

# ELIZABETH WHITLOCK - THE ORIGINAL FAT LADY

Clarence Parker has written to us with an interesting story about his great-grandmother Elizabeth Whitlock. Elizabeth's maiden name was Theis and she was known as Lottie Grant as well. In the 1890's she was travelling with the P.T. Barnum Circus as the original "Fat Lady". In the 1890's she married F.M. Whitlock and they had a son appropriately named P.T. Barnum Whitlock.

Elizabeth was also married to a man named David Parker and it is from David's son William Henry Parker that Clarence descends. There is also a daughter, Hattie Love who fits in somewhere. Clarence has traced P.T. Barnum Whitlock to Long Beach, California about 1945 and is looking for additional information.

I am sure there is a "local expert" on the P.T. Barnum circus out there somewhere who might have additional details on this Whitlock connection. Our thanks to Clarence for this item.

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