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Dear Peter,

Since your phone call (lovely to have a chat again), I have received your letter and enclosures of November 11th. I have gone through it all, but will be going through the "Worthies" sheets again in more detail as they are going to be very invaluable. In due course I will let you know if others may be important to us. I have never seen this book, and had no idea about its size, but as I say we cannot underestimate its value. I am delighted to have these copies.

I have seen Risdon's Survey of Devon, some of the info: on our lands at Warkleigh, which I will be including later on, came from this source. It's a valuable source, which I do consult, along with "Poles, Lysons, Westcotes and Risdon's".

It's strange. You have a copy of volume 2 of "The Devonshire Domesday". Our library hasn't got it, but they do have volume 1. So when I go there again I will look up those two pages for you, but I can tell you now that they are referring to Frithelstock.

You can certainly have copies of the material I have been using, and have quoted in the manuscript, including the will of course. What I will do is get a whole package together at the end of Langtree, on what I have used up to that point and send them over. Then we will do the same for Warkleigh and so on.

Well yes I think I am ready to say that Richard was Thomas's father, (after many hours awake). I have a gut feeling that Rose was his wife, but then something turns me around to thinking it may have been a sister. So I have left that one open at the moment, but I don't think there's much doubt about Richard. As you say, Thomas did name a daughter Rose.

I did notice Mr. Edgecombe's comments about the Brown family and the wool trade. Since Keith phoned me, I have done as he suggested and contacted the University of Exeter (Dept: of Extra Mural Studies) to try and get some info: on the wool trade subject. I think that Keith is probably on the right track with this.

I am enclosing a further instalment. I think there will be one more on Langtree. As you will see, after all I put into the Dennys family paper subject, I was disappointed with the outcome. I suppose we have learned something from it, but its not what I thought it was going to be. As you will see it is all part of the Clinton Archive (96M Series), which basically is Lord Rolles collection again. It seems as if every document got into their collection. However the instalment will explain what I did establish.

Now to move on to the WHITLOCK 14H chart. I note that you have made Thomas the Monk (E2). I am in no doubt about this. Incidentally I am mapping out a section on this Thomas, in its own right, as a way of leading us from Langtree to Warkleigh. However I still do have a couple of queries with this chart. First, not a query really, but I didn't realise Paschon Botiler (Butler) was a Risdon. This may have a connection with the Warkleigh land records where we held lands of Edgar and Tristram Risdon. I must go into this point. The first query I have is John Whitlock (I5), he married Alice Praunce, as you say, who widowed John in 1669, but I have been wondering if this same John re-married Elizabeth Elston in 1671. Thence becoming Elston etc: father, as you have it. This theory answers another point, because I suspect the John (J2), born 1653 was he who married Joan Shenton of Dunster and was he mentioned with Elston in Old Cleeve records. (On my theory this John would be Elstons half brother). Now this John and Joan did not have a surviving son, so everything went, on Johns death to two co-heiresses. One of these Sarah married Philip Sydenham and it was the Sydenham family who later inherited our Bradmore estate in Warkleigh. Sarah and her husband would clearly be heir to this estate, with (J2) John her father and (I5) John her grandfather. You will remember that this John Whitlock of Binham, Old Cleeve used the Whitlock of Warkleigh coat of arms. It is on display at Old Cleeve Church.

The other point is Mary (L5). I don't think she existed. The copy we have of Elstons will, where she is mentioned, is a copy of a copy which was made of the original before WW2 by hand, and I think that it is a mistake. I think the Mary mentioned is Elstons second wife. Other than this Elston does'nt mention his wife in the will, although she was alive until 1739.

I do agree with both of your points that William Whitlock 1480-1550? was the peak of their influence and the strangeness about the will. Although the bulk of Devon wills were destroyed, they were very

adequately indexed before hand, both the PCC and local archdeaconry, but none for William. Also although he is stated to be "landed" there is no IPM either. This is another headache to me, because I too wonder if we are missing something. Was he actually in Devon at all, (at least North Devon). From what I have found, although he married Christian, the Lake heiress of Bradmore, there is no evidence that he actually took over Bradmore. John Lake outlived him. It was William's son William who became known as of Bradmore. I think we could be being misled here, but at the moment I cannot see what it is. It is important really, but may be as we go through Warkleigh later, as I am doing Langtree, something will crop up.

Robert Whitlock of Montecute is probably just a coincidence, what I think I may do is mention the facts in with the section I mentioned on Thomas the Monk, being it was the two Priories that were connected. I had'nt thought of it along the lines that you suggest, so I will re-think it along those lines.

If what Keith is suggesting about the wool trade is anywhere near correct, then with all probability the Exeter branch does connect in later. We do have quite a bit about them, they were certainly prominent in their own right, but this I feel sure will come later as we proceed.

I like the Alwington chart and I have no doubt that you are right to call it 1A as I believe it is part of our chart. In the 1629 will, John (G4) refers to Thomas (H4), in fact Thomas is left both of the houses. Christian (H2) and Katherine (H5) are also mentioned and he states that John (G6) was his brother and father of (H2-4-5). My only doubt is John (G6) two marriages. It had crossed my mind that both John (G4 and G6) may once have been in Frithelstock and that Phyllis may have been (G4) wife, she dieing in 1613 and he re-marrying in 1615. Only (G4) would have been nearly 50 years of age then. No wonder no issues.

Well I don't think that there is much more to say in this letter. By the time that I complete the next section we shall know what transpires with the St. Leger info: I do notice the references to the family in the Princes material, they were of course an important family. Since their ancestors were the Boteler and Hankeford families, I think it may be wise to include some brief detail of them when we finish with Langtree, as their names crop up in our records time and again.

We had a wet period for a couple of weeks, but things have changed now and we are in a dry but cold spell with some frosts. Must not complain however, as I am sure there will be much worse to come. Xmas

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is going to be upon us very soon now. I doubt if the next section will be ready before the New Year now. This project is going to take some considerable time, but I do feel that the end product will be worth it. One point that I have'nt mentioned is the idea that you raised over the phone about a private chapel possibility. As you say it could answer the absence of our name in the church at Warkleigh. One thing that I have noticed is that there is no mention of Bradmore in the various Devon histories, (the place that is), but the family name does, which gives me the impression that Bradmore was named after the family, rather than the family taking its name from the estate. We shall have to follow this up if possible.

Anyway I must finish, will take this opportunity to wish you all a happy festive season.

Sincerely

