

BOUDINOT (BOOT) WHITLOCK

The following information on Boudinot Whitlock (pronounced Boud-in-o) was sent in by Betty Hallowell and I thought it made very interesting reading.

"Lela Whitlock, the wife of my brother Robert Whitlock, told me that my mother, Narcis Whitlock Guest said Boot Whitlock told mother that his father was full blood Irish. The family had a pet wolf that was kept chained in the yard. The wolf liked chicken so he knew the exact length of the chain. Just as soon as a chicken would stray within length of the chain, the wolf would catch and kill it. Then Boot's father would cuss the wolf in Irish. We don't know if Boot's mother was French or not by she named two sons French names, Boudinot and Reneau (Reno). My Uncle Gid J. Patton who was a brother of my grandfather Robert B. Daugherty told me that some of the Whitlock boys were raised by the noted Cherokee Indian statesman, Elias Cornelius Boudinot. Uncle Gid being related to Boot through my mother and having lived near him must have known the facts. Gid was County Commissioner of Sequoyah & Adair Counties and later a State Senator of Oklahoma, a most wonderful man. There was an earlier Cherokee named Elias Boudinot who operated the first printing press in Okla. Territory. He would print Cherokee language on one side of the paper and English on the other. He was killed in 1839 as he and the Ridge family and Watie family had signed a treaty to remove to Oklahoma. They did not fully represent the 17,000 Cherokees. So he was known as a member of the Treaty Party and lost his life because of this. The other man, Elias Cornelius Boudinot owned a large ranch in Washington County, Ark. It was on this ranch the Whitlock boys grew up. I don't know Uncle Gid may have meant that the boys worked on the ranch but he said 'raised'. Many of the Whitlock boys were cattlemen, that's about all Boot ever did. The first Boudinot man's name was Watie (Indian name). He was befriended by a white man who lived in Philadelphia, Pa whose name was Elias Boudinot. Watie was sent to Cornwall, Conn. to be educated in white school. So he took the name of his Benefactor, Elias Boudinot. So guess Boudinot Whitlock was named after them. When Robert & Lela Whitlock were married they lived as bride and groom in the house north of the main house on Robert's 200 acres of allotted land. The old house was turned into a barn when the new house was finished. Lela said my mother Narcis was strong on giving Castoria medicine to children and my Daddy like to give a medicine called 'wonderful eight' for colds and sore throat and Epsom Salts for all other ailments. Better not complain around them or they would run for the 'wonderful eight'."

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