

THOMAS WHITLOCK OF WYTHE CO., Va

We all have many unsolved mysteries in our research that have plagued us for years. Little hints that you have received in the past, filed away and then nothing for years. Thomas Whitlock of Wythe Co, Virginia is one of mine. Back in the 1970's I came across some court records for Augusta Co., Virginia. One case dated September 1799 told the story of Charles Whitlock, a young man killed by a falling tree. Charles left a widow, Mary and two infant daughters Agness and Hanna. William Davies, the guardian of the two daughters petitioned to have their grandfather, Thomas Whitlock settle upon them the land promised to their father.

William Davies stated that Thomas Whitlock owned land on Reed Island in Wythe Co. and promised to convey it to Charles if Charles would marry Mary Davies, the daughter of Henry Davies, which marriage took place.

The only other information I had about this Thomas Whitlock was that he had another daughter who was married to Thomas Brookes. This is the way things sat until Chuck Rockett sent in some extracts from Cumberland Co., Kentucky wills. Included was the will of this Thomas Whitlock!!

The will was dated January 22, 1824 and proved in 1830. It mentions daughters, Sarah Brooks and Nancy Bryson, son-in-law William Hamak, granddaughters, heirs of son Charles Whitlock, dec., son-in-law John Hammons and daughter Milly Husk. Abner Bryson and Thomas Brooks were administrators.

From Thomas' will it appears there are no Whitlock descendants but we now know the family moved from Virginia into Kentucky. While Thomas owned land in Wythe Co., Va I would assume that he was from Augusta Co. as that is where the petition was filed in 1799. Bit by bit we will piece together how Thomas fits into the Virginia family. We are now another step closer to the answer.

Sources: UBC79; R442