

8th February 1992

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Answered  
Feb 17 1992

Dear Peter Whitlock,

Many thanks for your letter of the 1st. February 1992 received this morning. I am replying quickly as I note that you are sending out a Newsletter shortly and wished to possibly correct some of the assumptions in your letter. Since I last wrote to you I have had correspondence from Mrs. Muriel Allen of the Hampshire G.S. I have put at the end of this letter a copy of certain details of her "Tree" and her notes about the 1851 Census.

THE WARMINSTER LETTER. I am fairly confident that this letter would have been written later than 1878. My reasoning is that the recipient Lavinia (my grandmother) was born in 1858 and that she died on 7.6.1951 ( Estate Accounts of my grandfather's will just received from my nephew in Australia!) aged 93. The reference in the letter to closing up the house would possibly have been my grandmother's home at East Dean, Hampshire after the deaths of her Father and Mother (Levi and Elizabeth Anne Jerrett). Family papers indicate that they died in the 1880's. The Warminster Letter is signed "your affectionate aunt" but I believe that the true relationship was "Step-aunt", see tree overleaf. I am pretty sure that the letter writer was Elizabeth A. Whitlock baptised 17.1.1830 at St. Edmonds Wesleyan, Salisbury, born at Winterslow. As the letter must have been written later than 1878, about 18 years after Anthony Edwin and his elder brother George Thomas left for New Zealand, the Anthony referred to is likely to be one and the same and he later moved from New Zealand to Australia. I have asked my nephew in Sydney to give me an Australian G.S. to write to. As Elizabeth Anne Gale was fostered by the New Farm, Winterslow Whitlocks when aged 2½ and she was married to George in 1841 we can give her a probable date of birth of 1823. At aged 2½ (1825-26) her mother died aged 32, so that puts Elizabeth Ann Gale's birth at 1791 or thereabouts.

Thomas Gale Whitlock born March quarter 1849, St. Catherine's House records under Alderbury VIII 278 - your letter of November 18, 1989 refers; is mentioned again in the 1851 Census from Mrs. Allen's correspondence. I phoned her this morning to see if we could place his father Thomas as the eldest son of Thomas and Ann Whitlock. She said that we would need to see the baptismal record to prove it 100%. I will definitely go across to Trowbridge who hold the Wiltshire records when the weather improves.

According to the census he is listed as Thomas G. aged 2 years, son of Mary J. born at Ham in Berkshire which is about 60 miles east of Pitton. If his second forename was Mary J.'s maiden name, i.e. G for Gale, then it gives some good reason for Elizabeth Anne Gale to be fostered at Winterslow (New Farm). Mary J.'s birthplace of Berkshire does not worry me unduly as in the memoirs of Charles Smith (my grandfather and husband of Lavinia) he mentions that his grandfather regularly used to travel to Wherwell sheep fair from Inkpen in Berkshire. Wherwell is less than 10 miles from Pitton. I agree with you that this part of the Whitlock family were reasonably well off and rather better britched than Ralph Whitlock's lot.

My cousin in Kenilworth recently reminded me of a potted plant or shrub that was in her front room window at Winchester and that its origin was believed to be from New Zealand.

My eldest cousin has just died. He was the son of my eldest aunt whose letters we have been relying on for the family background. I have written to his executors asking for them to save any family papers that my cousin may have had.

After the cremation I went back to my next eldest cousin's house for a chinwag and he gave me a newspaper cutting of the funeral dated 1945 of Thomas Robert Jerrett aged 90 who died at Salisbury. We also know that Elizabeth Anne Whitlock (nee Gale) was married a second time to Levi Jerrett and according to the 1851 Census he was formerly married to Emma Jerrett (maiden name unknown). Lavinia being the only child of her parents' second marriages. All my new information has suddenly come in over the space of about four weeks. I shall now try and link up Tom Robert Jerrett to Levi Jerrett through a supposed cousin at Fareham in Hampshire. Then I must make a start on the Dresswells having traced four lots of great-grandparents on my mother's side back to the 1790's. Trouble is that my father was the only son of an only son.

Will let you have any relevant details of the Whitlocks as and when I get it.

Yours very sincerely,

Angela B. Crosswell.

\* Lavinia Smith nee Jerrett.

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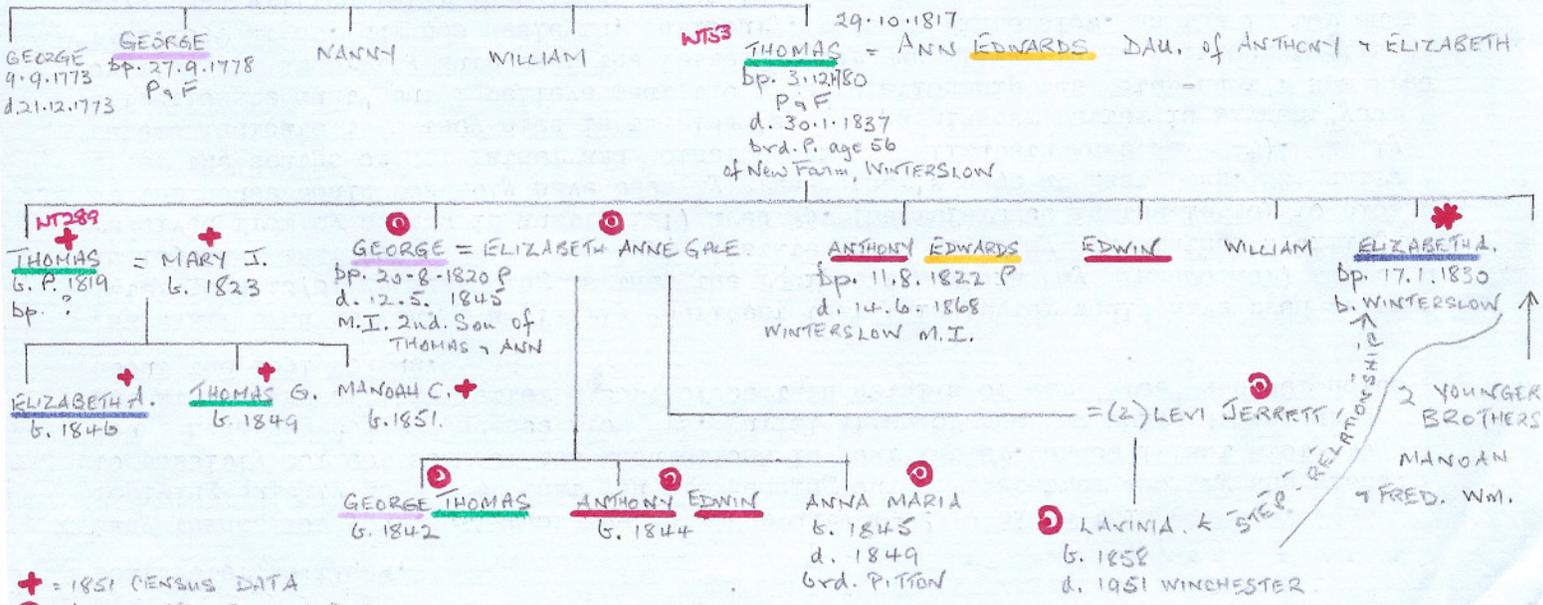
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