

THOMAS WHITLOCK'S ESTATE 1780

Many of you have seen the will of Thomas Whitlock of Halifax Co., Virginia. It is dated Dec.27,1779, mentions his wife Elizabeth and children John Whitlock, Thomas Whitlock, Patty Arnold, Morning Medley, Temperance Bartlett, Gilly Lipscomb and Leucy Whitlock. The will was proved Jun.15,1780. The will has been one of the basics in determine the descent detailed in the WHITLOCK.10 chart, The Whitlocks of Virginia #1. Geneva Campbell has now sent in the subsequent probate documents and they prove to be equally as interesting.

The first document is from Halifax Co., Virginia Will Book #2, 1783-1792. It is the inventory and appraisalment from November 1789 of the part of the estate willed to his wife Elizabeth during her lifetime.

"379 Thomas Whitlock - Inventory & appraisalment Nov.1789

The part of his estate willed to his widow during her lifetime.

Items listed: negro man named Ben, 2 beds &c, 3 chairs, 1 chest, bason & plate, grinding stone, pr. sheep shears, 2 potts & 1 pr. hooks, 1 bull, 1 cow, 1 cupboard, 1 rug. Total £63/5/9

S/John Irvine, Edwin Garlington, Anthony Golsham

Returned 28 December 1789"

This gives us an approximate date of death for Elizabeth Dupre.

The final document may have gone undetected by past researchers as it is listed under Whitlow.

"458 Thomas Whitlow - Accounts Current

(also Whitlock) Jeremiah Pate, Exr.

To: pd James Medley pr. acct., do. Harman Miller for pull prue (sic), William Walton pr. acct, Peter Holt pr. do., James McCraw sheriff, Richard Buck for a coffin, John Banks for salt, Clks. tickets, pd. the legatees, sundries divided amongst the legatees by mutual consent. Total: £52143/2/0 Pd Gen. Court lawyer for his appearance to Thomas Lipscomb pr. Acct., commissioners including sums collected of the est. for use at Whitlocks death & for look.g after his negroes & making crop for '80 by ag.mt with legatees. To depreciation, William Donathan pr. acct., Moses Terry for crying the estate, Patrick Boyd pr. acct, Elizabeth Edwards, Sheriff pr. (?) Richard Howson by Thomas Lipscomb, tobo., 1 stack of tops, parcel of shucks, 88 gal. cyder, money on hand at Whitlocks death, money collected from outstanding debts due before his death, sundries divided among the legatees.

Total: £55970/2/0

Bal. Due: 7774/4/6

£57744/7/0

Amount of sales of widows dower 46/12/5

Bal. due estate £4/9/3½

Also remaining in the Exr. hands a sum of paper money which he says he calls for sundries sold of the estate also a bond of James Medleys due the estate.

Settled in obedience to Order of Court.

S/William Terry, Edmund King, Horatio Wade, Hampton Wade.

20 February 1791 Jeremiah Pate, Exr. of Thomas Whitlow, dec'd, made Oath as to the above statement.

S/Edmund King

Returned 25 August 1791. The estate of Thomas Whitlock, dec'd with Jeremiah Pate his executor."

While Thomas Whitlock died in 1780 his estate was not finally settled until 1791. This was partly due to

the portion of the estate that was left to his wife Elizabeth. The final amount of the estate is a huge sum for 1791. What is not clear is what the individual components are of the accounts. Thomas did leave his "house & plantation whereon I live & 100 acres adjoining to it" to his wife for her use so the estate likely would include the revenue earned from the time of Thomas' death until 1791. Even still he was a wealthy man.

Our thanks to Geneva Campbell for this material. A very useful addition to the files on this family.

(Also see article on Elizabeth Dupre in this issue.)

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