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Dear Sir,

Whitlock of Collacott Farm

Thank you for your further letter of 13th August. I have now been through the electoral roll 1834-1878 and the Land Tax Assessments 1780-1832, from which the lists below are compiled. A search of the deeds of the Rolle estate at Langtree would, I am afraid, take up rather more time than we are usually able to devote to any one inquiry. However both these and the sources for the following, and any other relevant material are available to the public, and you are most welcome to study them yourself, should you come over here.

The name of Collacott Farm changed variously during the period 1780-1878: from 1780-1797 it was known as Lower Collacott, from 1798-1832 as Collacott and from 1834-1878 as Collacott Farm. The Whitlocks also occupied another farm known as North Collacott from 1780-1814 and as Lower Collacott from 1815-1832. There were also Whitlocks leasing Fillimore farm from 1780-92 (Richard and Philip) and from 1811-18 (Richard). From 1834 to about 1855 Whitlocks leased farms called Lower Watertown (John), Lower Suddon (Richard), and Burson Farm (Samuel)⁶.

To revert to Collacott Farm: the Whitlock family held it by leasehold until about 1835, when they must have bought the freehold. Throughout the Land Tax Assessments (1780-1832) the owners were respectively:

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| 1. | Henry Stevens, esq. | 1780-1793 |
| 2. | Rev. Joseph Palmer | 1794-1802 |
| 3. | Rev. Dean Palmer | 1803-1828 |
| 4. | Francis Kingdom | 1829-1832 |

The members of the Whitlock family in occupation over the same years were as follows: (the same member also held the later Lower Collacott farm):

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| 6 1. | Richard Whitlock | 1780-1801 |
| 2. | (Thomas Davie | 1802) |
| 6 3. | Richard Whitlock | 1803 |
| 6 4. | John Whitlock | 1804-1832 |

6 For the years 1797-1799 a Richard Whitlock was the assistant assessor of the Land Tax for the parish of Langtree.

The electoral rolls show the occupier of Collacott as John Whitlock in 1834, and John Whitlock senior, as owner of the farm 1839-1849. In 1850 the ownership passed to George and in 1878 John Whitlock is the only member of the family entered, owning houses and gardens in the village of Langtree (until the 20th century the ownership of property was the prerequisite for a vote).

I hope you will find this information of some value. I am returning your cheque since we do not charge fees; our only stipulation is that we cannot undertake lengthy searches owing to the demands of other office work.

Yours faithfully,

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