

# WHITLOCKS OF ROWAN CO., NC

There are three references to a land on the banks of the Dutchman Creek in Rowan Co., North Carolina that may hold a clue to how some of the North Carolina families are connected. The first document is a deed dated August 9, 1787 whereby James Whitlock of Rowan Co. is granted 320 acres bounded by the property of John Beeman and Silvas Whitlock. There is a similar document with the same date by which Silvas Whitlock is granted 300 acres bounded by William Helmar, John Gwaltney and James Whitlock.

The third document is dated March 13, 1790 and appears to relate to the same land granted to James Whitlock in 1787 but it is now being sold by John Whitlock of Surry Co. to John Beeman. The property is 320 acres and bounded by the property of Silvas Whitlock and John Beeman. James Whitlock paid L8 for the grant in 1787. John Whitlock receives L100 when he sells the land three years later.

We have assumed Silvas (Silvis) Whitlock is Silvey daughter of Samuel & Sarah Jones and wife of James Whitlock. January 20, 1781 Sylvia Whitlock, widow of James Whitlock petitions B.Gen.Davidson for the return of a negro boy and requests to retain 20 bushels of corn demanded of her [See article WFN 10:3:4 Sep.1991].

The James Whitlock who purchased the property is obviously not Silvia's husband as she is a widow in 1781. We have assumed the John Whitlock who sells the land in 1790 is John Whitlock (1764-1833), the son of Charles & Esther Whitlock and husband of Catherine Cox. As I noted in my September 1991 article there is another connection to Charles and Esther Whitlock as we know their son Thomas purchased 138 acres on the north fork of Dutchman Creek in 1795. Thomas named a daughter Silvia

Bill King speculates that James and Sylvia (Jones) Whitlock are the parents of the James Whitlock who married Nancy Bowen [X2431]. This would make it logical that the James Whitlock who is granted land in 1787 and who's land is adjacent to Sylvia's is her son.

So what is the relationship between James, John and Silvas? To analyze this lets look at the references to each of these persons.

James & Silvia (Jones) Whitlock: James shows as a taxpayer in Rowan Co., 1761; In Bert Co. 1769; Taxed in North Carolina 1772 shown living next to Robt Ferrington; Administrator of estate of Robert Farrington in Rowan Co., 1774; 1774 or 1775 James Whitlock executor to will of Samuel Jones; James shown as a Tory in Rowan Co., 1778; 1781 Sylvia a widow; Silvis Whitlock taxed in Surry Co., 1782; 1784 Sylvia Whitlock administrator of estate of James Whitlock; 1787 grant of 300 acres to Silvas Whitlock of Rowan Co. It is estimated that James Whitlock and Silvia Jones were married in the 1760's.

John & Catherine (Cox) Whitlock: 1790 deed between John Whitlock of Surry Co. and John Beeman of Rowan Co.; John shows on the 1793 tax list Surry Co. There is a tax entry for 1800 plus census entries for 1800-1830; Executor of will of Richard Cox, 1809-10; John's will was proved November 1833.

James Whitlock: 1787 grant to James Whitlock 320 acres in Rowan Co., next to Silvas Whitlock; 1791-1800 Surry Co., tax list; 1800-1830 census' Surry Co.; 1814 James Whitlock sells 100 acres on Hunting Creek to Ephriam Padgett; 1817,1820,1821,1826 tax lists for land on Hunting Creek, Surry Co.

If there is a clue here I am still missing it. We continue to add bits and pieces to this puzzle. Hopefully the correct picture will eventually emerge.

Sources:R1014; R1017; R1797