

ZALMON WHITLOCK (1760-1798)

Now, with a name like Zalmon Whitlock you would not think you could be confused with anybody else but amazingly there are several Zalmon's in Connecticut and we think we are finally getting them straight. Iola Ebendorf's research into the family of Zalmon Whitlock (1760-1798) of Granby, Connecticut has recently provided the major clues to determine who was who.

This Zalmon Whitlock was the son of Ebenezer Whitlock and his wife Amelia Hamilton. He was born in Danbury, Connecticut Dec.13,1760. It is now clear his wife was Rachel Higley the daughter of Joel Higley and his wife Eunice Haskins. As with much research it is another family's records that hold the keys to the Whitlock connections. In this case it is the Higley family records that confirm the relationship. Contained in a paper on the descendants of Brewster Higley is information on Lieutenant Joel Higley and his family. Of Joel's eight children, two married Whitlocks, Rachel to Zalmon Whitlock and Abiah to Zalmon's brother, Benjamin Whitlock. The records also show that after Zalmon's death, Rachel Higley married H. Williams. Thus the Rachel Williams buried in the Northfield Burying Ground in Litchfield Co. Connecticut next to another Zalmon Whitlock was his mother Rachel (Higley) (Whitlock) Williams.

These record confirm information from the Congregation Church Records, Castleton, Vermont where in 1792 Rachel Whitlock is listed as the wife of Zalmon Whitlock and a member of the church.

Zalmon Whitlock (1760-1798) and his wife Rachel Higley had three children. Amelia Whitlock (1788-1879) married Charles Hotchkiss; Zalmon Whitlock (1795-1852) married Sally and Jane Whitlock (1798-??) married Samuel Vanness. The records of the Huntingtown Cemetery in Newtown tell us Amelia (Whitlock) Hotchkiss died Jun.21,1879 age 91 years, 3 months and 11 days. Her husband Charles Hotchkiss died Jun.4,1850 age 67.

Zalmon Whitlock died age 37 on June 23,1798 and included in the papers Iola sent in is Zalmon's probate and inventory. The inventory taken Aug.6,1798 gives some indication of the day to day life of this family.

Inventory of Zalmon Whitlock Dec.d Estate

The lot east of the road on which the dwelling hous stands containing by estimation 65 acres @ 8	520.00
The house standing thereon	90.00
Orchard west of the road 2 ½ acres	37.50
Mare 40, Cow 15	55.00
2 Sows with 9 pigs	15.00
Pr old plow irons .75	.75
2 broken chains 1.50	1.50

teetle rings.25 Pitch fork .25	.50
Narrow ax .75 hoe .50	1.25
weavers Looms 6, spooling wheel, 50	6.50
Pail washing bars andne	.50
2 Reids 1.50 Dish kittle .84	2.34
Porridge pot .67 smaller Do .50	1.17
Iron spider .50 flat iron .25	.75
Thie .50 tramel .50 sickle .17	1.17
old Sythe .17 mens saddle 1.	1.17
old Bridle .17 womans sadle 8.	8.17
7 Chairs 2.50 litel wheal .50	3.00
Great Do .50 Corn basket .34	.84
Pickle tub .25 wool cards .25	.50
1 meal .17 meal bags .50	.67
old Chest .17 2 old bed quilts 3.	3.17
Small dead feather bed under bed tick	2.00
Live feather do and under do	6.00
2 bedsteads & cords for the same	2.00
3 old coserlids 1.50 7 Pr linen sheets 10	11.50
3 woolen do 3, 7 pillow ...ns 1	4.00
2 old table cloths, 50 holland shirts 1	1.50
3 old Linnen Do .75 2 woolen Do .75	1.50
1 Cloaths basket, .12 great coat 1	1.12
... broad cloth coat 4. 1 red Do 1.50	5.50
1 Nanhern vest & breeches	.50
3 Pr old stockings .34 mans hat 2	2.34
1 Small looking glass .50	.50
2 pewter platters 1.91 7 Do plates 1.17	3.90
1 ..Do cup .34 3 old Do Caisons .42	.77
1 tin Canister .12 4 Earthn plates .25	.37
6 small Do .25 two punch bowls .25	.50
½ sett blue & white tea cups & saucers	.17
1 wine decanter .25 two glasses .12	.37
one Sugar bowl and cream cup	.12
tea pot .17 paid house shears .17	.34
One ring and staple to a yoke	.50
Six cider barrels 1.50 one meat Do .25	1.75
One Beer Do. 25 square table .50	.75
one plow cops & pin .25	.25
Note of hand against James Eno Phelps of 17 dated June 23,1791 on Interest from the date	<u>60.00</u>
	\$861.60

August 2, 1798

Asa Higley

Nathl Pratt Appraisers
 James Huggins under oath

Received and accepted on the 6th Day of August 1798 and here recorded
 And Eight months are allowed by this Court for the Several Creditors to exhibit their claims
 against said Estate from the 6th Day of August 1798

At a Court of Probate holden at Symsbury within and for the District of Symsbury on the 12 Day
 of August AD 1800. Present Noah Phelps Judge

The Debts exhibited to this Court and are allowed against the Estate of Mr. Zalmon Whitlock late
 of Granby Deceased are as follows

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Chauney Pettibone per rect	10: 3: 7	Orias Pettibone	per rect	:12: 0
Asa Higly per	do : 3: 0	Uriel Holmes	do	: 8: 0
Jeremiah Willcox	do 1:15: 2	Samuel Hays	do	1:11:11
David Goodrich	do : 2: 4	James Huggins	do	:12: 0
Hillyer & Curtiss	do :12: 0	Nathanie Pratt	do	: 4: 6
Joel Higley Jun	do 7: 6: 0	Daniel Rathbone	do	: 2: 6
Ladore Willcox	do :13:10	To the Administrator for		
Asa Cosset	do : 2: 6	an advertisement		: 3: 0
Aaron Gregory	do :12: 0	do for stamped paper for Int		: 3: 0
Jesse Rue	do :12: 0	Ebenezer Whitlock for services		3: 0: 0
Alpheus Hays	do 1:12: 0	Widow Rachel Whitlock for do		3:10: 0
David Lee	do 1: 4: 0	To the Court		1:10: 0
Christopher Miner	do : 6: 0	To an order to sell Land		: 3: 6
Aaron Beman	do : 6: 0	Footing other side		<u>25:16: 5</u>
Andrew Hays	do <u>: 6: "</u>			£37:16:10
	£ 25:16: 5			

It is interesting to note some familiar names show up in the list of creditors. Asa Higley, Nathaniel Pratt and James Huggins acted as appraisers for the estate. Joel Higley Jun is Rachel (Higley) Whitlock's brother. It is not clear who Asa Higley is. It is also curious that the appraisal done in 1798 appears to be in Dollars, while the Probate done in 1800 is in Pounds.

It would appear from the Inventory that the Whitlocks were general farmers as opposed to specializing in one particular crop. There was only one horse and one cow. The weaving equipment would likely have been in most households although they do not appear to have had any sheep. Always interesting to speculate what everything was used for. I am curious to know if anyone can explain the live and dead feather bed reference. I had not seen that before.

The last document in the package sent in by Iola is the Sale of Minors Estate. Dated the 4th March 1816 it relates to the sale of Jane Whitlocks portion of her father's estate. While she was married to Samuel Vanness by 1816, she was not yet 21 and her brother in law Charles Hotchkiss had to act as guardian for her in the sale. The petitioner is directed by the Court to publish notice of his petition in one of the newspapers in Hartford and to post a similar notice in public places

in Granby. On the 20th May 1816 Judge Pliny Hillyer granted the necessary permission.

Our thanks to Iola Ebendorf for these very interesting and informative documents.

Sources: R2367-R2372; X4948; X4957