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Dear Mr. Whitlock,

As you may have seen in the Devon FHS, Members Interests booklet, one of my particular researches is the various branches of the Nancekivell family in this area, and as I see that the Nancekivell family of Langtree are one of your particular interests, I hope you do not mind my contacting you.

I have been spending as much time as I can spare - I work full-time - at the Devon Record Office and I am gradually getting together quite a lot of information on the Nancekivells which I have put together in card index form now, as I find that otherwise it's difficult to work out who's who - for instance so far I have found 11 John Nancekivells born between 1800-20 in this area.

My direct Nancekivell ancestors appear to have lived in the Clovelly/Woolsey West area since the early 1700's but I haven't discovered yet where they lived before then. I assume it must have been in Cornwall, as the name is Cornish.

There appears to be very few Nancekivells in Devon before 1700 but I haven't been able to do much Cornwall research yet.

As I see you mention Nethway & Smale in your interests, I assume that your ancestors were William & Mary Nethway

who married at Langtree in 1749; & their son Thomas who
married Catherine Smide of Fithelstock at Langtree in 1777?

Have you seen the copy leases concerning your ancestors which
are held at the Devon Record Office? I recently copied off
details of the leases re Thomas Noncekiwell dated 6 Dec 1726
concerning Smalbridge & Blacklake; Thomas & John ^{WV-30} Witlock dated
30 Nov 1749; & Wm N. re Radworthy Moor, Slabber dated 28 Feb
1756; & Conveyance re Dragon Meadow - Wm N of Langtree dated
9 Oct 1851; & Bonds re Thomas N. 29 Oct 1747. If you haven't
seen them I would be pleased to send you copies. If there
is any way you think I may be able to help you in your
researches, please let me know, as it must be very difficult
to research from such a long way away.

I recently made contact with a Mrs McWilliam of
Woodstock, Ontario and I was very interested to learn from
her that there are so many Noncekiwells in Canada. Quite
a few of my great-aunts & great-great uncles Noncekiwells
emigrated to Ontario & British Columbia but unfortunately
we have lost contact with most of them and I don't know
whether there are any descendants out there now. The
Noncekiwell name in this area is now quite scarce, although
there are quite a lot of female descendants - my own interest
is through my grand-mother Leah Noncekiwell who married
Charles Hill of Langtree in 1915.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Gillian Yebo (Miss)