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You are great great grandson of Ephraim
P. Whitlock, Capt. Adjutant, 1st.
Regiment, New Jersey Continental Infantry,

JOHN WILLIAM WHITLOCK

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INDIANA

SKETCH OF:

Dean W. Whittlock
President
J. W. Whittlock Co., Inc.
Rising Sun, Ind.
214 S. Walnut St.

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JOHN WILLIAM WHITLOCK
~~DEAN WILMOT WHITLOCK~~

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The firm which John William Whitlock founded and which is now headed by his ~~son~~ ^{children, Dean W. Whitlock} became a major manufacturer of chairs, distributing its products to every state in the union. The ~~firm~~ ^{father} also founded the J. W. Whitlock Tool Company, manufacturing all types ~~of~~ ^{of} tools. ~~This~~ ^{machine} ~~company~~ ^{tool company} played a large part in defense production in both world wars, and is still working on sizeable ~~and~~ ^{and} contracts with the government. From 1907 to

1930, the Whitlock name was also identified with a ~~notable~~ ^{notably the "Hoover Boy"} line of speed boats, which won prizes in ~~contests~~ ^{motor boat races} throughout the nation. ~~A number of these craft established~~ ^{The "Hoover Boy"} records which ~~have~~ ^{have yet} not been equalled ~~in their time~~.

Dean Wilmot Whitlock, son of John William and Alice (Stewart) Whitlock, was born in Rising Sun on Sep-

Alice Whitlock

Robert

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September 20, 1902. He attended local schools and graduated from Rising Sun High School in 1921. Entering Purdue University at ^{West} Lafayette, he graduated there in the Class of 1929, taking the degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, but he had already gained practical experience in industry, working in his father's factory from the age of twelve. Thus when he completed his courses at Purdue, he was already solidly grounded in the operations of the chair manufacturing plant. The company was operated as a partnership until his father's death. It was then incorporated, and Dean W. Whitlock has been its president

His brother
 since. Stewart B. Whitlock ^{is} vice president, *also continues to uphold the family tradition, and his personally owned*
 Robert L. Neaman is secretary and treasurer. The *and operated*
~~company~~ *3 the corporation* produces a high-grade line of upholstered and *best hotel at Pa*
 occasional chairs, without regard to price, *is one of the* but with *finest in the*
 quality as the only consideration. Adherence to an *Old world be -*
 uncompromising standard of production has won a large *Turner Park bench*
 and dependable market nationwide. *and Cairo*
~~turing plants at Rising Sun~~ *The industry has a sales* ~~showroom in~~ *distribution*

*Whitlock's law
 company*

the Waters Building *at* Grand Rapids, Michigan. Nor-

mally the company's payroll lists between sixty and one hundred employees. The ~~factory~~ ^{plant} has a spacious seventy-five thousand square feet of floor space.

Mr. Whitlock served on the city council of Rising Sun for nine years. He is a member of the various Masonic bodies and holds the ~~Thirtieth~~ ^{Thirty-Second} degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a member of ~~the~~ ^{Wilmot} Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Indianapolis. He is also a member of ~~the~~ ^{of} Kappa Sigma fraternity ~~in Indianapolis~~. Mr. Whitlock is a Republican, and he attends the ~~Christian~~ ^{Christ} Church. One of his hobbies is music, and he plays the piano and accordion. He is also a skilled amateur photographer.

On October 12, 19~~2~~⁹, Dean Wilmot Whitlock married Mary Anderson, daughter of E. A. and Hannah (Davis) Anderson. She and both of her parents were born in Rising Sun, and her father operates a clothing store in that city. Her mother died in 1947. Mrs. Whitlock is a graduate of Miami University and of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. She taught music in the public schools prior to her marriage. She is a mem-

ber of Delta Gamma sorority, Phi Beta Psi and Delta Omicron, and was formerly a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Rising Sun Women's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Whitlock have two children: 1. Mary Alice, born November 19, 1932, a student at Indiana University. 2. Deanna, born July 28, 1940, attending junior high school. The family resides at 307 South Walnut.