

DEAR MR. WHITLOCK:

IF YOU WILL BE KIND ENOUGH TO FORGIVE TERRIBLE TYPING I WILL COPY THE INFORMATION FROM THE FAMILY BOOK WHICH WAS COMPILED BY MY GRANDMOTHER.

"THE NAME IS DISTINTIVELY ENGLISH AND HAS A DERIVATION FOR THE SCANDIN AVINN L'OK WHOSE TITLE ENTERS INTO MANY FAMILY NAMES SUCH AS LOCKHART, WHITLOCK, BLACKLOCK ETC."

THE FIRST WHITLOCK IN AMERICA SEEMS TO BE THOMAS WHITLOCK, BORN ¹⁷⁻³⁴ ABOUT ~~SIXTEEN~~ SIXTEEN TWENTY IN ENGLAND AND DIED ABOUT SEVENTEEN O THREE IN NEW JERSEY, USA.

THE ENGLISH PURITANS WHO CAME TO MASSACHUSETTS DURING THE REIGN OF CHARLES ONE WHILE THOSE CAUSES WERE IN OPERATION WHICH LED TO THE PROTECTORATE IN SIXTEEN FIFTY THREES (MY TYPEWRITER IS OLD AND WILL NOT MAKE NUMBERS) WERE OF DIVERGENT RELIGIOUS VIEWS AND TO SOME IT WAS A SAD DISAPPOINTMENT TO MEET IN THE NEW LAND AN INTOLERANCE HARDLY LESS ENDURABLE THAN THAT WHICH HAD DRIVEN THEM FROM THEIR ANCESTRAL HOMES.

ON DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTEEN FORTY FIVE A GRANT MADE BY GOVERNOR KIEFT TO LADY DEBORAH MOOBY BOR GRAVENSAND CONTAINED AM PLE PROVISION FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

THOMAS WHITLOCK EVIDENTLY WENT FIRST TO MASSA CHUSETTS WHERE BEING A BAPTIST HIS EXPERIENCE WAS MUCH THE SAME AS THAT OF THOSE WITH WHOM WE FIND HIM CLOSELY ASSOCIATED LATER ON.

AT AN EARLY DATE, AND THEN A MAN OF FAMILY HE WAS CONNECTED WITH THE COLONY OF LADE MOODY AT GRAVESEND, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.

IN DECEMBER SIXTEEN SIXTY THREE HE TOOK PART IN AN EXPEBITION INTO THE NEVESING REGION, PART OF THE NEW NETHERLANDS.

IN SIXTEEN SIXTY FOUR THE NEW NETHERLANDS WERE SURRENDERED TO THE ENGLISH AND ON APRIL EIGHTH SIXTEEN SIXTY FIVE GOV. NICHOLSON MADE A GRANT TO WILLIAM GOULDING AND OTHERS OF W HAT IS NOW MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

THE FIRST ENTRIES IN THE TOWN BOOK OF MIDDLETOWN, DECEMBER THIRTIETH SIXTEEN SIXTY SEVEN SHOW TOM THOMAS WHITLOCK TO HAVE RECEIVED VARIOUS LOTS.

IT IS PROBABLE THAT MOST OF HES FAMILY OF THREE SONS AND FOUR DAUGHTERS BY SUSANNAH STOCK WHOM HE MARRIED IN ENGLANS WERE WITH HIM AT THIS TIME.

AS THE PATENTEES OF THE LAND GRANT HAD CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE IN ACQUIRING TITLES FROM THE INDIANS IT SEEMS THAT EACH SETTLE ARRANGED MATTERS FOR HIMSELF AS WE FIND DEEDS FROM NAVARSINK, NARUMSUNK, AND POOSAPECK TO THOMAS WHITLOCK ABOUT SIXTEEN SEVENTY AND FROM CHITQUACUS, PAROPA, MICHAH AND JANATUS TO WELLIAM WHITLOCK AUGUST TENTH SIXTEEN SEVENTY SEVEN.

BESIDES HIS OWNERSHIP OF LAND IN JEW JERSEY AND GRAVESEND THOMAS WHITLOCK HAD CERTAIN INTERESTS IN WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK WHERE HE WENT ABOUT SIXTEEN SEVENTY SIX AND WHERE HE MARRIED MARY SEBBROOKE. HE RETURNED TO MIDDLETOWN IN SIXTEEN EIGHTY THREE.

IN SIXTEEN SIXTY SIX HE WAS FINED FIFTEEN SHILLINGS FOR BARGAINING ON THE SABBATH.

THE CLERICAL EDUCATION OF THOMAS WHITLOCK APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN S LIGHT FOR HES MARK ONLY IS APPENDED TO FORMAL DOCUMENTS BUT HE WAS A MAN OF ACTION AND RESOURCES AND A NATURAL LEADER OF MEN, AND THAT TH E KNEW THE INDIANS AND THEIR WAYS WAS EVEDENT.

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IN SIXTEEN EIGHTY EIGHT HE WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH OF MIDDLETOWN.

AFTER A LONG, ADVENTUROUS AND WELL SPENT LIFE THIS PIONEER OF MONMOUTH COUNTY DIED AT HIS HOME IN SHOAL HARBER IN SEVENTEEN O THREE.

JOHN WHITLOCK, SON OF THOMAS, ALSO HIS GRANDSON THOMAS AND GREAT GRANDSON WILLIAM, WHO MARRIED MARY LOCKHART SEEMED TO HAVE LIVED MORE OR LESS QUIET LIVES ON THEIR VARIOUS FARMS IN NEW JERSEY. HIS GREAT GREAT GRANDSON WILLIAM BORN SEVENTEEN SIXTY ONE AND MARRIED SARAH MORRELL SEEMS HOWEVER TO HAVE BEEN A MORE ADVENTUROUS GENTLEMAN.

WHEN ABOUT TWELVE YEARS OLD HE WAS APPRENTICED TO CAPTAIN SNOW AND WENT TO SEA. HE TOOK A SHIP INTO PHILADELPHIA AS MATE WHEN EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD. WHEN SAILING MASTER OF THE SHIP PRINCE GEORGE WILLIAM FOUR WAS TROUNCED BY THE ELDER WILLIAM FOR RUBBING OUT HIS LOG SLATE.

ABOUT SEVENTEEN EIGHTY TWO WILLIAM WAS ON BOARD ADMIRAL RODNEY'S SHIP IN AN ENGAGEMENT WITH COUNT DE GRAPES (OR GRASSE)

IN SEVENTEEN NINETY FIVE HE TOOK COMMAND OF THE SHIP HUNTER FOR FRANKLYN ROBINSON AND CO, CONSIGNED TO BHTHEONE AND BENSON.

IN MARCH SEVENTEEN NINETY SIX HE LEFT NEW YOURK FOR CANTON, HIS SON SAMUEL MORRELL WHITLOCK NINE YEARS OLD BEING WITH HIM. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ON THE VOYAGE HOME HE WAS TAKEN BY THE SPANIARDS AND CARRIED INTO ALCEIRAS ABOUT MARCH SEVENTEEN NINETY EIGHT.

AFTER VARIOUS OTHER TRIPS HE OWNED AND COMMANDED THE FIRST LIVERPOOL PACKET " UNION". THE MERCHANTS IN LIVERPOOL GAVE HIM A PUBLIC DINNER AND A PUNCH BOWL COMMEMORATING THE EVENT. MRS. DANIEL BONNET HAD THE BOWL.

WILLIAM WHITLOCK JUNIOUR SON OF THE ABOVE WIDLIAM MARRIED ELIZA HAIGHT SCOTT AND WAS ONE OF THE OLDEST SHIPPING MERCHANTS IN SOUTH STREET, NEW YORK. AT ONE PERIOD OF HIS CAREER HE WAS REPUTED TO BE THE LARGEST OWNER OF OCEAN TONNAGE IN THE UNITED STATES (THIS FROM OLD MERCHANTS OF NEW YGSK, IN WHICH AN AEMTI RE CHAPTER IS DEVOTED TO WILLIAM WHITLOCK JUNIOR)."

THIS ENDS WHAT INFORMATION WAS IN THE FAMILY BOOK, THERE ARE ON THE INFORMATION IS OTHER BOOKS INCLUDING THE ONE MENTI(NED JUST ABOVE. TO BEGIN WITH I HAVE THE TWO FAMILY PORTRAITS OF WHIXX WILLIAM WHITLOCK JUNIOR AND HIS WIFE DONE BY THE FAMOUS PAINTER SAMUEL F. B. MORSE, THE INVENTOR OF THE MORSE CODE. COPIES OF THESE ARE RECORDED IN THE FRICK MUSEUM IN NEW YORK, FROM WHENCE YOU CAN SEE ORDER A COPY IF YOU WISH. WILLIAM WHITLOCK JUNIOR SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN QUITE A GUY, AND BIT OF FAME HE ACQUIRED WAS THROUGH HIS DONATION OF HIS SHIP" CADMUS" TO BRING GENERAL LAFAYETTE BACK TO THIS COUNTRY FOR HIS TRIUMPHAL TOUR OF THE U.S. AS A GREAT HERO. A PAINTING OF THE SHIP CADMUS IS IN THE PEABODY MUSEUM IN SALEM MASSACHUSETTS, AND YOU CAN ALSO GET A PHOTO OF THAT

SO MUCH FOR ALL THAT. I BELIEVE I SENT YOU IN MY LETTER ABOUT THE CAMDEN PAPER BUSIBESS IN WHICH THE CONNECTION WITH THE DE LA BECHE FAMILY IS MENTIONED AND WHICH, IF I AM CORRECT, YOU CORROBORATED IN SOME WAY.

BEING THE OLDEST WHITLOCK IN A STRAIGHT LINE FROM THE WILLIAM WHITLOCK JUNIOR BRANCH I POSSESS MOST OF THE OLD FAMILY PORTRAITS, AND ALSO TWO OF THE BACHE (DE LA BECHE) ONES, ONE BEING OF PARTICULAR INTERST , THAT OF RICHARD BACHE WHO MARRIED IN SARAH THE ONLY DAUGHTER OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

I KNOW OF OTHER WHITLOCK RELATIVES, PARTICULARLY MRS. HERBERT WHITLOCK, OF SHORT HILLS, NEW JERSEY O SEVEN O SEVEN EIGHT (ZIP CODE) WHO I AM SURE POSSESSES SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WOULD LIKE TO BE AWARE OF WHAT YOU ARE DOING. HERBERT WHITLOCK'S ANCESTOR WAS I BELIEVE A BROTHER OF WILLIAM WHITLOCK JUNIOR WAS IN THE CHANDLERY BUSINESS IN NEW YORK, FONDING THE FAMCUS WHITLOCK CORDAGE COMPANY. SHE CAN GIVE YOU MORE INFORMATION ON THAT.

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SO MUCH FOR ALL THAT AND FORGIVE THE TERRIBLE TYPING BUT I HAVE HAD THIS OLD MACHINE FOR THIRTY YEARS AND IT SHOWS ITS AGE AS DO I. I AM SENDING YOU HEREWITH A DRAWING OF THE FAMILY TREE AS I HAVE IT FROM THE SAME BOOK FROM WHICH I QUOTED ABOVE.

KEEP IN TIGHT TOUCH AND BY THE WAY I HAVE RELATIVES IN ENGLAND (NOT WHITLOCKS WITH WHOM I CAN PUT YOU IN TOUCH IF YOU WISH.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

BACHE MEYERS WHITLOCK JR.

P.S. I am here at the typewriter in my office which is obviously somewhat better, and after reading over your letter I wanted to remind you that I discovered that De La Beche business in the New York Public Library in a thing called the Camden Papers and if Mr. Julian Wyatt of Southampton is not aware of these papers I am sure they will be of great interest to him, so I will send him a copy of these horrible notes. One other thing of interest to him in that he is in England and since you are going there, you will note that my grandmother's name was Emily Ogden Simonds, and since her father was English one of her brothers went back to England (due to lack of male heirs) where he became the head of the Simonds brewery near Reading, and his son became Sir Gavin Simonds, then Viscount Easingstoke, Lord Chancellor under Winston Churchill.

Well, believe that is all for now, and so please do come back at me and be of luck when you do go to England.