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Dear Peter:

Just a short note to thank you for your letters of 6 February & 20 February 1995. I have been very busy the last couple months on various genealogical endeavors, but none that relate to Whitlock, per se. My main activity has been drafting write-ups for the Maine Families in 1790 series. Also, we have begun to systematically examine the Downs family of NH & ME, attempting to identify the wife of Thomas Ash, who he married c1770. I think we have a line on that, but proving it may take some time. They were one of those families who were especially adept at keeping their names out of all civil & church records. Then last week my collaborator on Ash research, from whom we have heard almost nothing in two years, sent me over 150 pages of new items. Some of these sheets don't amount to much, but others do. And all this just as we are beginning to think about our annual spring trip to Savannah. We will probably leave on that two weeks from yesterday.

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As to substance: I do have one item to report. This is actually from Mom. The Marriage Notes from the Machias Union, Vol 1 1853-1873, pg 234 has the following item:

-M- In Calais [ME] 4 May 1867 James Whitlock of Nashwalk, NB and Orvilla Higgins of Calais.

We knew of this union but don't think we had the date or place. This is the 09 line: J8, K1, L10, M5. This is James Robert W. I wish we knew whether they had any chn. We have several by his 2nd wife.

On the VRs from NB Newspapers, I would agree that Jennie H Whitlock is almost certainly Jane Hallett, dau of James Henry W. She must not have been a real catch looks-wise, as she would have been about 32 at time of marriage. As she came from a good family there were prehaps other benefits.

I can not really help on Thomas R & Arthur. This is not my line, as you know, and I do not follow them in any detail. I noticed the coincidence, but just assumed that prehaps two brothers had both gone into the foreign service and both were posted to China. You assumed both references were to the same individual, and you may well be correct. My only thought re the absence of a death notice on his mother was whether it actually was his mother who passed away, or whether it might have been his father. The news item was out of St John, not St Andrews. Did the reporter prehaps get his facts slightly mixed up? I just don't know.

Apparently we now have all the items on Whitlock which will appear in this series. That is, Dan Johnson has been experiencing a drop in sales and presently plans no further volumes.

The Atlantic Canadians, which you enclosed with your note of 20 Feb is new to me. It looks like a gigantic piece of work. I hope to locate a copy in which to check other names and the references. Some of the names on the Whitlock section are familiar, others not. I will try to work on that, to see which entries belong in which category. It may be a while before I get to that though.

All for now. Best personal regards.

Sincerely  
jerry

