

REUBEN WHITLOCK OF NEW JERSEY

As a descendant of the New Jersey family Chuck Rockett has concentrated on this branch although, as the additions lists in this issue show, Chuck's interest has strayed occasionally!! Chuck had been able to trace back to George Whitlock born in New Jersey August 22, 1781 who married Elisabeth Kase in Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania in 1808. It was Chuck's belief that George's father was Reuben Whitlock but so far there has been nothing to prove it.

Reuben is not a very common Whitlock name but there appear to have been two of them in the New Jersey & Virginia areas in the late 1700's. The first is the Reuben Whitlock born in Virginia in St. Peter's Parish, New Kent in 1756. This Reuben we feel is the Sergeant Major in the 2nd Virginia State Regiment. He enlisted March 1777 and resigned October 1779. This Reuben would have been 21 in 1777 so it seems a likely connection. It is believed this is the Sergeant Reuben Whittock (sic) whose 1797 administration is listed in Hamilton Co., Ohio Probate records. The actual administration record appears to no longer be extant according to the Office of the Recorder for Hamilton County (X1549).

The second Reuben Whitlock appears to be the one who married Christine. He shows in Knowlton, Sussex Co., New Jersey in 1773/4 in the list of tax rateables. He is also the witness to the will of Johannis Fries Mar.26,1770 and it is this point that convinced us there were two Reubens as the one born in 1756 could not be have witnessing a will in 1770.

There were two other families that also traced back to New Jersey at this time. John Whitlock born Nov.11,1767 who married Mary Morris in 1793 in New Jersey and William Whitlock born Jan.17,1778 who married Elizabeth Neil at Mendham, Morris Co., New Jersey in 1806. William's parents are shown as Reuben & Christine Whitlock.

The number of Reuben Whitlocks shown as descendants of John & Mary (Morris) Whitlock have always indicated that it is likely that John's father was the Reuben Whitlock of Knowlton, Sussex Co., New Jersey but we had also assumed the Reuben Whitlock of Knowlton was likely the one born in New Kent, Virginia in 1756. The Reuben Whitlock born in 1756 was also too young to be the father of John Whitlock born in 1767. The fact that we now know the two Reubens were separate persons leaves us free to speculate that one from Knowlton was the father to all three, John born 1767, William born 1778 and George born 1781. So far there is no proof but William is shown as a son of Reuben and John named a son Reuben so those two seem very likely. George, while the odd one out with no Reuben descendants, is from the right location and time period.

These families are detailed on charts WHITLOCK.36,39 & 62 and our thanks to Chuck Rockett for this information.

Sources:X224; X230; X465; X541; X1344/4; X1549; X1565; R845