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Dear Peter,

Many thanks for yours of the 25 May - very pleasant to hear from you once again and I hope that all your concerns are going well. I have been doing a fair bit of writing for the Wiltshire Archaeological Society and other magazines etc., of late - not specifically family history, but mainly Wiltshire County families.

Your info. regarding the Whitelocks of Leeds: last time I was up North I spent some time in the Leeds Archives in Sheepscar pursuing the many Whitelock families in and around Leeds. I had several drinks/snacks in 'Whitelocks' which is a local institution and a most evocative and interesting place. I have some information on the families who ran the place in the last century; from information gleaned in the bar itself there seem to have been several generations concerned starting with a John Lupton Whitelock (in my records born 24 Nov. 1878, Leeds and d. 19 Apr. 1941 ↓ there is a Will) in which he is described as a 'Restaurateur'; he seems to have been followed by a Wm. Henry Whitelock and then by a Percy Jarvis (?) Whitelock b. 31 Mar. 1889, Leeds, who I was told altered the bar/restaurant to what it is today. The story goes that there was an Irish giant as the doorman ! and dwarfs as servants !!

The above seem to have been sons of William Henry Whitelock born 15 Sep. 1855 at Armley who married Clara Jarvis 5 July 1876, she d. 15 June 1940. (This info. from Armely Parish reg. and Wills I have seen at Somerset House.

There are many connections in earlier generations - all either Leeds, St. Peter's or Armley, viz. Mary Whitelock = Jonathan LUPTON 23 Apr. 1762, Leeds St. Peters; another John Lupton Whitelock bap. 30 Mar. 1834, Armely. (A Leeds Directory of 1842 gives John Whitelock & Sons, Organ Builders and Pianoforte Manfctrs. of Armely. This seems to 'tie-in' (?) with a Lupton Whitelock associated with the Pub. who was said to be a flautist and well-known local Bohemian character. (I have more details if anyone is interested in this family at your end).

My own interest in the Lupton Whitelocks arose from an earlier family who seem to have owned the estate contiguous to where the present Leeds Archive Office now stands: Sheepscar and the Leeds-Harrogate Road: viz. Isaac and William Whitelock; Sarah, 'Gentlewoman' of Sheepscar, Leeds, Will of Jan. 1792 ref. YPDR at Soc. of Gen. I had a suspicion that this or another family below might be connected with 'my' Hartlepool Whitelocks, but failed to find any positive proof.

John Briggs Whitelock of 5 Athlone Terrace, Armley, Leeds
d. 27 March 1947. *

(I will enclose herewith a p/copy of a page from the Leeds Archive Guide issued as a 50-year commemorative volume - if it comes out readable the survey refers to this Whitelock family of Sheepscar), - who were Quakers.

Likewise, some material from, I think, the 'Leeds Intelligencer' rep. by the Thoreby Society with which you may not be familiar. *

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One last thing about which I am uncertain whether I have told you before: about the New Zealand Whitelocks, John Matthew and Lyndall who visited us here a few years back; he is descended from Matthew Whitelock of Cogden Hall, Grinton in Swaledale, North Yorks. There was a large family of them, farmers, the youngest son, for whom there was apparently little patrimony went out to N.Z. There are many, many Whitelock families about whom I have various details in Swaledale and Wensleydale areas, as well as a group over the border in Cumbria (Cumberland);

That's about it for now - let me know if the foregoing has any interest for you or your contacts.* I hope to enclose a p/copy of Whitelocks material in Leeds if it copies adequately.

Kind regards,

Ray

Re the details you sent concerning the Whitelock ancestors of Ross Ball: I can make no specific connections with this family, I have only details regarding descendants of my 'Hartlepool' Whitelocks who made their home in Hull; these would be Winstanley-Whitelocks. The only other reference I have in this particular area is to a Simon Leake Whitelock of 40 Parksfield Road, Kingston-upon-Hull, whose Will was proved 1940; in 1909 Directory he is described as a Coal Merchant.

Sorry about the delay in posting this - I kept forgetting to take in the photo copies! Better late than never!!

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