

SHERWOOD NANCE b.1754

David Robertson's GenForum message of Apr.30,2000 (X3557) contained the type of clue every genealogist hopes for. A family Bible record, previously unknown with entries back to the 1750's!!

David has traced the Whitlock family from Virginia to South Carolina and the Bentley family who left South Carolina in the 1830's for Nectar north of Oneonta courthouse in Blount County, Alabama. Lucinda Bentley married Taliferro Lewis Cox there in 1835 and settled in Upshur County, Texas by 1853. On each these treks the family Bible would have gone with them. With each generation the links back to Virginia became more and more distant. That is until Mr. Robertson, a semi-retired Texas teacher and U.S. history instructor decided to trace his ancestry.

David Robertson is a descendant of William & Mary (Rowntree) Whitlock who were married December 22, 1767 at St.James Northam, Goochland County, Virginia. William Whitlock is a son of Grizel Coleman (1705-1759) and an unknown Mr. Whitlock. This family is detailed on the WHITLOCK33 chart and despite having known the connection to Grizel (Coleman) Whitlock for many years we have as yet not been able to determine the name of her husband.

Now, the Whitlock-Bentley-Cox family Bible does not answer this question it does contain a very important clue that might lead us to the answer. The clue is that earliest entry in the Bible is for Sherwood Nance born 1754. The question Mr. Robertson asks is "Can anyone explain why his name and birthdate is in our Whitlock-Bentley-Cox Bible???"

The Nance family is connected to another Whitlock family, the WHITLOCK68 chart. Robert Whitlock born Union County, South Carolina about 1773 married Martha Nance and settled in Roane County, Tennessee. Robert & Martha (Nance) Whitlock named a son Sherwood Whitlock!! We have long suspected that this Robert was the son of Robert & Agnes (Alford) Whitlock who were married at St.James Northam, Goochland County, Virginia Apr.17,1762. This Robert was another son of Grizel (Coleman) Whitlock. The appearance of Sherwood Nance's name in this family Bible with definite connections to Grizel (Coleman) Whitlock and possible connections to the WHITLOCK68 family give us hope we will be able to prove the connection we have suspected for some years.

I hope we will be able to uncover research into the Nance family that will confirm a connection between Sherwood Nance and Martha Nance and possibly explain the connection of Sherwood Nance to the family of Grizel (Coleman) Whitlock.

Our thanks to David Robertson for sharing this terrific find with us and I trust this will lead to further clues being uncovered.

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