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17th May, 2001.

Dear Mr. Whitlock,

I notice from the recent Register of One-Name Studies that you are researching the name Whitlock. I am also a member of the Guild of One-Name Studies (membership no. 2481) researching Corder.

I am writing to you to offer some information and also to ask for a little help please. Over the years I have collected together information about the history of Great and Little Yeldham and surrounding villages in north Essex. This includes information about a Whitlock family who mainly lived in the Yeldhams. Some members of this family also had connections with Tilbury Juxta Clare, Wethersfield, Ridgewell and Castle and Sible Hedingham. The family were originally farmers but later became well known, internationally, as manufacturers of large earthmoving equipment. If you would like information about this family and their achievements I shall be happy to forward it to you.

In return I wonder if you would mind taking some photographs of a grave or graves in Carmen United Church Cemetery, Sardis, near Chilliwack, please. I assume that this cemetery is very close to you. Some of my relations were buried there from 1933.

They were as follows:-

- James Charles Standing buried 17th July, 1933
- Jane Standing, 9th August, 1945
- Arnold Baldwin Standing, 26th August, 1954
- Amelia Florence Standing, 4th June, 1964
- Gladys Weneth Irene Griffin (formerly Standing), 24th June, 1952
- Alfred Stanley Griffin, 23rd October, 1980
- David Stanley Griffin, 3rd April, 1970
- Daniel Arthur Griffin, 30th December, 1988
- Georgina Griffin ?? September, 1994. (please check date and age).

I understand that all the above are buried in one family plot so photographs should be quite easy. I assume that they have gravestone(s). If so can you please let me have details of the inscriptions unless of course they are clear on the photographs. Any information about the above would be much appreciated please.

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You may wish to know that James Charles Standing (1869-1933) was a brother of my great grandmother. JCS and his family left England for Canada in about 1911.

I wonder if you are anywhere near Vancouver, if so do you ever visit Vancouver please?

I must admit that I was surprised when I found that you live in Sardis (where my relations were buried) and that I live close to the Yeldhams where the Whitlocks were centred. In fact I lived in Little Yeldham for over forty years until moving to Halstead last year. I regularly visit Yeldham which is only eight miles away. My late father was employed by Whitlock Bros. Limited for some years. He knew several members of the Whitlock family including Carleton Whitlock, O.B.E., Where did your Whitlock ancestors originate please? I am aware that there are other Whitlock families in the U.K. If I can help you I shall be happy to do so. I hope that you will not mind helping me with photograph(s) in return please.

I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience please.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



Adrian Corder-Birch.