

# WILLIAM WHITLOCK & THE COURTS

Court records can often yield very useful detail about your ancestors and can give you some incite into their characters. The book *Union County, South Carolina Minutes of the County Court 1785-1799* by Brent H. Holcomb certainly gives us an interesting picture of William Whitlock of Union County.

In the fifteen years this book covers there are twenty references to William Whitlock. Some of the references relate to land transactions but many are suits to collect debts and slander actions. William Whitlock and Landslide Porter appear to have fallen out over a land transaction and the case dragged on for several years including two actions brought by William Whitlock for slander. There are at least three other slander suits involving William Whitlock.

There is not a great deal of detail about the cases as only the decisions are recorded but the volume and nature of the cases can give interesting incite into the life of your ancestors. William Whitlock was obvious a larger than life character in Union County.

One point that these transactions made perfectly clear is that William Whitlock owned a mill on Browns Creek near Fannin Creek. Always useful information.

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