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Dear "Cousin" Beth;

I want to thank you for the very prompt response you awarded my inquiry on the Whitlock family Tree. With your help, I'll be climbing it soon.

It appears that your husbands grandmother and my grandfather were half sister and brother, and that we share the same great-grandfather, John A. Is this correct?

I have gone over the notes of Lucy W. Atkins that you sent me, and, although I found them somewhat disjointed, I think they have a great deal of merit and show the hard work she has done.

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In Whitlock Gleanings, under Tandy Whitlock (pg 226), you make it appear as if the Widowed Susan Kent Whitlock had William, Sr. as aguardian in 1849, the year of her suicide. Since William, Jr.'s son, Tandy, had died ca. 1840-44, I feel it was he who became the guardian of his granddaughter, Susan Catherine, now orphaned at age 17. (If alive, William, Sr. would have been in his late ninetys and hardly qualified to do so.)

This could be the result of the mix-up over Sr. And Jr. noted by Lucy, when Jr. changed counties and became known as William, Sr. Although, why this should have been allowed, I don't understand.

I am enclosing copies of my notes and work sheets, which show how I came to this conclusion. I thought you might be interested in my thoughts on this. If, for any reason, you do not agree, PLEASE let me know why.

I am, also, enclosing a list of names beginning with "WHIT". I was really surprised at the number of them, when I started to collect them from the Greater London telephone books, on a recent trip to England, and added to since, from other sources.

Thanks again for your consideration and thoughtfulness in sending me your Whitlock information.

Very best regards,

Bob
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