

ABEL WHITLOCK FAMILY BIBLE

Earl Johnson's latest package for us has been over 300 pages of Revolutionary War Pension files. One item jumped out at me as I went through and numbered the pages. The first file was for Abel Whitlock (1759-1829) of Connecticut and right at the front of the file were pages obviously torn from a family Bible!! The Bible was printed in Philadelphia in 1802 and the following entries were written on the back of the frontispiece:

Wilton
Abel Whitlock was born 1759
April 17th
Phebe Whitlock was born
April 16, AD 1766
Abel Whitlock and Phebe Birchard
was joined in Marriage 30th March
AD 1785 My Daughter Tillah Was
born 30th June 1786 Our Son
Eliphalet was born 29th May
1792 Our Daughter Hannah
was born April 12, 1796
Our Daughter Elizabeth was
born July 15th 1800

While this information is not new to our files the origin was never clear and it is obvious this was one of the original sources. I am sure the pension files will yield other treasures. Our sincere thanks to Earl for adding this material to our files.