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17 February 1994

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Dear Mr. Whitlock:

Thank you for your letter of 16 January 1994 regarding the Whitlock family.

Enclosed please find a brochure for the James Duncan Phillips Library of the Peabody Essex Museum. This library, part of the former Essex Institute (which consolidated with the Peabody Museum of Salem in 1992 to form the Peabody Essex Museum), contains a large collection of genealogical material. The library is currently open to the public on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Thursdays, 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. We are open on Mondays, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., only during the months of June, July, and August. There is a daily fee of \$6.00 (\$5.00 senior citizens and students) for non-members of the museum (this includes admission to museum galleries). Admission is free to museum members. If you are planning a visit this summer, I would suggest you call in advance to confirm hours and fees.

As to the "70 to 80 volumes" you mention, I am not sure how to answer. We do have three volumes of published *Probate Records of Essex County, Massachusetts, 1636-1681* (the actual probate records, however, are in Boston). We have nine volumes of *Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Massachusetts, 1636-1686*, the *Essex County, Massachusetts, Probate Index 1638-1840*, 129 volumes of the *Essex Institute Historical Collections*, 146 volumes of the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, published vital records for many of the towns in Massachusetts to 1850, town and local histories, etc. We do not have any Whitlock family genealogies, but there are several on the Parker family.

I do not know of, nor do we keep a list of, local experts on any particular family line.

St. Peter's Church was founded in Salem in 1733. The early church records are here in our library on deposit, and a photocopy of the contents list is enclosed.

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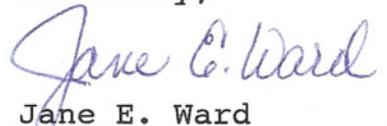
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In addition to our genealogical collections, you may wish to visit the New England Historic Genealogical Society Library in Boston during your visit. Despite their name, their collections extend far beyond New England.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jane E. Ward
Curator of Manuscripts

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