

WILL OF GRIZEL WHITLOCK, 1759

In the name of God Amen I Grizel Whitlock of Goochland County and parish of St. James Northam being at this time Sick and Low in Body but of sound mind and Memory thanks to almighty God, do make and ordain this my last will & Testament in Manner and form following.

First I comit my soul to Almighty God, in an thro' the merits of my Redeemer Jesus Christ and my Body to be Dicently Burried at the Direction of my Executors hereafter Named.

Item I give and Bequeath to my Loving Son William Whitlock the tract or parcel of Land whereone I now live it being the Lands and Planatation which I purchased of Robert Williamson Consisting of two hundred & fifty Acres to him and his heirs forever.

But if should be please God tha my aforesaid son William should Dye before he arives to the Age of Twenty one Years or leaves Lawfull Isue then my Will and Desire is that my Daughter Anne shall have the Aforesaid Lands & plantation to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughters Sarrah Bibb and Grizel Allbriton my Negroe Harry to them and their heirs forever.

I also give to my Daughter Grizel one new Pewter Dish.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Anne my Brass Kettle one box Iron one Bason & one Pewter Dish to her and her heirs forever. also my Chest of Drawers to her & her heirs forever.

I do hereby Constitue and Appoint my Loving son John Whitlock & James Woodson my Whole & Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby Revoking and annulling all other or former wills by me heretofore made In Witness whereof and to every part of this my last will and Testament I have hereunto set my hand & Affixed my Seal this 8th Day of February One thousand seven hundred & fifty nine.

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged
to be my last will in presence of
Josias Payne Junr.
Robbert Whitlock
Jn Daniel Coleman

her
Grizel X Whitlock
Mark

At a Court held for Goochland County February the 20th 1759.

This Writing was proved by the Oaths of Josias Payne, Junior, and Robert Whitlock, Witnesses hereto to be the last Will and Testament of Grizel Whitlock deceased, which was Admitted to Record.

Teste: Val Woodle Cur.

There is additional information about details given in the above will in the Goochland Co., Virginia Court Order and Minute Books.

May 20, 1751 Thomas Whitlock buys from John Goode 200 acres on branches of the Beaverdam Creek, north side of James River bounded by Jacob Oglesby, John Sims dec'd line, Francis Amos line.

May 21,1751 Robert Williamson of St.James, Goochland sells to Grisell Whitlock of King Wm. County, 250 acres, bounded by James Christian, John Goo[de]s, Francis Amos. This is the land Grizel Whitlock mentions in her will.

In February 1759 Thomas Whitlock contests the validity of the will of Grizel Coleman. It would be interesting to see on what grounds he contested.

Grizel had seven children, Thomas, Grizel, Robert, John, Sarah, William and Anne. William and Anne were both under age 21 in 1759 as they chose James Woodson as their guardian. It is assumed this is the James Woodson who married Elizabeth Whitlock Jul.23,1754 Goochland Co., Virginia.

The Inventory of Grizel Whitlock's estate was done May 15,1759 by Josias Payne Jr., Humphrey Parrish Jr. & Drury Christian.

It is not clear who the Thomas Whitlock is who is shown on the Tithe List for Southam Parish, Northam Parish & King William parish Dd Jun.10,1746. All persons over age 16 are listed, wives are not listed separately and there is no Grizel Whitlock listed which would imply Thomas was possibly her husband. Grizel does not appear separately until 1751.

There are several clues that seem to converge here. The mystery of the identity of Grizel (Coleman) Whitlock's husband, possibly a Thomas Whitlock. The Elizabeth Whitlock who married James Woodson in 1754, possibly a sister-in-law to Grizel Whitlock. James & Elizabeth (Whitlock) Woodson do name their eldest son Thomas Woodson. There are also numerous Tarleton Woodsons related to James & Elizabeth (Whitlock) Woodson. This could also be a clue to the origins of the family headed by Tarleton Whitlock.

Source: R78/361,362,367; R1056; R1149: R1649