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Dear Peter,

Sorry it has taken me so long to reply to your letter of the 11 Jan 1992 re William WHITLOCK of Narrabeen but from what you said it would appear that you know very little about the WHITLOCK's of Australia and as a result I have been trying to rectify the situation.

But first and before I forget, enclosed with this letter are :-

- 1) Extracts from - Wiltshire Apprentices and Their Masters 1710-1760
 - 2) Extracts from - English Adventurers and Emigrants 1609-1660
- either or both of which may be new to you.

Now to the meat of this letter, I have been conducting a blanket search of the NSW State records for WHITLOCK's in a range of various spellings and, whilst this search is by no means complete I have put together 87 pages of data and my conclusions from that data which should greatly increase that you have to date, - these pages are being sent under a separate cover Printed Paper Rate in an attempt to reduce postage.

I have been able to locate many of them including the William B. WHITLOCK and Annie Elizabeth EWAN which you referred to, this proved to be very confusing for a long while as there were two Annie Elizabeth's both married to a W. WHITLOCK living within a mile of each other, one a widow the other whose husband seems to have been seldom at home and some of whose children were similarly named, - this was eventually resolved by the discovery of two monument inscriptions which included some of their children's names and thus identifying them, (Family list nos 23 & 24). As an additional red herring there was a marriage in 1903 of an Annie Elizabeth WHITLOCK to a Henry COLLYER this one I can't identify.

In the Family Listing you will find a surplus of William's and James simply because as yet I have been unable to tie the duplicates together in every case, some of them studiously avoided being in Electoral Rolls and Post Office Directories and the number of BMD certificates necessary to tie events to places is prohibitive.

The BMD records after 1905 are still not generally available since they cannot decide to what extent they should be released for privacy reasons. Privacy is an in word here and causes no end of stumbling blocks for researchers - when purchasing even an older certificate one has to state ones relationship although genealogical research is generally accepted as a reason.

In the preface to this data I have included an appeal for copies of certificates, photocopies of family bibles, or any other verified records in order that my data can be corrected or verified and thus prepared as a springboard for the next stage, any Trees or Pedigrees that you may have on record Peter would be most welcome.

The William whom I first queried with you I am afraid still remains a ghostly figure but I have been able to trace his movements for a few years - he appears to have been single and mobile. One place he is recorded as living at for about 2 years - the Powderworks Narrabeen (now in the neighbourhood of Ingleside) is close to where I used to live and had a rather

chequered history, William was probably employed as a labourer during the construction of the Gunpowder Works and which was the subject of a Court Case for Fraud in 1886 hence the onward move of William in that year, - my reading of reports on the case seem to point to a preplanned fraud which was underfinanced / overambitious and thus exposed too quickly for its perpetrators to gain any profit and at the same time the dupes lost little, - William was in no way involved with the fraud.

I don't know what programmes you have available to you but currently I am keeping all the WHITLOCK data on Lotus 3.1 and it may be simpler to exchange discs (3.5") if you can read them with your setup rather than post hardcopies back and forth ?

I enclose my cheque for \$A 12.00 which should be sufficient to cover the cost of my membership for the coming year judging by the currently quoted rate of exchange, please advise me if incorrect.

Best wishes
Pet 27/1/93