

WHITLOCK/SHEPPARD CONNECTIONS

Recent material that has been sent in by Philip Johnson and Ralph Sheppard indicates that the Sheppard family may hold the clues to connecting several different parts of the Whitlock family together.

In his email of Apr.8,1998 Ralph Sheppard details three different ways he is connected to the Whitlock family:

1. Great-Uncle "Elmer" George Sheppard who Married Etta daughter of Mary (Whitlock) Nicholas. I have speculated this Mary was the daughter of Isaac Whitlock (1827-1886) & Esther Morgan (1827-1914) of Morgan Co., Illinois. Isaac was born in Tennessee but we do not know who his parents were.
2. Great Great Grandfather Shephen Sheppard (1806-1889) married Melinda (b.1811) daughter of William & Rachel (Whitlock) Folden. Rachel was born in Virginia about 1791.
3. Great Great Great Aunt Ali B. Sheppard (1808-1880) married William Whitlock (1803-1903) in Adair Co., Kentucky Jan.29,1829. William was the son of William Whitlock born Albemarle Co., Virginia May 12,1761. We have speculated this William was married twice. First to Sarah (Jervis?) and secondly to Rosanna Shelton. The date of the latter marriage is not known so it is not clear year whether Rosanna was the mother of William's children. William Whitlock (1761-1834) lived in Surry Co., North Carolina but is shown in documents dated 1805 as "of Kentucky". We may still have work to do to confirm this connection as William appears on both the Surry Co., North Carolina census for 1810 as well as the one for Adair Co., Kentucky.

The one thing that is clear is there are numerous connections to the Sheppard family and hopefully by working out the Sheppard connections, the Whitlock ones will become clearer. There is one other connection as well. John Whitlock (1801-1871) the son of William Whitlock (1761-1834) married Mary Sheppard (1801?-1889). Three of the above Sheppards are siblings, being children of Louis & Alice (Johnson) Sheppard, Mary b.1801?, Stephen b.1806 and Ali B. b.1808.

Our thanks to Philip Johnson and Ralph Sheppard for passing this detail on. Hopefully as more detail is uncovered regarding this part of the family the connections will crystalize.

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