  

** <u>Sally</u> , d. of Richard & Grace	27 Oct. 1811
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3. Entry from Ottery St. Mary Parish  

** <u>Sarah Margaret</u> d. of George & Charlotte	
born 14 April 1809; bap. 25 Oct. 1809	

Now permit me some commentary on the above data. Aside from the "emergence" of several distinct Whitlock families, there appear to be four Sally Whitlocks of concern to me:

1. Sally, d. John/Thomazin - 6 Jan. 1803
2. Sally, d. Christopher/Mary - 18 May 1809
3. Sally, d. Richard/Grace - 27 Oct. 1811
4. Sarah Margaret, d. George/Charlotte - 25 Oct. 1809

I am inclined to "rule out" No. 4, since she was born in Ottery St. Mary. I would be inclined to believe that the Sally who married Jonas Smale would have lived near Sheepwash where he was born and reared. The reasons why I "lean" toward Nos. 2 and 3 above are that: (a) the birthdates of either could be consistent with the information included in the Canadian census of 1851 (i.e. that Sally was about 43 years old); (b) Petrockstowe and Buckland Filleigh are proximate to Sheepwash; (c) according to Donn's Map of Devon (1765) there was a traversible road between Sheepwash and Buckland Filleigh as well as Langtree (but not a good route to Petrockstowe); (d) if Jonas was employed in the Whitlock household, that at Buckland Filleigh would seem most easily reached by foot from Sheepwash - the distance is about 2 or 3 miles - although he could have "lived in" at the Whitlock home.

Mrs. Calderwood sent me the record of an "Extract of the Will of Christopher Whitlock of Langtree who died 3 Jan. 1838. The will (no. 771) dated 7 Jan. ~~1830~~, read, in 1830 part, "I give to my cousin Sally Whitlock the sum of £20 and my cousin Richard I appoint executor". I have only this comment on the will: if Christopher Whitlock (1782 or 1800-1838) made a bequest of £ 20 to "my cousin Sally Whitlock", this may well have been Sally (1803) daughter of John/Thomazin. She could have been a first cousin and of Langtree. On the other hand a bequest to Sally (1811) daughter of Richard/Grace could have been made to a second cousin whose father Richard, a first cousin was named executor. A point here is that this Sally was christened in B-F, not Langtree. The third Sally (1809) was daughter of Christopher/Mary, christened at Petrockstowe. As a direct heir of Christopher (daughter) she would not have been a cousin. Thus I am very uncertain how significant this will is in identifying the Sally who married Jonas Smale.

In some other material sent me by Mrs. Calderwood I find a notation that a Christopher Whitlock son of Richard Whitlock and Grace Judd (m. 22 July 1754) was baptized 24 Feb. 1757; he had a brother Richard baptized 19 Aug. 1759. Another entry refers to a Christopher Whitlock who was married twice: to Joan Bragg, 15 April ?; and then to Philippa Andrews on 22 June 1786 (this date not clearly written). I include these for your information: whether they are related to the Christopher/Mary of Petrockstowe I have no way of determining.

Thank you for writing me. I trust that the above information will add to that already in your possession. I shall look forward to hearing your comments; and particularly any clues you may possess to the identity of my paternal grandmother.

Cordially yours,

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*All most sincere seasons' greetings to you  
and your family.*

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