

NEWTOWN CONNECTICUT, 1708

In *Colonial Connecticut Records 1636-1776* pages 55,56 detail the beginnings of Newtown, Connecticut:

“This Assembly grants to the petitioners hereafter named, that all that tract of land lying on the west side of Stratford and part of Fairfield, westerly upon Danbury and a line running from the southeast corner of Danbury, paralell to the east line of said town, to Fairfield bounds, northerly upon Newmilford purchase and Potatuck River, shall be one intire town, called by the name of Newtowne; and do appoint and impower Joseph Curtis of Stratford, Esqr, Capt. Joseph Wakeman of Fairfield, Mr. John Sherman of Woodbury, and Mr. Thomas Taylor of Danbury, a committee to survey the said tract of land, and consider what number of inhabitants the said tract of land will conveniently accommodate, and accordingly determine where the town plot shall be, and lay out a suitable number of homelots, and order all the prudentials of the said town until such time as the General Court shall order otherwise. All the charge of the said committee shall be at, to be paid by the said petitioners or such of them as shall take up the said land according to the conditions hereinafter exprest. This Court do also grant to the said petitioners that each one of them shall have for himself, his heirs and assigns forever, an equal part and proportion of all the common land within the said tract not already taken up according to former grant from this government, the proportion to be made according to the number the said shall appoint and determine the whole tract will accommodate; alwayes provided the said petitioners shall and do by themselves or their assignes enter upon the said land within four years after this sessions, and continue to dwell as inhabitants there at least four years; and if any of the said petitioners shall not so enter and continue upon the said land, it shall be in the power of the General Court to admit others in their stead, and so many more as the said tract of land will suitably accommodate. This Court do also grant to the said petitioners free libertie to purchase for the use of the said town any part or parcel of the said tract of land that may be claimed by the Indians; and the several persons that have already taken up any quantitie of land within the said tract of land according to former grant from this government, shall have a right and priviledge as the rest of the inhabitants of the said town, in proportion according to the quantitie of land they have so taken up.

The names of the petitioners for the land before granted fol[38]lowes,|| viz: Joseph Curtis, James Judson, Samll Hawly, John Read, John Burr, Theophilus Hull, John Minor, Benjamin Sherman, Josiah Curtis, Daniel Burr, Junr, Daniel Curtis, Richard Hubbel, Junr, John Judson, John Sely, junr, Daniel Beardsly, Joseph Fairchild, Benjamin Hurd, Benjamin Nichols, Peleg Burrit, John Griffin, Thomas Sharp, Dunning of Stratford, Daniel Beardsly, Senr, Zechariah Ferris, Will. Malerie, Samll Hubbel, Junr, Jonathan Booth, John Hawly, David Whitlock, junr, John Glover, Daniel Foot, junr, Abraham Kimberly, Benjamin Peat, Danll Burr, senr, Mr. Richard Brians heirs, Samll Eels.”

The David Whitlock, junr listed in the document setting up Newtown, Connecticut in 1708 was born in 1681, likely in Connecticut. He died at Greenfield, Fairfield Co., Connecticut May 30, 1761. He was the son of David Whitlock and Mary Sherwood. This family is detailed on our WHITLOCK09 chart The Whitlocks of Connecticut.

Many of the family names of the above petitioners also appear on the WHITLOCK09 chart. Hull, numerous members of the Hull family marry Whitlock or Whitlock descendants; Ferris, Seth Whitlock married Mary daughter of the Zachary Ferris of Newtown mentioned in the petition; Burrit; Abigail Whitlock married Tolcott Burritt; Burr, there are many Burrs on the WHITLOCK 09 chart; Curtis, Elizabeth-Deborah Whitlock married Eliphalet Curtiss; plus Minor, Griffin, Beardsly, Judson, Glover, Foot etc they all have Whitlock connections.

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