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Morris has farmed on the old home place all his life. He married Avery Bright from Frenchman Butte, Saskatchewan in 1953 and they had two sons, Don and Eric. They attended school in Lloydminster, after which Don worked at home and part-time during the winter at Philips Men's Wear until his untimely death in a car accident on September 8, 1978 at the age of 23. After a couple of stints in the Arctic, Eric worked at the rapeseed plant in Lloydminster until that time. Now he is farming with his dad and working part-time at the rapeseed plant. On October 20, 1979 Eric and the former Debbie Moan were married. They now have a little girl, Stephanie Dawn, born on March 19, 1981, and they live on the old Whitfield place in the Staplehurst District.



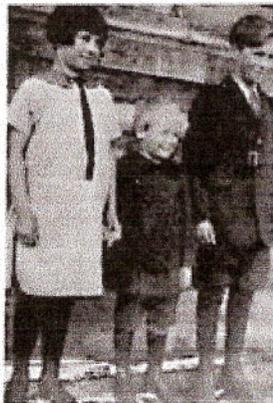
Dora Whitlock with George 1927

on, they acquired a pony and rode double, which was a great improvement.

In 1926 another son, George, was born, and Mrs. Whitlock died of pneumonia ten days later. Mr. Whitlock's sister, Dora, came over from England to help keep the family together. She stayed about a year and made many friends in the Blackfoot area. She still corresponds with Mrs. Linda Warmington, who was the teacher at the Blackfoot school at the time.

Late in 1927, Mr. Whitlock married Mrs. Vera Field of Brantford, Ontario, and brought his new bride and her three children, Robert, Ruth and Edna, back to the farm. Now the farmhouse was pretty small for a family of nine, so that winter Mr. Whitlock took a position in Lloydminster with Canadian Utilities Limited and moved his family into town. A few months later he was transferred to Rosetown, Saskatchewan, as plant manager. A son, Donald, was born here in 1931. Another move was made with the company in 1937; this time to Grande Prairie, Alberta, in the Peace River area.

Mr. Whitlock passed away in Grande Prairie in 1971 at the age of 81. Three sons, Arthur, George and Robert, still reside in Grand Prairie. Mary (Giesbrecht), Edna (James), and Donald live in Edmonton, Ruth (Moir) in Calgary and Wilfred in Vancouver.



Mary, Wilfred and Arthur 1927



John Whitlock with Arthur and Mary (1926)

WHITLOCK FAMILY

The Whitlock family arrived in Alberta in March 1922, from Nunney, Somerset, England and settled on a farm about four miles west of Lloydminster, and three and a half miles east of Blackfoot, along the road which is now Highway 16. Family members at that time were John and Edith and their children, Arthur, Mary and Wilfred.

As a young man, Mr. Whitlock first came to Canada in 1912; he took the train west and visited with friends in Vancouver. He was most impressed with all the farming opportunities in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and ten years later decided to come back with his family. The dairy farm he was operating for his widowed mother, near Hunney, was not really productive enough to support two families, so he thought he would try homesteading in Alberta.

Life on the farm was quite difficult for the young family. The school in Blackfoot was so far away that Arthur and Mary weren't able to attend until they were nine and seven years old, and even then they found it such a long walk that they hardly ever made it in time for the first class. Later

THE WILLIAM WHITING STORY

(as told by Bernard)

William Whiting was born and raised in Cumberland County, in the north of England, in 1881. He left home when he was quite young, as his mother had died and his father had remarried and he did not get along with his stepmother.



Wm. Whiting with oxen 1908.

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