

JAMES WHITLOCK OF SURRY CO. NC

In one of the documents sent in by Carl Whitlock there is a reference to a James Whitlock of Surry Co., North Carolina. It is contained in the will of Philip Howard dated July 28, 1808. Philip lists his grandchildren and adds the "8 children of Nancy Whitlock, grandchildren of my present wife are to have \$3 ea to be pd to their father, James Whitlock." It is assumed Philip's wife, Sarah is a second wife but there is no mention of her name at the time of her marriage to Philip.

It is assumed this James Whitlock is the one who shows in the Surry Co. Tax lists from 1791 to 1800. Up to 1799 James is taxed for 100 acres but in 1800 he is listed with 200 acres. James appears on the 1800 census for Surry Co. aged between 26 and 44 with a wife and 5 children. This places his birth between 1756 and 1774. In 1810 he is still aged between 26 and 44 which would place his birth between 1766 and 1774. By 1810 he has a possible 12 children. There is a deed dated August 20, 1814 between James Whitlock and Ephraim Padgett where James sells to Ephraim 100 acres for \$100. The land is said to be "on the Rocky branch of Hunting Creek..." Padgett was obviously a neighbour as the land is described as "Beginning at a ... Padgetts corner..." The above deed was registered in Feb.1818 and witnessed by James at that time. The Surry County Tax List for 1817 shows James Whitlock "118 Hunting Creek 436 1". In 1820 James has ten children still living at home although his age is unclear. The 1820,1821 & 1826 tax lists show James still at Hunting Creek with 100 acres. In 1830 there are only five children at home and James is shown as age 60 to 69. This further narrows down his birth to between 1766 and 1770.

It is unclear who James' parents were. He has been shown as a son of Charles and Esther Whitlock as two of the three Whitlocks living in Surry County in the 1800 are Charles & Esther's children. Charles and Esther did have a son James but it has been assumed this James Whitlock (1762-1804) was the one who went to Grainger Co., Tennessee.

Hopefully we will be able to track down Philip & Sarah Howard's marriage as this would likely give us Nancy Whitlock's maiden name. This may give us the clue we need to determine which part of the family to which James belongs. The names of James numerous children may also connect several of the other North Carolina families to James and Nancy Whitlock.

Sources: X399/243; X1792/2; R78/108,392,393,396,397,426; R1014; R1062/2; X869