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Dear Peter,

Thank You so much for responding to the listing in the Nov-Dec 1993 Genealogical Helper. A Phone Call was the furtherest expectation from my submission of the Wittlock surname. I apologize for being under the weather at the time however the bug is about gone now.

The information you sent to me was most interesting. The entry of Frank O Whitlock in your Poland file is one of our ancestors, as well as your reference to Emma Whitlock (daughter of Frank O Whitlock).

I regret to inform you that these WITTLOCKS do not-I repeat DO NOT link up with your Whitlock lineage. I am as disappointed in this as you will be when you receive this.

Seeing as your WHITLOCK GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH is so extensive I am glad to share with you our Family Tree. At least others who are followers of the WHITLOCK FAMILY will no longer have to wonder how these Swedes fit in the picture.

After you review my material you will see we are descendents of SVENSSON. So you ask how come Frank (FRANZ) is a WITTLOCK? Which has frequently been listed as WHITLOCK in records and phone directories I may add. The family story is that while Franz was in the Swedish Military his name was changed to WITTLOCK. He was a batsman representing Klippsta No. 87 farm. His military records also were found under the name FRANZ OSCAR SVENSSON. I have not been able to determine when this occurred but believe it was because of the many men who were SVENSSON and the military changed names to facilitate better identification. Perhaps the name was chosen by Franz because of its meaning "White Hair" as he was a typical light hair & complexion Swede.

Enclosed you will find a descendant chart from Sven Svensson as well as my husbands descendants chart. Family Group Sheets are included for SVEN, FRANZ, CHARLES (Originally KARL) OSCAR AND CHARLES ROBERT. That's four generations. I have not found Svens parents and this may be due to the fact the church marriage listing for SVEN indicates his surname as LARSON, but I believe this is written in error. Another interesting fact is that Karl (Charles) Oscar Emil Wittlock was married twice and his first born HARRY uses the WHITLOCK spelling today. His second born was named Charles Eldredge and died in infancy. My husband Charles Robert was

dissappointed that he was not the first one to be named for his father when we located those records. We do not know if Franz' siblings remained SVENSSONS or may also have become WITTLOCKS though we doubt it. All of our Sweden information has been obtained through research at the Salt Lake City Family History Library and the Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois SVENSSON library. Another deterrent to finding and validating information is the fact that none of the current descendents read or speak Swedish so translation of records is time consuming for us.

In 1989 I sent for a book advertised to include individuals with the surname WITTLOCK. There were six listings in that \$25 book. Five of them our immediate family and one other. I contacted that individual and learned he was also of Swedish ancestry but did not link up with our tree. This individual was involved in Local History & Bibliophile. If I recall correctly he indicated that there were occurrences of the WHITLOCK SPELLING in his background. Here is his address and one of his son's.

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Perhaps they may be able to add to your Sweden information at least for clarification.

If you are interested in copies of my Swedish Church records just let me know and I will send them to you. Feel free to keep in contact if you need any further sources for our WITTLOCK TREE.

Sincerely,

Mary L Wittlock