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Dear Mr. Whitlock:

My name is Harold S. Bright IV and I have been an avid genealogist since I discovered genealogy about two years ago. While in the LDS family history library here in Phoenix, I was going over names on my family tree in the recent edition of the Ancestral File and was surprised to see a name from my patrilineal line in the program. I looked up the source and your name came up. Your research on the line was appreciated and furthered my research along. I thank you for your contribution that helped me and greet you as my first distant cousin I know on my father's side.

I am curious as to what ancestor connects you to me. From your name, I assume that you are not a direct descendant of the Bright line as my last name shows me to be. How do you tie in, through Salana Bright? I have looked at the Whitlock line more thoroughly and see that the Brights and the Whitlocks have many connections, so I do could not pinpoint the exact connection that you might run through, but that seems to be the connection.

My line connects to yours through a marriage between John Bright (b. 1849) and Hephzibah Whitlock (b. abt. 1848) and their son William (second name: John) Bright (b. 1869) is my direct ancestor from them. He immigrated to Chicago and later to Wisconsin. My grandfather moved my family to San Diego and my father moved us to Phoenix where I now attend Arizona State University.

I was delighted to see the quality of your research and am interested as to your sources. With this letter I have included the specific information that I have obtained with a generation chart showing how I tie into the Bright line. I would include a self addressed stamped envelope, but I cannot because of our postal systems.

I would like to request two things from you if they are at all possible. The sources of your research would help me to not have to look in those places. (It seems to me as I have gone over your research that you have traveled to England and obtained it). I would also like to keep in periodic contact that we might share information that we might investigate on our common lines.

I was also wondering if you have e-mail?

With appreciation,

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