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LOOKING FOR A WHITELOCK WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE CANADAIN SEED GROWERS:

INCIDENT

From the 1920s on, my father, William Whitelock, was a member of the Manitoba Seed Growers Association, serving as President for a term. He was also a member of the Canadian Seed Growers and a director for a time. We believe it may have been in the late 40s but not sure of time, that my parents attended a Can. S.G. Convention (could have been in Saskatoon, Guelph, or Winnipeg as those are the places that our mother went along with him).

At dinner my mother drew Father's attention to a man across the room, remarking that he resembled a picture my father had of a step brother. My father was astonished at the striking resemblance but the gathering was quite large and the man later mingled with the many growers. Later in the evening, however, a director who knew my father asked if he realized that there was another Whitelock present. My father was eager to be introduced and was led to the man they had previously noticed! Both men talked but because the other was of English extraction my father^{a Scot} did not think there could be a relationship and they parted after finding no common ground.

In 1951 my parents went to Scotland for the first time since Father had come to Canada in 1903 as a young man of 21, both parents dead. On enquiring from the few relatives he had left he found that his grandfather, George, had been born in Ireland, one of a family, but that his (George) parents were from England, the original ancestral place -- but what part of England? He also found that his Uncle, Joseph(5) son of George had gone to live in England. He then realized that there might have been some connection with the other man at the convention but had lost track of him. Now I would like to find him or his descendants. To this end I am writing to the Can. Dept of Agriculture to see if records have been kept of members. If I could pinpoint the province it would be easier but these men gathered from all provinces.

Unfortunately no one in our family remembers the first name of this Whitelock!

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PROFESSOR DOROTHY WHITELOCK

Having read some of the above author's books, I wrote to Cambridge, England for information on her background.

Her reply indicated that although now retired from active involvement with University work, she had always been and still is too busy to go into her family background but shared the following facts with me:

Her forebears came from Wensledale, Yorkshire. The only paternal names carried from father to son have been Francis and Peter.

The name Whitelock and Whitlock are fairly common in England and members of same families choose one or other spelling sometimes.

She suggested if I ever received evidence that my ancestors were from the Yorkshire area to put an ad in the Dalesman. As my father-in-law was from Yorkshire we used to have this magazine in our home so I was quite aware of it.

Although her interest was very little evidenced, Dorothy did tell of an incident that happened in the National Gallery. While strolling through the halls she saw a portrait which was remarkably like her sister. On closer inspection the portrait was of a man - Bulstrode Whitelock. Bulstrode was son of Sir James Whitelock who was in the English parliament in the 1600s and of whom I have read of in the history books. She must have been impressed for she contrived to take another sister through the gallery near where the picture was. The sister also saw the likeness. It gave them both quite a "turn"! She said her father died when she was a baby. The father did not want to succeed to his father's farm and went to Leeds and married a Helen Wade.

Dorothy also said that some years ago a man from Canada with his sister came to her regarding Whitelocks but it apparently was years ago and she seemed uninterested.

Dorothy's father was Peter as was her grandfather. Her father had a brother, Francis but they had lost touch with him.

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