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Source: WILTSHIRE-EMI-L@rootsweb.com  
Subject: Re:FRY/WHITLOCK!!!! "Pitton"

Heather

Further to our message with transcript of 1871 census of "Pitton" have now searched 1861 census.

Ref RG9/1313 Fol 44, Page 6. Address Pitton Green.

Thomas Fry hd mar 35 ag lab born Pitton; Charlotte wi 39; Sarah da 12; Eliza da 11; Ratchel sic da 9 Scholar; Elizabeth da 5; Alice da 2; Esther da 5 mnths all born Pitton.

Transcript only 1851 census:

Thomas Fry 25; Charlotte wi 30; Melora sic 3; Eliza 1.

Marriages "Pitton" Thomas Fry bach full age, labourer son of Joseph, labourer, mar Charlotte WHITLOCK! spin, full age dau of Thomas Whitlock, labourer. 15 Jan 1848.

Both made their mark & witnesses were Stephen Whitlock & John Collins.

Baptisms "Pitton" Charlotte Whitlock bap 18 Feb 1821 da of Thomas labourer & Catherine.

We could not find the baptism of Thomas Fry to a Joseph or any children bap to a Joseph in Pitton, so its possible the 1871 census showing his birthplace as Chichester, Sussex was correct & family or mother were residing there when he was born & he was baptised there, returning to Pitton as child?????

Now to explain the !!! after the surname Whitlock.

You are probably not aware that a late very famous & much loved Wiltshire born Author one Ralph Whitlock was born 7 Feb 1914 in "Pitton". To best of my knowledge he was son of Edwin Whitlock born abt 1874 & Alice b abt 1878. His Father was a Farmer & age 40 when Ralph was born.

Edwin was son of a Daniel born abt 1842 & Jane b abt 1844 at neighbouring parish of "Winterslow", right on the Hampshire border. Daniel died circa 1881 & Jane was left to bring up at least 3 children & was in receipt of Parish Poor relief, see 1881 census BELOW.

Daniel was son of a William? & prior to that five? generations of Charles Whitlocks.

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There are numerous! tributes to Ralph Whitlock:

Michael Marshman the current Head of Wiltshire's County Local Studies Library, says of Ralph in his book: "The Wiltshire Village Book" Michael

Marshman republished 1999, ISBN-85306-5843-8. under "Pitton" Page 170; Ralph Whitlock, the writer & farmer was born at Pitton and for the full flavour of Village Life, before outside modern influences had rendered it bland, you must read his "Family and a Village" 1969. Ralph himself was greatly influenced by his family and his farming background writing many, many thousands of articles on farming, natural history and folklore for national newspapers and magazines. He also wrote over 100 books for both adults and children. After the Second World War he created the series "Cowleaze Farm" for BBC radio and played the main character himself. He was also largely responsible for setting up and maintaining the nature reserve, Bently Wood. A real countryman whose instincts were for good farming, preserving wildlife and keeping the land in good heart.

His books "Folklore of Wiltshire" is a standard work on that subject, while "Wiltshire" presents a good picture of the county:

END.

Ralph Whitlock's book "Family and a Village" pub 1969, By John Baker, Ltd, 5 Royal Opera Arcade, Pall Mall London SW1. SBN 212.98357.1 - is reference library only? in UK, we pray you can locate it in a good library in Australia - Brisbane?? State Library.

If you can prove you are related to him - we shall be very pleased for you & envious!

Census Place: Alderbury, Wiltshire, England

Source: FHL Film 1341498 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 2066 Folio 48

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Marr Age Sex Birthplace

Jane WHITLOCK W 39 F Winterslow, Wiltshire, England

Rel: Head

Occ: In Receipt Of Relief

Clara WHITLOCK 11 F Pitton, Wiltshire, England

Rel: Daur

Occ: Scholar

Kate WHITLOCK 8 F Pitton, Wiltshire, England

Rel: Daur

Occ: Scholar

\*Edwin WHITLOCK 6 M Pitton, Wiltshire, England

Rel : Son

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Regards

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-----Original Message-----

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Date: 06 February 2001 08:39

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Would some one from SKS do a census look up for me for either 1871 or 1861 for the abovenamed living in Pitton with her father Thomas Fry. I hope this is enough information.

I have no other information on Esther other than that she was married in Pitton on 25/12/1886 so any information would be greatly received.

Regards

Heather Harland - Blazing Days in Sunny Queensland.

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