

# JOSIAH WHITLOCK (1772?-1850) OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Since the 1960's when I first contacted June Isaksen of Walnut Creek, California about her Whitlock ancestors, we have been trying to place the parents of her ancestor William Hobart Whitlock. William was born in New Hampshire in 1808. In the 1820's the family was in Ohio and by the 1840's children were in Michigan. Decendants made it to California and show on the 1880 census for California living in Tehama Co. We eventually made contact with June's cousin Iola Whitlock who is married to the Jazz musician Dave Brubeck. The Brubeck's live in Danbury, Connecticut on land that belonged to the Whitlock family in the 1600's. The speculation for some years has been that it may have once been owned by Iola's ancestors.

While several descendants have been working on this family for some time, the next break only came recently when I was contacted by John Gile of Victoria, BC looking for descendants of a Josiah Whitlock born about 1772 likely in Vermont and married to a Sally Hobart. The family had one son, William Hobart Whitlock born 1808 in New Hampshire. Obviously the break we were looking for.

Josiah Whitlock shows on the 1800 census for Colebrook, Grafton Co., New Hampshire aged 26-45 and single. There is a Whitlock on the 1810 census for New Ipswich, Hillsboro Co., New Hampshire. He is married with one son and one daughter under 10. Both husband and wife are age 45+. The name is written "Ishorma" but was obviously hard to read. This fits for Josiah Whitlock as there was a daughter Wealthy Whitlock born in the early 1800's. Wealthy married Alson Scranton June 23, 1823 and died in 1844. In "*A Genealogical Register of the Descendants of John Scranton of Guildford, Connecticut*" written in 1855 it states that Wealthy was a daughter of Josiah Whitlock, formerly of Vermont. There is also a second daughter Marietta Whitlock shown married to Hiram Scranton.

The 1820 and 1830 census' for Geauga Co., Ohio show the Whitlock and Scanton families in Chester township. A check of the Chester cemetery records showed both Josiah and Sally are buried there. Josiah died May 1, 1850 age 78 and Sally died Feb.20, 1853 age 73 and 10 months. This tells us that Josiah was born about 1772.

William Hobart Whitlock married Hester Francisco at Mayfield, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio Dec.13, 1829 and he shows on the 1850 census for McHenry Co., Illinois married to his second wife Maria as "Married within the year". The family appears to have moved a great deal which has made it difficult to trace.

There also exists a War of 1812 record for a Josiah Whitlock contained in the Illinois Land Records dated Apr.23, 1818. It is hoped that this record or possible pension records will shed additional light on the origins of Josiah Whitlock. The "formerly of Vermont" is the best clue we have found yet. The connections of the Vermont families back to Connecticut have been fairly well documented. The test will be to determine if we can place Josiah in any of these families.

This family is detailed on our WHITLOCK83 chart. Our thanks to John Gile for sharing his research on this part of the family. Hopefully as more research is done we will be able to determine if Iola Brubeck really does live on land once owned by her ancestors.

Sources: R928; Q18; Q148; X914; X954; X1002/7; X1683; X1684; X1861; X2004; X3038; X3043; X3293; X3439; X4638