

BOWEN WHITLOCK

In the Tennessee records that have been sent in over the years there have been several references to a Bowen Whitlock. He appears to have married and had several children but we have yet to trace any descendants or determine which family he is connected with.

We find Bowen Whitlock in the 1830 census for Lincoln Co., Tennessee. He and his wife are listed aged 30-40 and there are five children. One son less than five, a son and a daughter between 5 and 10 and two daughters between 10 and 16. Also listed in Lincoln Co. in 1830 is Rowland (Rolen) Whitlock, born in North Carolina about 1805. By 1840 Bowen has left Lincoln County and appears in Calloway Co., Kentucky. This entry has not been checked to confirm this is the same Bowen. There is an entry in 1850 for Calloway Co. for a Mary Whitlock if there is a possibility that Mary is Bowen's widow this may indicate Bowen may have died between 1840 and 1850. Again the entry for 1850 has not been checked.

Another possibility is the Elizabeth Whitlock, presumably a widow living in Roane Co. in 1840 but the number and ages of the children do not match those given for Bowen in 1830. There is a connection to North Carolina here as Elizabeth's husband is likely a son of Robert & Martha (Nance) Whitlock. Robert Whitlock was supposedly born and raised in Union Co., South Carolina but moved to North Carolina prior to settling in Jefferson Co., Tennessee. Elizabeth is shown as born in South Carolina in the 1850 census.

Bowen Whitlock shows in the 1820 census of Warren Co., Tennessee aged 26-45 with a wife aged 16-26 and two sons under 10. In 1812 Bowen shows on the Tax List of Warren Co., Tennessee and he appears on the Muster Rolls of the Soldiers of the War of 1812. The 8th Regiment, 2nd Company, detached from the 2nd Surry Regiment of the Militia of North Carolina lists Bowen Whitlock as an Ensign. The connection with Surry Co., North Carolina continues with the will of Thomas Bowen of Surry Co., North Carolina made September 19, 1800. In this will Bowen is to receive 2/3 of real & personal estate when he is of age. The will mentions Thomas' wife, Sarah and the executors are James Parks and William Coleman. It is witnessed by James Whitlock, Richard Green and Agness Minish. The will is recorded by James Whitlock in the Surry County Court, November 1800.

The clue to determining Bowen's parents may lie in the James Whitlock who was a witness to Thomas Bowen's will of 1800. We have not been able to pin this James down yet there are a couple of James in Surry Co., North Carolina. There is a James Whitlock who is shown in Rowan Co., North Carolina in 1761 and in Bert County in 1769. He is administrator of the estate of Robert Farrington of Rowan County in 1774. In 1781 his widow Silvey is shown living at Dutchman Creek, North Carolina and in a petition to General Davidson requests the return of a negro boy and begs leave to retain 20 bushels of corn demanded of her. [This Silvey may be the Silvey Jones who married a James Whitlock see X1620] The fact Silvey was a widow in 1781 eliminates her husband as the James who witnessed Thomas Bowen's will in 1800.

The most likely candidate is the James Whitlock who shows on the Surry Co., North Carolina Tax List from 1791-1800. He appears to have been taxed for 100 acres between 1793 and 1799 and in 1800 shows with 200 acres. In 1814 a James Whitlock sells 100 acres to Ephraim Padgett for £100. James Whitlock appears on the census for Surry Co., North Carolina until 1830 where he is listed as age 60-69. This places James' birth between 1760-1770 and makes him a likely candidate to be Bowen's father as Bowen was less than 21 in 1800 and likely in his twenties in 1812.

Hopefully as more research is done on the North Carolina families in the late 1700's we will be able to tie some of these families together and in the process determine how Bowen Whitlock fits into the picture. I would be interested to here from anyone who has come across references to Bowen Whitlock that have not

been mentioned in this article.

Sources: WG1:4:4; X613/5; X615; X1316/7; X1386/2; R283; R346/222