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16th February 1997.

Dear Peter,

I managed one visit to the Essex Record Office during 1996, and tried out my ideas for finding out more about the Whitlocks - only one of which paid off (Chart ref: R1). In the Great Saling baptisms register I found the following entry: 1881 March 3rd Philip Stanley son of Philip Oliver and Laura Mary Whitlock of Saling (father's occupation - farmer), born January 13th. I could not find any other entries, so presumably they moved on elsewhere. I have some references from the 1881 census index for the extended family to check out when I have the opportunity.

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You may have heard that the census and wills on film will move from the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane to a new building to be called the Family Records Centre in Myddelton Place, where they will be joined by the births, marriages and deaths registers from St. Catherine's House. The building will be fully open in April this year but I think I shall wait for the rush to die down a little before I go.

Now to an unusual request, which I hope you will not mind. My husband, Richard, was interested in obtaining a particular Canadian stamp (the puffin one), and the only way he was able to do this was by buying a special sheet of twelve stamps of four different designs - the ones he does not need I have enclosed as part payment of my subscription. (I hope this is OK, details below.) He also wants a used copy of this stamp, so he has asked if you will kindly post the enclosed stamped addressed envelope back to him, (all it contains is a piece of blank card to stiffen the envelope) and trusts that the amount is more than enough to cover the required airmail postage.

My apologies for not sending my 1997 subscription sooner. You requested 12 UK 41p stamps (£4.92); and I have enclosed 9 UK 43p stamps (£3.87) plus 7 Canadian 45c stamps (C\$3.15 approximately £1.50); and I trust this is satisfactory to you. I have enclosed 43p instead of 41p stamps because the postal rate changed towards the end of last year, and assume these may be of more use to you. I appreciate that this results in a small overpayment, but should the postage on Richard's letter be insufficient this will hopefully cover the shortfall, in any event please add any surplus to the general 'Whitlock' funds.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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