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Dear Peter,

Thank you for your letter dated May 13th concerning Whitlock family. Unfortunately, I wish I had better news to send you. I am not a direct descendant of Simon and Sally (Holdren) Whitlock. I'm a direct descendant of Sally's sister, Catherine (Holdren) Bruen, wife of Alfred F. Bruen. The only information that I have on Sally is that she was born in 1793 and married Simon Whitlock in 1848. No further information concerning Sally and Simon can be found.

The information that you sent to me about a Symon Whitlock, son of William and Susan (Clark) Whitlock, who was baptized on May 8, 1785 in Franklin, Somerset County, NJ, could be my Simon Whitlock. The age is about right and I strongly believed that Sally Holdren, daughter of Henry Holdren (the Revolutionary War Soldier of Sussex County, NJ) and Elizabeth (Harris) Holdren, was Simon Whitlock's second wife. Since they were married in 1848, he would have been 63 years old and she would have been 55 years old. Also, there is Franklin, NJ in Sussex County, the same county that my branch of the Holdren family is from. Franklin Park is located in Somerset County.

You also indicated that Symon Whitlock's wife was Sally Grace and that they were married on September 18, 1822. Did Sally Grace die before 1848? If so, then again, your Symon Whitlock could be the Simon Whitlock that I am looking for. Thank you ever-so-much for sending me this information. You now provided me with several other names and a location to further research.

Could you please check your records to see if the surname of Holdren appears anywhere. The surname Holdren can also be spelt Haldren, Holdrin, Holdrum, Holden, and Hauldren. I enclosed a brief history about Henry Holdren and his family. As you can see from the highlighted information, Sally (Holdren) Whitlock was his oldest daughter. An outline indicating how I am related to her is attached to it. I also enclosed a copy of the "Abstracts Of The Revolutionary War Pension Files" in which I obtained the information that Sally was married to a Simon Whitlock. Does your records indicate that Symon Whitlock died in 1854. If so, then he is the correct person I'm looking for.

I'm sorry to be of any disappointment to you. I wish I had more to offer. If I can be of any service to you here in New Jersey, please do not hesitate to ask. I am a member of the NJ Historical Society in Newark, NJ and a member of the Morristown Genealogical Society in Morristown, NJ. I'm only 14 miles from New York City and have easy access to the National Archives, Northeast Division, on Varick Street. I also visit the NJ State Archives in Trenton at least once every two weeks during the summer. They have an excellent genealogical library and local history section. In the basement, you can obtain birth certificates from 1847 to 1923, and marriage and death certificates from 1847 to 1940 without going through the state's Health Department (Bureau of Vital Statistics).

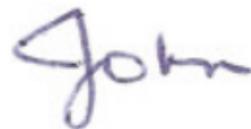
You may also want to write to Mr. E. Lynn Hauldren, 1503 Oak #308, Evanston, Illinois 60201 and Mrs. Claudia E. Maple, Route 1, Box 1638, Palestine, Texas 75801. Lynn is also a descendant of Henry Holdren and may have more information to offer you than I had about our Whitlock connection. He has been researching the family now for at least 20 years. Claudia is researching the Whitlock family. She is particularly interested in Ellender Whitlock (July 25, 1814 - March 31, 1873), who married James Black and lived in Tennessee before moving to Bastrop, Hays County, Texas in 1867. She wrote to me several months ago thinking that I might have some information to offer. Maybe, you

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can help her out. I'm sure that she would be very excited to hear from you.

In closing I appreciate the time you took to write to me and the Whitlock Family newsletter that you sent. It is quite impressive. I hope to hear you soon. Until then, take care.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

John Andrew Sass

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P.S. I also enclosed four US 40 cent stamps as you requested. Thanks again.