

16 November 2005
Hello David

Thank you for letting me know of your success. It is really pleasing to hear when Romsey.net has been helpful. Makes the effort all worthwhile!

Thank you
Ann Perrett Web Manager

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From: David Hitchin [<mailto:david@hitchin.plus.com>]

Sent: 15 November 2005 14:21

To: Ann Perrett

Subject: RE: Whiting family in Romsey

Dear Ann Perrett,

In August this year you posted an enquiry of mine about the Whiting family in Romsey, with a helpful reply. You asked to hear of any success stories, so here is one which you may post if you wish.

With thanks and best wishes

David Hitchin

When I wrote to you in August enquiring about Henry Holland Whiting in Romsey I didn't mention that my middle name is also Holland. As a result of my posting on your website I have heard from another member of the Whiting family, which has also kept up the tradition of Holland as a middle name. I have received a copy of a very large genealogy of the Whiting family, with an unbroken line from 1440. Much of the family history relates to the Portchester area, but there were two further references to Romsey.

In 1835 the daughter of Thomas Whiting was baptised at Romsey Abbey.

In 1876 Eliza Jane Whiting married Clement Biddlecombe who was the General Manager of the Berthon Boatbuilding works at Romsey, which was owned by the vicar of Romsey, the Rev. Edward Lyon Berthon. They lived in Portersbridge Street, Romsey and had a country retreat "Squab Cottage", Squab Wood, Romsey, originally an old coaching inn sometime known as the 'Ham and Cleaver'.

Through your website I have been able to trace my grandmother's line 400 years further back, and I am now in touch with a branch of my family of whose continued existence I was unaware; it seems that it is about 60 years since there were any close links between the Hitchins and Whitings. Thank you for making this possible.

David Holland Hitchin