

# CAPT. JOHN WHITLOCK

Included with the March 1985 additions lists were several items relating to the Loyalist, Capt. John Whitlock (1748?-1832) of the Queen's American Rangers. One of the documents relates to the purchase of the "Fief Choisy" in Vaudreuil, Lower Canada (Quebec) in 1825. Part of the transaction involves the sale of John Whitlock's land in Lennox, Massachusetts that was bequeathed to him in the will of John Whitlock. Capt. John Whitlock had transferred the property to Peter Vanderburgh who in turn transferred it back to the Captain, I would assume this was to avoid its being confiscated as belonging to a Loyalist but have no proof this was so. Peter Vanderburgh was related but I am not sure how yet.

Capt. John Whitlock married Eleanor Coley at Norwalk, Connecticut in 1770 and a son John was baptized in 1772. There is no mention of a son John in any of Canadian documents so whether he died young or remained in Connecticut is unknown. I assume the John Whitlock who left the land in Lennox was Capt. John's father but there is no proof of that either.

NOTE: This Captain John Whitlock has been confused with the John Whitlock, son of John Whitlock and Mary Lee born 1745 in Danbury, Connecticut. They both appear to have fathers John Whitlock. They were both born about 1745, although Capt. John is shown as 84 at his death in 1832. They both married about 1770 and had a son John born about 1772 but documents show John Whitlock (1745-1828) was living in Castleton, Vermont in 1814 and died there in 1828. Another confusion is over the death of Eleanor (Coley) Whitlock. Some documents show her death at Lennox in 1781 but on examination of the records the entry says "Mrs. Whitlock" and it is my belief this was not Eleanor. My main reason for this belief is that Capt. John Whitlock took his family to Nova Scotia in the 1780's and amongst other children born there is William Coley Whitlock. If Capt. John had remarried it seem unlikely he would have named a child after his first wife.

Anyone with the original Whitlocks of Connecticut charts showing Capt. John can let me know and I will replace them with the corrected information. Also if anyone has any clues to the Whitlocks of Lenox, Massachusetts I would appreciate any help in finding which section of the family Capt. John Whitlock belongs to.