

SARAH (WHITLOCK) EASTIN

It is rare, after 30 years of collecting Whitlock family material, that someone can send me items from the 1700's that have no connection to any material in the files. Such is the case with the family of Sarah (Whitlock) Eastin sent in by June Sandberg.

June is researching the Eastin family in Albemarle Co., Virginia and found a reference in the *Eastin Quarterly* to a Thomas Eastin born about 1725 who married circa 1744 Sarah Whitlock. The article mentioned that Sarah's family was from Scotland. Thomas and Sarah (Whitlock) Eastin had eleven children that have been identified. John (c1745), a daughter (c1746), Augustine (1750), Stephen (c1752), a daughter (1753), James (c1754), Philip (c1755), William (1757), Achilles (c1759), Exony (c1763) and Reuben (?). I question the Scottish origins due to the name being extremely rare at this time in Scotland. Also the names of her children do not appear to have a Scottish flavour to them.

Two of the children's names caught my eye, Achilles and Reuben. We have an Achilles Whitlock of Caroline Co., Virginia possibly born in the 1730's. He was the son of John & Mary Whitlock of Caroline Co. and supposedly grandson of John & Sarah Whitlock of Halifax Co. No obvious connection but the three generations of Achilles Whitlocks from Caroline Co. are the only ones to hold this name.

The second name that caught my eye was Reuben. Chuck Rockett has been trying to track down his Reuben & Christine Whitlock for years so any reference to a Reuben is worth investigating. Reuben Whitlock was also born in the 1730's and there is some possibility he was from Virginia.

As I review each of these connections it will be interesting to see if either of them turn up any reference to the Eastin family. You never know where the clue you need will appear.

Sources: R1617; X2261; X2262