

WILL OF JOHN FOWLER 1833

A transcript of extracts from John Fowler's will appears in the Union County, South Carolina Will Book B. It reads as follows: Will of John Fowler of Union District... to my son in law James McWhirter, negro Beckey; to my daughter Catey Johnson, negro Cassey; to my son Lemuel Fowler, negro woman Nance, and all of my hatters tools that he is in possession of, and six steel traps; to my daughter Oney Fowler negro girl Pris; to my grandchildren by William Whitlock, negro girl Mary; James Fowler (X) (LS), Wit: William K. Fowler, Milligan Fowler, James Fowler, Reubin Coleman. Proven and recorded 9 Feb.1833.

We assume this is the same Whitlock referred to in the will of Edward Hames of Union District dated Jun.22,1840 also witnessed by Reuben Coleman. Edward Hames refers to 200 acres of land adjacent Sims, Mrs. Farnandes, Wamack Fowlers, Squire Colemans, Whitlocks line and John Foster.

The Union Co. Marriage Records from Probate Records shows that William Whitlock was married to Delila Fowler.

It is clear from John Fowler's will that this couple had several children but to date we do not know their names. There are two William Whitlocks listed on the 1830 census for Union Co. From the information in John Fowler's will we would assume the William married to Delila Fowler is likely the one shown with three sons and two daughters as the other William only has one son in 1830. Not proof but a likely assumption. This family is shown on the 1840 census with six sons and three daughters. There is a William Whitlock family on the index to the 1850 census for Union Co. but we do not yet have the extract. This could prove or disprove our assumptions.

Hopefully additional research into this family will provide clues to several of the Union Co., South Carolina families.

Sources: R1316; R1587/32