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The following material was sent in by Mary Maxfield and comes from a chapter she contributed to Gifford White's book "Amy White of the Old 300" (Nortex Press, 1986)

William Whitlock appears in the 1820 census for St. Martin Parish, [St.Martinville, Louisiana] the family consisting of three children (1 boy and 2 girls) under age 10 and 1 male 26-45 and 1 female 26-48. One person in the family "engaged in agriculture, commerce or manufacturing."

With their four children, in 1824 William and Mary Whitlock went from Louisiana to Texas as one of the 300 families for whom Stephen F. Austin had been granted land by the Government of Mexico for colonization. William Whitlock's petition for land was made at San Felipe de Austin on 13 August 1824, to the Baron de Bastrop, and a favorable report on William Whitlock's good qualities and circumstances was made on the same date by Stephen Austin. On the following day, grant was made of one league of land "situated in the East margin of the San Jacinto River one league more or less below the crossing of the Atascosito Road, without facility of irrigation" and on 16 August 1824 "Baron de Bastrop and Empresario Estevan F. Austin, the witnesses, William Grayson, Henry White, George White, the adjacent landowner, the Surveyor, Isaac Hughes, and the interested party, William Whitlock, went to the said League," and the land was surveyed and William Whitlock put in possession of the tract. (From certified copy dated 1 May 1959 of correct translated copy of Title from grant made to William Whitlock, Vol. 2:424, Spanish Archives of the General Land Office, Austin, Texas).

Mary Maxfield mentions that at his marriage this William Whitlock was recorded as "William Whytlock, legitimate son of Robert Whytlock and Aggy Stringer". The records further state that William was a native of "Saulberry County, South Carolina". There is a Salisbury District in North Carolina but it has not yet been confirmed who Robert Whitlock's parents were. One clue is the will of Edward Stringer made in Caswell County, North Carolina in 1779 in which he names his daughter Agnes Whitlock. It seems evident there is a connection with the Whitlocks of Virginia and possibly with Robert Whitlock who married Agnes Alford at St.James Northam, Goochland Co., Virginia April 17,1762.

This part of the family participated in the major historical events that formed the present day Texas and Mary weaves her story in and around these events with clear reference to her sources for those wishing to do further research. A very interesting addition and our thanks to Mary for sharing it with us.

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