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Tel No: 01282 771999
Date: 21st June 1995

Dear Peter,

If you can remember in my last letter I mentioned my Great Step Aunt Bessie, who was a descendant of Thomas Judd & Mary Whitlock, well she died on Sunday 4th June 1995 in Odstock Hospital Salisbury aged 105 years & 11months, Bessie had lived in the same cottage in Pitton since 1915 and was buried in Pitton on Friday 9th June after a service at St Peters Church. The reason I am telling you all of this is to explain why you now have 21 Wills that you asked for as I took the opportunity of visiting Wiltshire Record Office on Thursday 8th June.

I live approx 225 miles from Trowbridge so I left home at 7-30am and arrived at the Record office at approx 11-45am, the traffic here in the U.K. is quite heavy at times so I was pleased with my journey time, after having a meal at the Restaurant at County hall, I proceeded to the Record Office and sorted out the order for your Wills and arranged for them to be sent to my home address, I then researched my own families until the Record Office closed at 5-00pm. I then proceeded to my cousins home at Tintern Abbey (near Chepstow) another 80 miles, so I was rather tired by the end of the evening.

On Friday morning my cousin and I went to Pitton for the Funeral (60 or so mourners), Aunt Bessie by the way is Buried next to a Philip Whitlock of Pitton, after the Funeral we returned back to Tintern Abbey for an evening meal and then I left for home at 10-00pm arriving there at 3-00am Saturday morning having fallen asleep for over an hour on a Motorway Service Area where I had stopped for petrol. Quite an eventful Two days but worthwhile, now having bored you with all that, the Will of Anthony Edward and George 1845 Winterslow, the assistant at the Record Office told me that these were letters of administration Well Peter I am afraid this little lot is going to cost your Society some money, I shall write the cost on the back of the Envelope after I have found out the Post Charge.

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I hope I have done the right thing in getting these Wills for you as I think that the cost will be in the region of £13-00, now Peter I would like some advice on Canadian Records please, my Grandmothers two sisters left the U.K. after meeting two Canadian Servicemen in the First World War, on arriving in Canada (I no not where) one of the men was already married and the other married my Grandmothers sister, family tales say that the sister who was supposed to marry the Canadian who was already married also eventually married in Canada.

Are the records of marriages in Canada on a country wide basis as in the U.K. (i.e. Civil Index) and if so does this also apply to births as well.

Could you also please let me have Sue Clives address, as I should like to contact her with regard to the Records at Winterslow & Pitton/Farley.

Well Peter I have again been elected to organise the North West of England Family History Fair at Stockport Greater Manchester on 28th October 1995 so it looks as though I shall not get much free time again this year for my own research.

Hope the enclosures are of interest will be in touch in the future

Best Wishes

Eddie Gullich

"Peter"

The cost is as follows:-

Photocopies £ 10-69

Postage £ 3-86

£ 14-55

Eddie