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Dear Peter,

I have just finished re-reading the September 88 family newsletter and I must say I am extremely interested in the idea of a family gettogether in Langtree. Hopefully the idea will be ~~not~~ ^{kept} alive and perhaps you will let me know what I can do to help. I know several people in North Devon to do with the Devon family history society, also photographers if you want a permanent record of the meeting, and other sorts of services.

What a pity that you didn't phone me to let me know that you were visiting Cyril and Maisie Whitlock in Hornchurch. She did phone me before Christmas 87 but with pressure of work and other commitments I never got around to contacting her again. I am really not very far from Hornchurch and I could have come out there to see you and finally meet Cyril and Maisie. Ah Well, never mind.

I have just returned from 3 weeks in the U.S.A. and visited the town of Richmond, Virginia and the sidewalk of east Carey street is made of bricks that have names on them. Who the people are or why they have their names on the sidewalk I do not know, but on one of the bricks was the name 'Lora Whitlock', any ideas?.

While in New York City i bought the book 'Maritime New York' by Harry Johnson and Frederick Lightfoot (pub Dover Publications, NY). On page 127 (plate 171) is a photograph of the clipper ship 'Great Republic'. On December 26th, 1853 she was badly damaged by fire while tied up at Dover street on the east river. She was raised and repaired by Sneedon and Whitlock in Greenport, Long Island. Any ideas?.

There is a book currently on sale about 'Sir Francis Drake' by George Malcolm Thomson (Pub Andre Deutsch). On page 315 there is mentioned William Whitlocke, a tall, flaxen-haired young man who had recieved plate and jewells in Drake's will. Any ideas on him?.

Anyhow I really must try and visit Cyril and Maisie soon, and I look forward to hearing more about Langtree.

Regards to the family,
Sincerely

John -

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