

# WHITLOCKS OF HALIFAX CO., VA

Included in the "Additions" lists in this issue of the Newsletter are two very interesting papers by Lucy Atkins. This article deals with one of the papers. Lucy has done extensive research into the Whitlocks of Virginia and has accumulated a terrific base of material from which to make her proposals. The proposal is in two parts, the first outlines why Lucy does not agree with the printed genealogies that show descent through John & Sarah (Wilburn) Whitlock and the second part deals with the likely route of descent.

Lucy has acquired a copy of Lewis Wilborne's will. It is dated Nov.5, 1796 and is recorded in Halifax Co. W.B.6, p.243. The will mentions:

Wife - Mary Wilborne

Son-in-law - John Whitlock and LUCY Whitlock his wife

Grandson - Richard Whitlock

My three children - Robert Wilborne, Elizabeth Page and LUCY Whitlock

Thus it is obvious that in 1796 John Whitlock was married to Lucy Wilborne. All of this is much too late in the 1700's for the John who we show married to Sarah Wilburn as they would have to have been married in the 1720's.

From later documents it would seem that Lucy has died and John is married to Sally/Sarah. In the Halifax Deed Book 56, p.498 the following is recorded: At Court 26 day of Jany. 1857. Thomas L. Spragins from Sally Whitlock, Mitchell Whitlock and Sally Whitlock his wife, John Whitlock, Robert Martin and Sally Martin his wife ... land on which Sally Whitlock now resides and which was devised from estate of Lewis Wilborne to Richard L. (S.?) Whitlock, the son of said Sally Whitlock, and sold to John Whitlock, the husband of the said Sally Whitlock by Richard Whitlock (1815).

This deed is dated Oct.3,1835, although not presented in court until 1857. It is proposed that Richard was probably 21 in 1815 when he deeded his share of his grandfather's estate to his father. This would make Richard born about 1794 which fits with Lewis Wilborne's will.

This gives us a clue to another mystery. On page 8 of W.H. Whitlock's "A History of The Whitlock Family" 1941, he mentions "He (Mitchell Whitlock) migrated from Virginia to Tennessee in 1835, bringing with him his brother John and their widowed mother." Thus it appears that John & Mitchell Whitlock were not children of Thomas Whitlock of Halifax Co. but possibly cousins.

This covers the reasons Lucy does not believe the descent shown in W.H. Whitlock's is correct and the second part of Lucy's paper deals with the most likely descent.

The clue to Lucy's proposed line of descent is in the will of Grizel (Coleman) Whitlock dated 1759. Grizel mentions several of her children in her will but Lucy feels there were seven in all. John who married Ann Logan in 1754, Sarah who married ?? Bibb, Anne Whitlock, William who married Mary Rowntree in 1767, Grizel who married ?? Allbriton, Robert who married Agnes Alford in 1762 and Thomas who married Mary Williamson. Lucy believes that Thomas & Mary (Williamson) Whitlock's son Thomas bp.Nov.16,1762 is the Thomas who married Susannah Webb in 1788. This family is detailed in the WHITLOCK33 chart that follows. Lucy's proposals thus solve three mysteries. The first being who the "widowed mother" of Mitchell and John Whitlock was in 1835 and this in turn lends more credence to the theory that Susannah Webb lived well into the 1800's and went to Tennessee with her

husband. Lastly Lucy also mentions that she believes that it was Thomas William Whitlock who married Sally Gillehorn in 1807, not his father as is shown in W.H. Whitlock's history.

Lucy points out that these are just proposals and I am sure she would be interested to hear from anyone with comments. (Mrs. Lucy Whitlock Atkins, Route 5, Box 6A, Louisa, Virginia, 23093)

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