

SILVIA WHITLOCK

In the Cornwallis Papers, compiled by George H. Reese in 1970 there is reference to a Silvia Whitlock of Dutchman Creek, North Carolina. In a letter to B.Gen. Davidson dated January 20, 1781 Silvia Whitlock, the widow of James Whitlock, "requests the return of a negro boy and wants to retain 20 bushels of corn demanded of her."

It is assumed the Silvis Whitlock who shows as a taxpayer in Surry County, North Carolina in 1782 is also the above Silvia Whitlock. Her land is in Capt. Gain's District and the 100 acres was taxed at a value of 25 Pounds.

We have not been able to determine who Silvia was or which James Whitlock she married but we do have a few ideas. In 1795 Thomas Whitlock, son of Charles & Esther Whitlock, purchased 138 acres on the north fork of Dutchman's Creek. Thomas married Mary Ponsonbay in 1799 and among other children they had a daughter named Silvia who married John Jenkins. As Silvia is a unusual name in the 1700's we have speculated that James Whitlock and Thomas Whitlock might be related and that Thomas may have named is daughter after his Great-Aunt Silvia. If this is so it is likely that the James Whitlock who married Silvia was born about 1741, a son of James & Agness (Christmas) Whitlock.

I could not find any reference to Silvia Whitlock remarrying or transferring her land and would be interested to know if anyone has further information relating to this Silvia Whitlock.

Sources:UBC148; REF441; REF78/427