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Dear Peter,

Several items to pass on:

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First, read with interest the recent family newsletter. I can add to that of Zalmon Whitlock of Bethel, Connecticut (pg5) as this is my line.

- Will dated Mar. 25, 1884, names; wife Eunice; at the decease of Eunice two-thirds of estate to daughter Sarah Jane Whitlock & one-third to George S. Durant of Bethel in trust for granddaughter Edith May Whitlock.
- June 16, 1892, widow Eunice Whitlock declines from administration, court appoints Sarah J. Whitlock. Inventory appraisers: George S. Durant & George M. Cole both of Bethel.

Edith May Whitlock is my grandmother who married Orrin S. Barnum. George M. Cole was a nephew of Zalmon. His parents were Hiram & Mary (Gilbert) Cole. Mary was sister to Eunice. George was part owner of the Cole & Ambler hat shop in Bethel where Zalmon set up shop, even well into his retirement years. He started out in the hat trade as a young boy apprentice, worked in several of the small shops. It was during this early period as a young boy that he became acquainted with P.T. Barnum. By the middle 1800's, there were near a dozen large hat shops in Bethel and is said that near every family had a "Hatter". Young girls and women as Sarah Jane Whitlock were mostly employed as "hat trimmers". William F. Cole a brother to George married Theresa Whitlock, daughter of Ebenezer Whitlock (bro. of Zalmon). Another brother, Andrew Cole married Sallie Adams, daughter of Bradley & Olive (Whitlock) Adams. Olive was an older sister to Zalmon. Another brother Hiram M. Cole served with Addison Myron Whitlock during the American Civil War. I have a photo of the two cousins in uniform. Addison was the father of Edith May and died in 1881. My mother was named Sally Adams Barnum after Sallie Adams Cole. As fate would have she too married a "Cole", John Roberts Cole son of George Edwin Cole. George was from nearby Putnam County, New York. Three sons here: Robert Barnum Cole, George Edwin Cole and myself Arthur Whitlock Cole.

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I'll also mention that of Myron Cole Whitlock (1883-1933), who is buried in Bethel. He was acquainted with the family - son of William & Mary (Cole) Whitlock of nearby Brookfield.

My grandfather, Orrin S. Barnum is in line from Elijah Barnum who married Hannah Whitlock, daughter of John & 1st wife Mary Whitlock.

(Lee)

Someday I still hope to compile a (Connecticut) Whitlock family history, including those that went to Vermont & New York. I have quite a bit of data, but not organized - sometimes impossible to find something that I know I have. I still need to locate the snapshots of the Whitlock Mausoleum (ruins) in Castleton (Hydeville) Vermont to send you.

It was my intention to ask if you had any photos of Connecticut Whitlocks (NY&VT) and here in the recent newsletter is the new addition - that of a Whitlock photograph collection. A great addition! If you do have any of these lines, I would very much like to have a xerographic copy. I see in the first group that you have one of Thankful (Lewis) Whitlock (Ct). I would certainly like a copy, but will wait to see if you have others and then have all done in one mailing if that is more convenient for you.

I am also enclosing my renewal to the newsletter.

Thank-you very much.

Sincerely,



Arthur W. Cole

P.S. Attached a couple of items for you.