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Dear Peter,

Thankyou for the "Newsletter" and your letter and enclosures, of Sept:14. I knew this was going to be a tough job, and going to take some time, before the final product comes out, but I do think that we are probably approaching it from the best angle as its important to get it all right. I am sure that its going to be worth the effort in the end and will make very interesting reading for many people who have descended from this branch of the family. I have got deeply involved now in putting it all together, that I am spending the best part of my free time working on it.

I'll take your letter first. With reference to the Rolle material, the answer is that wherever possible I have obtained copies, but where this has'nt been possible because the documents condition, I have inspected it and extracted the info:. Either way, I have the relevant catalogue numbers which I am including in the typescript. What I will do eventually and in addition, is list all sources of the references. Of course it has'nt all come from the Rolle Papers.

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I agree it is full of complexities, this is what is taking me the time. I find that I am writing it all long hand several times before I type. Yes, I am confident that the Thomas Whitlock who died in 1715 was the husband of Mary Heaman. I feel that there is little doubt about this now, and I think that we should enter it. I was pleased to see that John was on the same track, because he is working independantly, as it were, so he is'nt really being influenced by us. The point about 1687 I now feel is also more than coincidence. You see it was'nt only the year, the day and month of Richards probate is exactly the same as that of the lease. So yes, I do think that Richard was Thomas's father. Also if you carefully study the pattern Thomas used to name his children, the names all fall into place.

When we eventually leave Langtree and get into Warkleigh, you will see I have mentioned the point about Venne and Fenne. I got this from "Devon Place Names". (This part is'nt any where near the typing stage yet, mind you).

Yes, the pattern seems to be emerging that between say 1609-10 and say 1638-40, there doesn't appear to be any Whitlocks actually in Langtree, but I think we were still probably connected there, through the John at Frithelstock. The possibility of there being Dennys family papers is something I am currently investigating. The interesting point is that most of the property they held, they had passed on to them from the St. Legers. These families were of course Lords of the Manor at Langtree at one stage, as well as being very major land lords at Alwington. I feel the connection with Alwington (that is between Alwington and Langtree) is certainly correct, but the question is how this couples into the Warkleigh branch. Of course when we say Warkleigh, we are really referring to Frithelstock, as we had no connection with Warkleigh until William Whitlock of

Frithelstock married Christian Lake, heiress of Bradmore.

The possibility of hearing from Keith Whitlock sounds interesting, his contacts could be very useful. I am thinking here of early Subsidy Returns, say back in the mid to late 1400's. I am given to understand that they exist, but in manuscript (none have been published). I am thinking ahead here, because we will need to establish when our family arrived in this Frithelstock - Langtree etc: area.

Glad that you found the map useful. You will notice that I have included a few maps, diagrams, photographs etc: as I have gone along. Mainly to break up all the written information a little.

Yes I have a copy of the 1629 Exeter will, from the PRO. In fact it is an important document as in fact the way you had already extracted it proved to be true, in that the two Johns were brothers and of course, one is the John we have been referring to at Frithelstock. They were the sons of Peter of Alwington, but I am convinced now that the Thomas at Langtree (died 1643) was John of Frithelstocks son, Thomas was left all the property at Exeter, in two parishes, plus his connection at Langtree. No wonder he was referred to as Gent: and included in the Protestation Oath Rolls Return.

About the films, the truth is I shelved this temporarily, because firstly, I got tied up with this and secondly, I have been using some of the funds to obtain these extra documents. There is still plenty left, but I thought by about the turn of the year I will have a better idea of what we need to get and what we have left. The copies from Exeter are quite reasonable but when I have to get them from London of course they are more expensive. I have of course kept accounts of all this.

Now the print out on the farms. I have gone right through this and there are just a few points, otherwise a good start. First reference Hollamore.

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Mary was the sister of Christopher Heaman Jnr; not his daughter.

Together they were the son and daughter of Christopher Heaman Snr:

Next ref: Collacott. The masonry mark containing date and initials is on the gable end of the main farm house, not the outbuildings. George obviously had extended the main farm house. Next Stowford. Catherine Whitlock married Matthew Tucker on the 21st March 1710 at Bideford. Next Week. Reverend Joseph Palmer purchased both Woodland (Little Torrington) and Sheirnweek (Langtree) from Henry Stevens in 1794. Henry Stevens was of Cross. Little Torrington, but it was the Reverend Joseph Palmer who leased Beam in Torrington, where he resided at this time.

Now the Devon Land File. Just one or two comments, but mostly you will see this when you get later instalments.

Ashmondsworth. South Strokesworthy. Owners were the Strokesworthies originally up to the point around 1450's when it passed to the Lakes.

Ashreigny. Only West Ashton was owned by Tristram Risdon. Lake was owned by Humphrey Bury. Hole was owned by a Mr. Holacomb. The date here was 1625.

Langtree. Doggaport Farm. 1602 owner was George Arscott.

Forches. Interesting in that I recently made a visit to Langtree to find the 1991 Register of Electors are listing three Whitlocks at a cottage known as West Forches. I knocked them up, but no one was at home, so I have to get around to writing to them.

Langtree Manor. The 1687 reference was referring to an appurtanence and common of pasture connected with the estate known as Doggaport. Doggaport was an estate rather than just a farm. You will see later that there were several appurtanences and tenements attached to this estate.

Warkleigh. Bradmore. This was owned by the Bradmore family up to around 1428 when it passed through heirs female to the Lake family. This remained so until it passed to the Whitlocks.

Finally the "Newsletter". I had better update my collection of copies in the normal way.

R507/2. Will of John Whitlock of St. Ive.

The two items on the de La Beches I suspect I have the info: already. I will

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leave this up to you, whether you think theres anything new there.

X1141/1. Letter from Joan.M.Fryer. X1159/1. Main line of David John Lyon.

X1160/2. 1841-88 Census Records of Pitton. X1161/2. Descent of Charles and Charlotte (Pearce)Whitlock. X1162/4. Letter from Angela Lyon.

Well now I must end this here, otherwise this will be another book, there are no more instalments ready yet, but there will be one more soon. So I will keep in touch, and I am sure we will get there in the end. We are all well, regards to you and the family. Was great to hear from you.

Jim