

6th January 1994.

Dear Peter,

Here we are already in 1994 so firstly I must wish you and your family a Happy New Year!

Looking back in my file I see that I did not reply to your last letter of 21st November - how time flies! It was remiss of me but hopefully some of the scraps of information I have obtained and enclose herewith will be of interest to you.

A stated in my last letter I intended to visit the General Register Office in London and in fact have managed two visits. I don't know whether you have ever visited the GRO in London but it can be a very busy place, especially at holiday times when it becomes a rugby scrum!

I have decided that I will try to develop my research the "Whitlocks of Oxfordshire" and see if it is possible to establish more of the relationships. To do this I need to research all the births, deaths and marriages during the period of 1837 to 1900 as recorded in the GRO to see if there are obvious connections. To this aim I spent the time of my first visit recording all the deaths in Oxfordshire and the neighbouring Counties of Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire and Middlesex. Copies of the GRO entries are enclosed showing the ages where possible. On my second visit I recorded marriages from 1837 up to 1875 (then ran out of time!) and also enclose copies of these lists for the same Counties. No doubt you may find these lists useful just to check over your existing records.

Reading back over our past correspondence you very kindly offered to provide me with information which you may have available from your computer. I do not have the copies of Family Newsletter prior to March 1992 so only have the records of marriages as listed since 1894 in that and subsequent Newsletters.. Is it possible to extract marriages as recorded on your computer for the Counties as above for marriages from 1875 to 1894 to fill the gap in my records? And can you tell me whether you think the records are comprehensive or would you recommend they be checked? I believe you also have a comprehensive record of births as registered at the GRO. If your computer can select for the specified Counties and you are able to send me such information from 1837 to 1900 this will save me a great deal of research time.

I am sure you are aware that there are indexed copies of Parish Records entries for most Parishes at the various Archive Offices and Society of Genealogists premises in London.. Once I have analysed the connections of births, deaths and marriages I intend to search through the Parish Records to tie up all the other details (hopefully!). With some luck I may finish up with a worthwhile record for Oxfordshire in particular.

I have been able to trace the deaths of my Great Grandfather & Great Grandmother which are shown in the the WHITLOCK.20 file Page 6:-

Thomas WHITLOCK b. Jul.20 1848 d.1914.↓

-M- Mary Ellen VEAL b.Feb.22 1840 d.1909.↓

I shall have copies of their death certificates shortly and will send copies to you in my next letter.

Other additional information on WHITLOCK.20 File Page 7:-

1. Peter John WHITLOCK - M - Shirley Margaret ROBERT
-M- October 18, 1958 at ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
2. Barbara WHITLOCK - M - Brendan O'BRIEN
Feb.26, 1971 at TORONTO, CANADA.
3. Adrian DOWNIE - M - Louise HOPKINS
August 6, 1993 at DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

I have enclosed a cheque for £15.00 to cover my subscription for the coming year and the cost of some of the postage - I keep forgetting to get some stamps to send to you! I trust this will be acceptable. Finally can you give me the address for MARIANNE WHITLOCK of Chelmer Village, Chelmsford. I think there may be some connections somewhere between our ancestors so perhaps we will be able to swap information.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Very sincerely,

Peter

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