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Dear Peter:

Enclosed is my subscription for yet another year - where did it go? Still no real progress with my Whitlock family.

Enclosed are a few more Whitlock bits and pieces as well as a photocopy of the Will in case someone wishes to transcribe the Latin. I just happened upon it while making photocopies of Wills in Salt Lake City in August. Thought I should copy it since it was such an early one. The Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City is certainly a mecca for researchers. The huge numbers of film, fiche and books are totally overwhelming and heaven help anyone who doesn't go well prepared. I spent several months going thru the Catalogue and my charts to determine which records were the best ones to concentrate on. I had 7 full days & evenings at the Library but it just wasn't enough to get thru all that I wanted to see. I did manage to copy a large number of Kent Wills and spent over \$50 for photocopies from film & books. It will take me several years to analyse it all. I tried not to waste time in fruitless searches but rather concentrated on those records which I was quite certain contained info that I required.

As you can see from the enclosed, I did manage to glean a few bits of info for my Whitlock tree. I searched part of the Witham PR in the hope that I might turn up something but couldn't even find the burial of Elizabeth Lake's husband nor the baptism of their children. Perhaps she moved to Witham following the death of her husband to live with her father-in-law; they might also have been non-conformists. I decided to check the marriage of Isaac Whitlock at St. Bartholomew the Great. I suspect that this is the marriage of Isaac s/o James. Can't tell from the entry whether it is the correct marriage or not. There is definitely a London connection since 2 of Isaac's sisters were living in London in 1818. At least I confirmed that the Isaac whose children were baptised at Camberwell was most probably the same one mentioned in the will of James Whitlock as being a baker of Camberwell in 1818. Where they went from there I don't know as no other children appear on the IGI for Isaac & Hannah. I had hoped that the Land Tax Assessment for Weybridge might indicate when James arrived or departed that parish but no sign of him in these records.

I just seem to be going round in circles with this family. There are so many possibilities that I really can't zero in on anything. We are going to England for 2 weeks in February for the wedding of my husband's niece. Hope to spend a few days in London showing my son the sights. He is particularly interested in the War Museum and Dinosaur exhibit at the Natural Science Museum. I am hoping that I can spend a day researching at the Greater London Archives where they have indexes for many of the London Parishes. Perhaps I'll turn up something useful but its like looking for a needle in a haystack.

The arrival of the Ontario BMD indexes and more recently the availability of the actual certificates from Salt Lake has had our Family History Centre bulging at the seams. This is a real breakthrough for some researchers. This together with the 1901 Census (available at UWO) has really helped a lot of people. The 1881 Census Indexes for England started to trickle into the Centre this past year. I managed to turn up some new info on my Fellowes family in Devon who had moved to Torquay and had several more children that I wasn't aware of. Can't wait for the other counties to arrive.

A surprise was the arrival of the 1993 IGI on CD which we have had for some time since our Centre is a test sight. There are 13 million more entries on it than on the 1992 fiche version however much of this info seems to have come from pre 1970 church members so a lot of it is inaccurate or incomplete. The ancestral file has also been updated. I really like the new program for the IGI as you can ask for just baptisms or just marriages and can do a parent search etc from any screen instead of having to go back to the beginning again.

Naturally I checked out the Whitlock entries on the IGI to see if there was any sign of my James or his children. According to his burial entry, he was born c1750. His 1st marriage would have taken place c1771-76 (his son Wm was 23 when he died in 1800). There was a James Whitlock s/o James & Mary bp Jan 14 1749 at Pitton & Farley, Wiltshire. I notice the names Isaac and Charles appear in the Whitlock families of Pitton. Any chance my James could have come from there? Another James was bp 1747 s/o Robt & Hanna of Pitton. A James Whitlock m. Ann Morgan Jun 5 1777 at Ringwood Hampshire (not far from Pitton). Perhaps this was the same James who was born at Pitton. There was also James s/o Samuel & Mary bp 1756 at Elmdon Essex and another s/o John & Elisabeth bp 1756 at Chedgrave Norfolk. These entries are a bit late according to James' age at death. Then there is the James Whitlock who had William (bp 1776), Henry, Jane, James & Isaac bp at Kirk Hammerton Yorkshire. Seems unlikely but 3 of the names of the children are the same as my James'.

According to your Marriage Index the marriage of James Whitlock & Ann Morgan was by Marriage Lic. and the reference you quote is SOG 20. Could you check your files to see if any details are given? I wondered if I should write to Ivor Whitlock who descends from one of the Pitton families to see if he has any info or suggestions as to whether there is any possibility of the James bp at Pitton being mine?

I wrote to David Brown about the Lake family of Witham but no help. His Lake connection is very tenuous which is unfortunate.

That's enough from me for now. If I am patient something is bound to turn up eventually with all the different Whitlock members submitting their bits of info. Someone is bound to stumble over a piece of info about my line one of these days. Best wishes for 1994.

Yours truly,

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