

# JOHN WHITLOCK (1818-1868) OF TENNESSEE

Betty Whitlock sent in an interesting article relating to the Carpenter and Redburn families. While most of the article relates to those families, the reference to John Whitlock gives us some interesting clues about him and his wife Frances Richardson. Here is the article:

Charlie CARPENTER, born March 6, 1876 in Jefferson County and died August 30, 1970, was the great grandson of Noah CARPENTER who, in 1770, came from Scotland with two brothers. He settled in Tennessee, married and raised a family. One of his sons, Lewis, had a son Hezekiah SEVERE [CARPENTER], born June 6, 1812 in Tennessee. Hezekiah married at age 18 and came to Illinois in 1834 with his wife and two children and settled near Shawneetown, Illinois. Later he moved to Field township in Jefferson County. They had six children: Thomas; Benjamin; Jane, who married Will HARMON; William, who was killed in the Civil War in 1864; Nancy, who married Riley CARPENTER; Caledonia who married Jim SNIDER. His first wife died and he married Elizabeth BRYANT and they had two children, Laura and Granville. Elizabeth died in 1865.

In 1868, Hezekiah married Mary Melvina WHITLOCK REDBURN who had two children, Wilson and Luella, by her previous marriage to Casey REDBURN who was killed in the Civil War in 1864. Mary Melvina, born in Jefferson County Illinois July 25, 1839, the daughter of John and Francis (RICHARDSON) WHITLOCK, died on September 14, 1896. Mary's mother was the daughter of Clayborn RICHARDSON, an official of the Harrington and Richardson Manufacturing Co. of New York, a tool and gun manufacturing company. Her father, who was quite wealthy, disinherited her when she married John WHITLOCK, a company employee, and discharged her husband. They came to Jefferson County and settled near Pleasant Grove Church where they had three daughters: Mary Melvina; Matilda, who married Will BOLEN; Eunice, who married John LINDER. Francis was educated in music and art and taught her daughter vocal music. As there were no musical instruments, Mary taught music using a tuning fork.

Hezekiah raised grains and fruit which he shipped to market and cane from which he made sorghum. He also raised hogs, cow, chickens, turkeys, geese and sheep. From the wool Mary carded, spun and wove cloth for her family's clothing. They had five children: Newton H. married Effie HOWARD; Lilly Belle first married Luther HAWKINS and later W. W. LOWE; Charlie married Sarah Jane MCMEEN; Myrtle died at age three; Hattie died at one.

Altogether Hezekiah had thirteen children by three wives. Charlie CARPENTER married Sarah Jane MCMEEN in 1896. She was born February 28, 1877 and died in 1959. They had eight children: Hattie May, 1897, married Edgar SPIESE who died 1964; Ruby Belle, 1900, married Guy OVERBEY who died 1970; Raymond EVERETT, 1903, married Helen LOWERY and died 1971- she died in 1973; Charles married Lucille Richards ATKINSON 1974; Mary Emaline, 1909, married Walter CLARK; Herbert, 1911, married Geraldine GARRISON; Clifford (Kip), 1919, married Jean GIBSON. Charlie worked most of his life for C & EI railroad and was a licensed Southern Baptist lay-minister. Six children are living and all in Mt. Vernon.<sup>20</sup> Facts and Folks A History of Jefferson County, Illinois Jefferson County Historical Society<sup>20</sup> There is a mistake in the above. Hezekiah Severe CARPENTER'S second wife was my 3rd great aunt, Anna Lee Bryan, daughter of Nathaniel G. and Mary Ann (MCGUIRE) BRYAN, of Bedford Co., TN. Hezekiah and Ann were married on March 4, 1851, in Jefferson County, IL. Also, my 3rd great grandparents, Thomas W. and Melea Ann (CARPENTER) BRYAN were living with Hezekiah while he was a widower on the 1850 census. I think this must somehow show that there is a connection between Hezekiah CARPENTER'S family and the family of Melea Ann SHOOK CARPENTER, from Bedford Co., TN., with my GGG grandmother, Melea Ann

CARPENTER BRYAN, being the link between the two CARPENTER families.<sup>20</sup> Source: Facts and Folks A History of Jefferson County, Illinois Jefferson County Historical Society Submitted by Sharlet Bigham LaBarbera Oct 28, 1997

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John Whitlock and his wife Francis Ann Richardson show in *A History of The Whitlock Family* by W.H. Whitlock, 1941[R16 pg13]. "Thomas Whitlock, m. Sussannah Webb, Nov.28,1788....[son] James, came to Illinois before the state was admitted into the Union...[grandson] John, the only child of his [ James] known to us was born on the Wabash river in White Co. [Ill] in 1818. m. Francis Richison [sic] in Tenn. Aug.18,1838". It is assumed it is this James Whitlock who shows in the 1830 census for Sevier Co. Tennessee age 30-40 [b.1791]. In 1830 it is John Whitlock age 20-30 living in Sevier Co. In 1845 the family returned to Illinois and the 1850 census shows them living in Jefferson Co. This census show Francis A. Whitlock age 32 born in Virginia. In 1853 they moved to what was called the Boone farm one and half miles north of Idlewood. John Whitlock died there in 1868 and is buried in the Pleasant Grove cemetery.

Our thanks to Betty Whitlock for the above article that helps shed additional light on this part of the family.

Sources: R16; R78/61; X639/6; X3235; X4387