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Dear Peter,

As I hav'nt heard from you as yet I thought that I had better send on to you what I have so far. I am looking for great things next year but they will they have to go some to beat what I have got in the last few months.

I have been trying to fill in details of the women that married into the Whitlock line.

JOAN CAZER
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Joan married Thomas Whitlock at Little Torrington on 22 October 1753 and was buried at Langtree as Joanna Whitlock on 23 November 1823 aged 95 years.

She was baptised at Little Torrington on 8 February 1729/30, the daughter of Gilbert Cazer and Margaret Ley. I have been able to get back to Gilberts parents, George and Jane.

I have got back further with Margaret Ley who was baptised at Monkleigh on 23 January 1695/6, the daughter of Thomas and Margaret Ley. There is a slight glitch with regards Thomas' baptism but it is pretty certain that he was the son of Thomas Ley and Elizabeth Vignes. The family goes back to Alexander Ley, the Vicar of Monkleigh for at least 20 years. The family seem to have been quite well off as Alexander left over £500 in his will in 1668. Several of the family are described as 'gent' in the registers and are addressed as 'Mr'.

I have enclosed all the register details for both the Cazer and Ley families and family trees for them. I am sure that anybody else descended from Joan will find them of interest.

THE HEAMAN FAMILY 1500 TO 1700 IN FRITHELSTOCK
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Plenty of good news on this family and I am sure that there is much more to come in 98.

Mary Heaman who married Thomas Whitlock as you know was the daughter of Christopher Heaman. We have been unable to find the baptism of Christopher but we do know for certain that he was the son of John and Mary Heaman for he is mentioned in an indenture dated 1653 regarding 'Hollomore'.

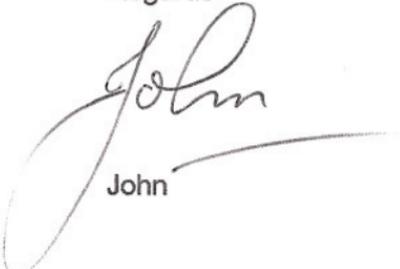
Christopher senior was buried at Frithelstock on 18 August 1688 after the indenture of 1687 (discussed in our previous letter) and before the indenture of 1688. This may give a new insight into these two documents. Senior was at one time overseer of the parish and his father was, I believe Church warden at one time. I found this in the poor rate books and overseers accounts, but I am going to have to have another look at these next year as I was running out of time when I was there.

Christopher junior, born 1648 died in 1719 at Langtree and left a will but it is no longer extant. 'Hollomoor' went to Mary Whitlock's eldest son Thomas who later sold to his brother in 1721 for £25.

All the details can be found on the attached sheets.

If you receive this letter before Christmas then I wish you and the family a happy Christmas and a great new year. If received after Christmas then I hope that you had a good one.

Regards

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

John