

MITCHEL WHITLOCK OF OREGON, 1845

In the *History of Columbia River Valley, Oregon* there is a list of those adopting the constitution for the Oregon Encampment in 1845. This includes a roll of armed men, a muster roll, roll of cattle drivers, and a list of voluntary subscribers to the wagon pilot Mr. Clark to the Independence Trace. There is an obvious military background here as the records show that wagons should be numbered in four platoons so as to form a hollow square every night. The agreement was quite specific as to how the drive was to be conducted. This included that a driver be furnished for every 25 head of loose cattle and that travel would begin at eight in the morning for a distance of ten to fifteen miles per day. There was also agreement that funds would be solicited for a company tent and other expenses. In the list of Privates is Mitchel Whitlock.

This Mitchel Whitlock was born in Clay Co., Missouri February 9, 1822 the son of Tarlton & Winifred (Dunlap) Whitlock who were married in Rockbridge, Virginia September 20, 1811. Tarlton had obviously started the move west but by 1845 his son Mitchel had gone all the way and was in Oregon. On July 2, 1846 he married Melvina A. Engle in Oregon City. The family shows on the 1850 census with two children and includes three of Melvina's brothers, Mitchel's brother John and five year old Clifton Clemmons. Mitchel and Melvina Whitlock had eight children and many descendants likely still live in the Oregon area. Of the eight children there were two sons, William Alexander Whitlock and Franklin Pierce Whitlock. We only show descendants from the latter. This family is detailed on the WHITLOCK37 chart.

Source: X4614