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Dear Chuck,

Sorry again that I took so much time to get back to you, but I am sure that you understand the situation here. I should have searched the papers before, but for some reason I neglected to do this. I found in the Seneca Falls Reveille, 9/19/1890, this account of the death of Charles H. Whitlock, I wish it were more specific.

#### CHARLES H. WHITLOCK

A well-known and reputable citizen, residing near Cayuga Lake, died very suddenly of heart disease on Friday of last week, aged 65. The deceased was a farmer by occupation, and had always lived in Seneca Falls. He was a quiet upright and respected citizen of the town, and the intelligence of his death was heard with regret by all who knew him. His wife and one daughter survive him. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Margretts of Congregational Church officiating.

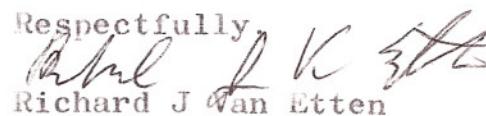
Besides this there is a notice in the Seneca County Courier of the same week, and this is how it reads;

CHAS. H. WHITLOCK DIED  
suddenly at his home near Cayuga Lake on  
Friday last, aged 67 years. The funeral  
took place from his residence at two o'clock  
Sunday afternoon. Mr. Whitlock was a native of  
Onondaga County and went to California with  
the 49'ers. Returning he settled in Seneca County  
near the lake where he purchased a farm and has  
since resided. He was an industrious, reliable  
citizen, highly esteemed in the community. He  
leaves a widow and one daughter, Mrs. #? Fry.

I am sorry that neither report can answer the question  
about Charles' parents. I hope this is some to you anyway.

In regards to there being two Charles H.'s, the answer has  
to be, yes. As you will note from the listing that I gave you,  
not only is the Dentist born to late to be your Charles H.,  
he is also still alive in 1894 when the directory was printed.  
When I wrote you the first time however, I thought that the  
Dentist was the son of your Charles. Now I find that this can-  
not be. Could he possibly be a nephew? Also, I am confused  
about the Mrs. Fry in the second obit. She cannot be his daugh-  
ter because she is unmarried in the 1894/5 directory listing  
that I gave you. If you can clear this up I wish you would tell  
me.

Finally, I seem to remember your first letter mentioned  
Charles' war records. Yes we would like a copy if it is not  
too much trouble. I hope this information has helped you, and  
I want to thank you for your generous donation.

Respectfully  
  
Richard J. Van Etten