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Dear Peter,

Many thanks for your recent letter of the 11th. November 1992 together ^{with} a photocopy of the relevant page of the 1841 Pitton census.

It certainly helps to confirm a few year dates if not actual dates of birth. I have now by a process of applying information in the "Warminster Letter" fixed a couple of near dates.

- 1788 Elizabeth Ann GALE born. (Her daughter was 23 in 1841 according to census. Maiden name unknown (" " " 2½ when Mother died see below.
- 1818 Elizabeth Ann GALE the younger born. Presumably at Bristol.
- 1841 Elizabeth Ann GALE married George WHITLOCK her foster-mother's second son. Hampshire G.S. Tree shows these WHITLOCKS lived at New Farm, Winterslow. Winterslow, Pitton & Farley are all in the ALDERBURY registration district.
- 1842 George Thomas WHITLOCK born according to St. Catherines House records. Your letter July 15 1989 refers.
- 1844 Anthony Edwin WHITLOCK born according to St. Catherines House records. Your letter July 15 1989 again refers.
- 1880 Approximate date of the "Warminster Letter". It is obviously written by George WHITLOCK's sister and according to the Hampshire G.S. Tree it is Elizabeth Ann WHITLOCK bp 17.1.1830 and is actually a "step-aunt" to Lavinia, my grandmother. "The person who had just died" referred to in the Warminster letter must be Lavinia's mother, by then ELIZABETH ANN JERRETT. So I am sticking to my theory that the "Anthony" seen in Australia in the 1880's was Anthony Edwin born in 1844.

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WTSB

From a 04 SEP 1990 letter from the NZ Society of Genealogists I have written today to the Alexander Turnbull Library of 70 Molesworth Street, WELLINGTON, N.Z. They apparently have an index of Shipboard Diaries. I will let you know if they turn up anything or suggest any other possible resting place of this wretched "Log" of the two teenagers who left London Docks in 1860. I could curse that brother of mine!

I have solved the mystery of my cousinship with Shelagh Alford (nee BUDD) known to me affectionately as "Buddy". One of her grandmothers Ann BUDD (nee SMITH) was sister to my maternal grandfather Charles SMITH who married Lavinia JERRETT. We wondered what had happened to Ann Smith and her younger brother Frank. Ann SMITH married a second time into the BUDD family taking brother Frank with her. He married her second husband's sister. "Oh what a tangled web we weave...etc."

I have recently started on the "very thin ice" of the Cresswell line. I wrote to the Gloucestershire Regiment Records Office to see if they still held his enlistment papers (my father's) as I do not know my paternal grandmother's christian name or surname. Just that she was a Derbyshire farmer's daughter. Have asked the Derby Central Library for a few addresses including the County Records Office.

All the best for 1993; it cannot be any worse than 1992, the year of the big political con trick. Another 1500 redundancies at Ford U.K. announced today. Many Town Councils are shedding staff because of a tightening of financial budgets, I suppose you only hear of the governmental propaganda put out. The truth is very different.

Yours very sincerely,

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1841 Census
 - 23 EAW at time
 + 1818
 + 2½ when mother died.

 1820
 - 32 age of EAG

 1788 when EAW was fostered