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Peter;

Well, I hope your trip to Oahu was interesting. I was there once, during Easter of 1974 with the Canadian Navy, and still remember it quite clearly.

I've scraped up the usual collection of odds & ends. There's a WW1 Attestation document for Harry W(hitlock) Smale from the National Archives website. He enlisted in Calgary according to the document, but was born in Lambton County, Ontario so I looked him up in the Ontario Archives birth index. I found an entry for Hilton Whitlock Smale, born on the right date in Dawn Tp., Lambton County. I checked the WorldConnect site at Rootsweb and came up with a Hilton Whitlock Smale on their search engine. He was the son of John Whitlock Smale & Elizabeth Easterbrook, & grandson of Jonas Smale & Sally Whitlock. You may recall there was an entry for Jonas Smale & Sally Whitlock in the Usborne Tp. history that I sent you sometime in the distant past.

I've accumulated a few more BMD registrations from the Ontario Archives. There's a marriage registration for Priscilla Whitlock who was the widow of Isaac Whitlock. They're both buried together in the Exeter, ON cemetery, but she's recorded as Priscilla Clarke. I thought that was her maiden name, but this new marriage registration records her parents as Isaac & Mary Hoirew/ Horrew (handwriting leaves some room for interpretation). As it happens her new husband, Henry Kerslake, is also buried in the Exeter cemetery at a different location, and I have the transcriptions for that cemetery. He apparently died in 1891, so I checked the Ontario Archives marriage index beyond that date, and, sure enough, a "Priscella" Kerslake married a Thomas Clark in 1892.

There's a birth registration for an Ednel Irene Whitlock, daughter of John & Samantha Whitlock, who we've discussed on various occasions. I think the 1891 census has them in Stratford, ON. This birth in 1894 has them in Exeter, ON. Later events seems to place them in Toronto. John Whitlock was a stone mason which was an itinerant trade.

There's a couple of marriage registrations for Frederick Smallacombe & Ada Westaway on the same page, both married in Hensall. Unfortunately the Smallacombe entry was very faint on the microfilm and didn't photocopy well. I wrote down the data as follows: "Frederick E. Smallacombe, age 26, residing in Hensall, born in Exeter, occupation cooper, parents W. J. Smallacombe & Agnes Whitlock, married Isabella Ellis, age 25, residing in Hensall, born in Goderich, parents Joseph Ellis & Jane Gilders, in Hensall on 27 December 1899, witnesses Nettie Ellis & Harriet Smallacombe, both of Hensall. It was a Methodist wedding performed by Rev. J. E. Henderson by licence, and registered 17 January 1900."

A further note on the Westaway family: I was doing a bit of research on them on the Rootsweb WorldConnect site and ran across someone who had contributed some fairly well-sourced data on the Westaway family. The contributor's name was Ron Patrick <jrpatrick@sympatico.ca>. I followed his Whitlock line back to William Whitlock (b.1784) & Sarah Hutchings. Up to that point it seemed to conform pretty much with your database but the parents of William Whitlock were recorded as Richard Whitlock & Mary Smale, whereas your database had them as Thomas Whitlock & Rebecca Holman. To further complicate matters, I checked the LDS website (www.familysearch.org) and found the IGI record had them both listed as the parents of William Whitlock. Apparently some imposter using your name had contributed that information. Confusion reigns.

I came across a website you might want to check out, if you're not already aware of it. It's a website for the London (England) Gazette & sister papers in Edinburgh & Belfast. I typed "Whitlock" into the search engine & came up with something like 84 hits. I didn't even try

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“Whitelock” or other variations. It shows an image of the actual newspaper page in PDF format that you can print off. The URL is <www.gazettes.online.co.uk/archiveSearch.asp?WebType=2>. The first half of the address will get you the homepage. I found it on the Cyndislist genealogical web directory. The entries go back to the end of WW1 & WW2 and are a mixture of civilian & military subjects.

There’s a letter from Jeremy Whitlock in the letters section of the March/April 2003 Legion magazine. I seem to recall in one of your newsletters you mentioned that one of your other subscribers monitors Legion items pretty closely, so you may have this already. I sent you a letter from Macleans magazine some time back from Jeremy Whitlock, also relating to nuclear power. I did a Google search on him and came up with a fair number of hits. Apparently he has a doctorate degree in engineering physics from McMaster, and is a prominent spokesman for the nuclear power industry in Ontario. According to the information I got off the Web, his email address is <c2725@freenet.carleton.ca> & he has a webpage <http://www.ncf.carleton.ca/~c2725>.

Another website of interest is the Brantford Public Library. They’ve indexed the Brantford Expositor and put it in a searchable database. Since there were Whitlocks & Westaways living in that area, I ran a search on them & enclose the results as well as an address if you want to pursue it further. It looks like there was some confusion between the two families because some of the Westaway men had Whitlock as a middle name.

I received the March newsletter & a blank renewal receipt. I assume this was an oversight since I paid last year & you sent a receipt with the December newsletter.

Sincerely,

L.J. Otis

encl: BMD registrations: marriage: MFR# 101 (1900) Frederick Smallacombe/ Ada Westaway/MFR# 43 (1883) Priscilla Whitlock/Richard Whitlock // Births: MFR# 121 (1894) Ednel Irene Whitlock/ MFR# 128 (1895)Helen E. Whitlock/ Jas. E. Whitelock/ MFR# 155 (1901)Mary E. Whitelock/ Nelson E. Whitelock/ MFR# 158(1902) Martha F. Smallacombe/ Chas. W. Ford//WW1 Attestation documents for Harry W. Smale// Brantford library genealogy webpage & search results for Whitlock & Westaway// Legion Magazine Mar/Apr 2003 letter from Jeremy Whitlock & Science.ca profile