

# WILL OF FRANCIS TIMBERLAKE, 1807

Geneva Campbell sent in the following entry from *Hanover County Virginia, Old Wills 1785-1893* by June Banks Evans:

214: Ended Chancery File #41 - 14 Feb 1807 - Will of Francis Timberlake of Hanover Co.; to wife Sarah Timberlake for life, land where he lives, negroes (Harry, Reuben, Watt, Dorcas, Tanner), 3 feather beds & furniture, plantation utensils, crops, stock; to son Matthey Timberlake, negro man Ned, featherbed/furniture; to son Francis Timberlake, negro man Shadrack, feather bed/ furniture; to son Reuben Timberlake, negro man Abrm, bed/furniture; to son Nathan Timberlake, negro man [not named], young bull, feather bed/furniture; to son Billey Timberlake, negro woman Rachel, £60, feather [bed]/furniture; to son Granvill Timberlake, negro man Phill, feather bed/furniture; to son Lancy Timberlake, negro boys Sawney & Jasper, feather bed & furniture; to son John B. Timberlake, negroes Chas & Winny, feather [bed]/furniture; to dau Polley Whitlock, negroes Aggy & Hannah, feather bed/furniture; to dau Salley Ann Timberlake, slaves Jane (& her children Milly & Sealey) & girl Grace, feather bed/furniture; exors to hire out slaves Roger, Salley, Phillis for funds to educate testator's youngest son; death of wife, lands in Halifax Co. divided 2 lots & divided among his children; names wife admtrix, sons Mattie, Francis, Reuben, Nathan, Billy Timberlake exors

Wit: John Bowe, J.W. Ellis, Wm Tyler

Sig: Francis Timberlake

Rec:28 Sep 1808, by oath witnesses, extrx Sarah Timberlake

We have not yet been able to determine which Whitlock married Polley Timberlake. In the 1810 census are four possibilities, Charles, James, Matthew and Nathaniel. All are aged between 26 and 44. There is also a male living with Martha Whitlock aged 26 to 44. Of these Charles Whitlock is likely the one married to Mary Talley in 1803. Both the only known Matthew and Nathaniel Whitlocks of Hanover Co. would have been older than 44 by 1810. We have assumed the Nathaniel Whitlock is son of James Whitlock & Agness Christmas but there is no proof. In 1791 he is living next to Nathaniel Talley. Nathaniel Whitlock is a likely candidate to be Polley's husband but again he would be older than 44 in 1810. He could be Matthew's son Nathaniel who was born in 1765. We obviously need more detail to figure this out.

There several Timberlake references in the files:

In 1759 St.Pauls [Hanover] Parish register mentions land owned by Henry Timberlake.

In 1784 David Whitlock is responsible for processioning the land of Burnett Timberlake.

DAVID WHITLOCK, of St. Paul's Parish, writes his will which was probated September 19, 1798. During his lifetime he had purchased one of John Garland lands in Halifax County on Hycy River, which he subsequently sold to Dabney Miller. This land was later devised by Mrs. MARTHA WHITLOCK to her two surviving children. A law suit resulted, instituted in the Superior Court of Law and Chancery in Richmond in which the Court decreed that the tract of land be divided into four lots "first choice to be cast between Francis Timberlake, Sr. (now dec'd) and MARTHA WHITLOCK and John Allen

Richardson, Executrix and Executor." DAVID WHITLOCK also possessed land in Hanover, Randolph County (now West Virginia) and Kentucky.

There is also another Timberlake marriage in the family. Letitia Timberlake's will of 1855 mentions her daughter Elizabeth married to James N. Whitlock of Hanover Co.

Our thanks to Geneva for this item. I am sure one day we will determine which Whitlock married Polley Timerlake.

Sources:R2142/4; X2416/2; R2150/3; VALAND file