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Subject: Whitlock family info.

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Hello,

My name is Linda Whitlock and I am visiting with you from Kalamazoo, Michigan. You have corresponded with my brother-in law, Andrew, from Newaygo, Mich. and with my father-in-law, John, from Muskegon, Mich. My f-i-l asked me to send you information from the book that we acquired after a vacation in southern Indiana where we met some Whitlocks who shared some of their family history with us.

The book that you were told of is entitled, Put Another Nickel In, by Q. David Bowers and published by the Vestal Press in New York in 1966. It tells of Howard Wurlitzer discovering in 1905 a self-playing harp made by J.W. Whitlock & Company of Rising Sun, Indiana. A contract was signed whereby Wurlitzer agreed to sell the harps on an exclusive basis. The new machine became known as the Wurlitzer Harp and was sold for 11 years. I wasn't able to scan very clear copies from the book so I will try photocopying them and mailing them to you, along with additional information we received from the family.

These Whitlock's had a sword from the Revolutionary War that was engraved with J.W. Whitlock and they said that the family had resided in the southern Indiana area for as long as they knew. However, the granddaughter of the furniture J.W.W., who we spoke with, was adopted and she did not possess a great deal of information.

One of the buildings from the J.W. Whitlock furniture factory plus one of J.W.'s homes are still standing in Rising Sun; that is how we discovered the family because both buildings have signs identifying them.

I hope that you enjoy receiving this information; I look forward to further communication with you.

Sincerely,

Linda Heiss Whitlock

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