

AARON COUCH WHITLOCK (1787-1849)

Despite much of the Connecticut family being well documented the families of Aaron Couch Whitlock and his father, Henry Whitlock are very vague.

Henry Whitlock was born in Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., Connecticut Nov.3,1761. He was the son of Jonathan & Sarah (Lobdell) Whitlock. Henry married Anne Couch at New Preston, Washington, Litchfield Co., Connecticut Dec.30,1785. Until recently it was not clear if Henry and Anne had any children. We suspected that Henry Couch Whitlock was likely a child of Henry and Anne but it wasn't until James E. Wilson send in some Fulton Co., New York land records that we had anything that even indicated Henry had descendants.

The record in question was an April 23,1816 indenture between Peter C. Vrooman and his wife Margaret to Henry, Aaron C., Henry Jr. and David Whitlock concerning land in Palatine, New York. This record, while not proof, indicates that Henry likely had at least three sons, Aaron C., Henry Jr. and David Whitlock.

We know from correspondence between Jim Whitlock of Lake Worth, Florida and James E. Wilson that Henry Whitlock Jr. married Mary Vincent in the early 1800's and had at least one son James Whitlock (1814-1886). Henry Whitlock Jr. shows in the *Council of Appointment of the State of New York 1783-1821* for Montgomery Co., 1814. He is appointed an Ensign in the 19th Regiment. This is the Henry Whitlock living in Saratoga, New York in the 1810 census. There is a Henry Whitlock who shows in the first vestry records for St.James Church, Saratoga but it is not clear if this is Henry Whitlock Sr. or Jr.

We are not clear what happened to David Whitlock but he is likely the one married to Hannah and the father of Peter Smith Whitlock (1821-1897) of Arabia, Palatine, Montgomery Co., New York.

This brings us to the eldest son, Aaron Couch Whitlock. He was baptized at St.Johns, Stamford, Connecticut Oct.26,1787. He is buried in Ephratah cemetery, Fulton Co., New York where his grave marker shows him as General Whitlock. Aaron C. Whitlock also show in the *Council of Appointment of the State of New York 1783-1821* for Montgomery Co., 1820. He is appointed a 2nd Lieutenant in the 19th Regiment.

Aaron Couch Whitlock died Feb.15,1849 and in 1850 census for Ephratah his daughter Esther is shown living with John Putman. Esther died Apr.16,1853 age 17. Aaron's wife Sarah is living in Johnstown in 1850 with a family named Swan. Sarah died Jul.2,1863 and is buried in Ephratah cemetery with Aaron and Esther. As Aaron was born in 1787 and his wife, Sarah in 1791 and the only children buried with them in Ephratah cemetery was Esther born about 1836 the question was did they have other children.

The clue to this also comes from James E. Wilson. It is the 1825 census of Palatine, Montgomery Co., New York. Aaron C. Whitlock is listed with " 3 males, including head (1 old

enough to vote and for Military duty), 3 females (one married and under 45, 1 unmarried 16-45, 1 female unmarried under age 16). This indicates Aaron had two sons born after 1807 as neither were age 18 in 1825. There are two daughters one born before 1809 and one after. This would also indicate Aaron and Sarah were likely married before 1809 and likely after 1807.

Also buried in Ephratah cemetery is Stephen Whitlock (1816?-1884) and his wife Elizabeth (Putman) Whitlock (1818-1852). There may be some connection between Elizabeth Putman and the John Putman that Esther Whitlock is living with in 1850. Stephen is likely a son of Aaron C. Whitlock..

The possibility for the other son is William Whitlock born May 1809 Palatine Bridge, Montgomery Co., New York. William Whitlock married Nancy Dougan (1805-1867) in Feb.1835 in New York. This couple are the ancestors of James E. Wilson.

In the research that James E. Wilson sent in it mentions that Ephratah was formed from Palatine, Montgomery Co., Mar.27,1827 as the northern part of Montgomery Co. On Apr.18,1838 Fulton Co., was formed from Montgomery Co., thus Ephratah became part of Fulton Co. This explains the use of the names Palatine, Ephratah, Montgomery Co. and Fulton Co., all meaning the same location.

Our thanks to Richard Whitlock and James E. Wilson for passing on this information. It added great new details to our collection on the Connecticut Whitlock family and pulled together quite a few so far unconnected persons. Hopefully by additional research we will be able to put names to the four children listed with Aaron Couch Whitlock on the 1825 census and determine if our speculations have been correct.

Sources: X277/13,14; X398/1; X1742/1; X1912; X3366