

*Answered
Jan 1, 1993*

7th Dec 1992

Dear Peter,

A very hurried note to put in with your Christmas card. I am enclosing what I have sorted out to date from our trip to England, I need the room on my desk, apart from anything else....

I hope things are going reasonably well for you at work at the moment and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

PETROCKSTOW Churchyard, Devon.

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Dear Mother, Elizabeth, wife of George WHITLOCK, 17 Jun 1928^d aged 79.
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George WHITLOCK, of this Parish 23 Jun 1899^d aged 48, also Sydney, son of the above 1st Class P.O. HMS BITTERN 4 Apr 1918^d aged 26. "Who gave his life for his country on the sea"
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Census 1891 Tavistock.

22 Bannawell St.

Elizabeth HAM h,wid, 69, laundress, b in Ivybridge, Devon

Hermine WHITLOCK sin 16, granddaughter, Dressmaker, b in Truro, Cornwall.
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[Also in the house were William and Elizabeth HAM aged 38 and 39 both b in Tavistock, he was a mason.]
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✓ Census 1851, County Asylum. Devon

Mary WHITLOCK 31, servant, b in Langtree, Devon
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Stoke Canon Churchyard, Devon.

Philip WHITELOCK d 18 Feb 1876^d aged 19

James WHITELOCK d 26 Jul 1883^{d?} aged 40?. [could be 10!] these two together.

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Kathleen WHITELOCK 1919-1991^d.
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On America's Most Wanted TV prog 18 Nov 1992.

A Harold WHITLOCK had been married to a Debbie McDONALD, [she had been murdered]. The policeman talking about it was Det. Ray TAYLOR of Modesto, California, Police Force. I believe the murder took place in March 1988. Harold WHITLOCK was tall, thin, had a moustache and grey hair. Debbie's mother was Jackie, and lived in Modesto, CA.
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I have a feeling I have more somewhere in my great mass of papers, if and when I get around to sorting them out, maybe in the new year if I'm lucky, I will send on what I have.

As you can see I'm also enclosing what is having to pass as a newsletter from me this year, it's only to let you see my overall picture....and put in more for the "fun" of it.

Regards,

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*****CHRISTMAS~1992*****

Dear Friends,

How quickly the time passes, it seems no time at all since I sat down to do the same sort of thing for last year.

Gerry and I hope that you are keeping well and that life is not treating you too badly.

In January I joined a family history society which deals with my own family area in Middlesex, England. Through this I have established contact with a distant cousin which has proved very interesting. I sent a list of associated names that I had on my METHERELL files to the Guild of One Name Studies. The requests for further information from this have been rewarding to me and helpful to others.

Feeling rather frustrated with the lack of new family history information, Gerry and I decided a trip to Salt Lake City in Utah, to visit the Mormon Genealogical Library, would be very useful to us. So, in April, we spent 10 very industrious and tiring days extracting the rest of the entries for births, marriages and deaths from the St Catherine's House Indexes on microfilm. My records are now complete from the beginning of civil registration in 1837 until 1980. We also took as many references to MEATHRELL and any other variant as we had time for.

Whilst there I was able to do a little research on my own family and on some of the other lines of Gerry's. These discoveries have meant that I have been spending more time than usual on names other than METHERELL, this having proved hard to do as my concentration is not as good for some of these other names.

As a result of my findings, I felt the need to go back to the UK to do even more. The unavailability of some of the parish registers to me over here is quite frustrating, and so a trip for October was planned. This was very worthwhile, but has left me with a great deal more work to do! I took the opportunity in Exeter to deposit in the archives of the Devon Family History Society a printed summary of virtually everything I know of Gerry's genealogy, which I have now proved back to about 1541 in Clawton, Devon. It is unlikely that I will be able to get back any further.

To give you a slight idea of how complex my work now is, here are some of the more uncommon names I am working on: ALLER, BASKERVILLE, BIGGES, CLEAK, DENNAFORD, DUER, HIGGS, HOLMAN, HOOPER, LANGMEAD, LILLYCRAP, MATTENLY, McMULLIN, MOGRIDGE, PITMAN, PREWETT, REDDAWAY, SCEENY, SERGEANT, SHOBROOK, VALLENCE, WESTCOTT, WHITFIELD and YEO.

During the year we have had two additions to our "tree"; In January our daughter Hilary had a little girl, Jessica Christina and in July Louise, the wife of Gerry's son Terry, gave birth to Eliot James in Australia.

We are both in reasonably good health although in March Gerry had pneumonia and in May had further prostate problems. However he does seem to have recovered from both of these, thank goodness.

The thunder, lightning and high winds which spawned the tornadoes just a few miles north of us recently were rather frightening, but we consider ourselves very fortunate not to have been caught up in that devastation.

We hope that your Christmas is pleasant and peaceful and wish you the very best for the New Year.