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Dear Mr. Whitlock:

First, let me thank you for your critique of the papers I sent you & for your timely reply.

I attributed Benj (1820) & Abiah (1825) to Hiram H. solely on 1850 census ages. Meigs Clerk found no will for me. So I am very grateful to you for the copy of Benj's 1841 will. It helps set my records straight.

As for the Benj / Abigail Church marriage, what do you think of these possibilities:

- ① Benj. looks like Hiram in the clerk's handwriting.
- ② The court clerk knew the family & wrote the familiar father's name instead of the son's in the marriage book.
- ③ Abiah died before 1820 and Abigail Church is second wife & mother of Benj & young Abiah. This may account for Benj. B. Supporting widow.
- ④ My 1850 Meigs Pomeroy census lists Benj B. as 27 with wife Phoebe & "AB as 51 b. Mass"

It is a published transcript - not original film.

Abigail Whitlock is the distinctly readable administrator of Benjamin Sr's will. Abigail who? How is it that the author of the Meigs Co. History author omitted Benj B, Abiah b. 1825 & Abigail in his account of the Benj. Whitlock family? Ah well, county history writers usually just interviewed the residents who related "facts" from memory. Larkin's family were very early settlers of Meigs & contemporaries of the Whitlocks though.

Noting your point #4: Abiah could have been an illegitimate daughter of Laurinda Higley. I do not find a marriage date for Earl P. Archer & Laurinda & there is a 12 yr gap between Abiah's & her next recorded sibling's birth dates. I am not familiar with the "quite a few publications" you mention.

Enclosed is page 1 of my ancestor chart. Sorry I omitted it.

Very truly yours,  
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