

TENNESSEE WHITLOCKS

In the past few months I have received quite a lot of new information on the Tennessee families and in particular the Virginia families that moved into Tennessee in the early 1800's. It is now becoming clear that many of these families are probably from the same source. "A History of The Whitlock Family" (REF16/22) 1941 and updated in 1966 by Georgia James and Ona James Maloney mentions the children of the Baptist Minister, Thomas Whitlock and his wife Susanna Webb. Several of these children moved from Virginia into Tennessee starting in 1816. The family history mainly dealt with the family of Thomas Wellington (William?) Whitlock who went on from Tennessee to Illinois but did mention that he had brothers James, Jackson, Mitchel and John. Mitchel and John came to Tennessee in 1835 and Jackson Whitlock also settled in Wilson County Tennessee.

I think we are now coming across the descendants of these brothers. Several letters have been received from the family of John Whitlock, born in Virginia January 25, 1797. John was a Baptist minister who married three times and had 23 children. Each of the letters seem to have these basic facts but each deals with the children of a different wife but I am sure they they are all the same John Whitlock. This John Whitlock I believe we are going to find was the son of Thomas & Susanna (Webb) Whitlock.

There are numerous Tennessee documents going back to the early 1800's including land transactions and letters so hopefully collecting these together will shed some light on the connections between the early Tennessee Whitlocks. Thomas & Susanna (Webb) Whitlock are shown on the WHITLOCK10 chart and with the descendants of John Whitlock's 23 children I can imagine there are going to be some rather large additions to the Whitlocks of Virginia chart (WHITLOCK10) in the coming months.