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Dear Peter:

Thank you very much for taking the time to write to me regarding the name of Whitlock. I was quite excited when I opened the envelope and saw Whitlock at the top of the page. I had given up my research for the present time as I had not been able to find the marriage or baptism of my ancestor Hillery Charles Whitlock. I was not aware that there is a Whitlock Newsletter or that anyone was working on this name to such an extent as you appear to be doing.

My interest in the Whitlock name begins with my father's maternal grandmother, Sarah Ann WHITLOCK who married Edward Willson Nowers on April 30, 1882 at St. Bartholomew Church, Charlton in Dover, Kent. Sarah Ann was born December 5, 1859 at 31 High Street, Mile End, Newtown, Stepney, London to William WHITLOCK and Sarah (Bennett). There were at least 4 children - Sarah Ann, Annie, William & George. William WHITLOCK was a Metal Dealer who became the owner of an Iron Foundry but a family story says that he ran off with their servantgirl and eventually died penniless. When the family split his wife and the children when to live with her sister and family in Dover.

William WHITLOCK had married Sarah Bennet on September 13, 1845 at Stepney Parish Church by banns. William was born August 24, 1825 (bp. Sept. 12) at Kelvedon near Colchester (Meeting House), Essex, the son of Hillery Charles (or Charles Hillery) WHITLOCK and Eliza Mary. There were 3 children baptised at the Kelvedon Meeting House. Apparently Hillery moved to London and sometime prior to 1838 he married Emma \_\_\_\_\_ (born at Beckenham) and had at least 2 children by her at Stepney where he was a plumber.

According to the 1851 Census Returns for Mile End New Town, Hillery WHITLOCK was born about 1800 at Burnham, Essex. I checked the Mormon IGI Index for his baptism but it was not listed nor do they have any microfilms of Burnham on Crouch Parish Registers. A check by the Essex County Record Office failed to turn up his baptism either. I wrote to the Vicar of Burnham Parish Church to have a check made for the marriage of Hillery and Eliza Mary but he didn't find it nor did he find any mention of Whitlocks in that parish around 1820. However since his children were baptised in a Meeting House, it is likely that his marriage also took place in a Nonconformist Church and perhaps his own baptism as well.

On the Boyds Marriage Index I found a Hannah WHITLOCK who married William Carrington in 1804 at Burnham, Essex - could be an aunt to my Hillary.

I have enclosed what little information I have been able to gather on Whitlocks in Essex. I do my research at the Mormon Library here in London but the Mormons don't have a great deal of information as yet on Essex.

I'd be very grateful indeed if you would check your files for the marriage of Hillary Charles WHITLOCK to Eliza Mary \_\_\_\_\_ about 1821 in Essex and the baptism of Hillary Charles WHITLOCK about 1800 possibly near Burnham on Crouch, Essex. There is not much point in obtaining a lot of information on Whitlocks in Essex until I find Hillary's baptism and thus identify his parents but if you have any information which you think might be helpful I'd certainly appreciate receiving it and of course will pay for any expenses involved.

I am assuming that since you belong to the Devon Family History Society (I do too) that your particular interest in Whitlocks is in this county. I've noticed the name quite a bit while going through Census Returns for Devon. In future if I come across any info on Whitlocks in other counties I'll pass it along to you just incase you don't already have it in your files.

Thanks again for your letter and offer of assistance. If I can be of any assistance in adding information to your files I'd be pleased to help. If you can't locate my particular entries in your files at the present time I'd really appreciate it if you would keep them in mind in case they turn up at some later date.

Yours truly,



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