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Dear Mr. Whitlock,

Being a Whitlock descendant, I found your newsletter fascinating. I'm afraid I cannot add much to your information file because I'm unclear about some dates, and my knowledge of family history only goes back as far as my grandfather, William Henry Harrison Whitlock. I noted with interest that you have another William Henry Harrison Whitlock (1844-1918). I'm quite sure it is another William Henry Harrison Whitlock, because my grandfather was alive when I was born in 1923. Although I have no memory of him, I have seen pictures of him holding me when I was a small child. He died at the Old Soldiers Home, Yountville, California, as he was a veteran of the Civil War. The story I was told, was that he came to California at the age of thirteen from one of the Mid-Western states, probably Ohio. After the death of his mother, he signed on as a wrangler with a wagon train headed for California. Upon arrival there, he rode horseback up the Sacramento Valley and eventually settled in the Coast Range foothills in the vicinity of Paskenta, Newville and Flournoy, now almost ghost towns. During the Civil War, I'm told he fought Indians in the SouthWest, who were aiding the Confederate cause by attacking Union soldiers.

He married Fannie Oaks, who had been married previously to a man named Tatham and had two sons, Frank and Lee, who were older half-brothers to my father. By coincidence, in 1960 my own family moved to Whitlock territory in Fairfield County, Connecticut. By even greater coincidence, the land we now own was at one time the property of a Whitlock family. It would be of great interest to me if we could trace how my branch of the Whitlock family got from Connecticut to Ohio and on to California. My guess is that my grandfather's parents left Connecticut to settle on Western Reserve land. Since William Henry Harrison was a hero in Ohio (elected President in 1840), it is possible that more than one Whitlock child born in the early part of the nineteenth century would have been named for him; especially since I note in your newsletter that there were William Henrys going back several generations in England.

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I hope the information I have been able to give you will help fill in some of the empty spaces in the puzzle.

Yours sincerely,

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