

SOUTH CAROLINA WHITLOCKS

For some years now we have had several charts that can be traced back to the 1790's and early 1800's in South Carolina and we have been unable to connect them together. These include:

- 1.WHITLOCK33 descent from ?? Grizel (Coleman) Whitlock (M1720-30s) includes William & Mary (Rowntree) Whitlock (M1767) of Union Co., SC
- 2.WHITLOCK33 descent from James & Betsey Whitlock b.1759 Va d.1823 SC
- 3.WHITLOCK33 descent from Alexander & Susan (Powell) Whitlock b.1810? SC
- 4.WHITLOCK33 descent from Lemuel & Serapsia (Smith) Whitlock b.1799 SC
- 5.WHITLOCK33 descent fro George Washington & Nancy (Barnes) Whitlock b.1804 Union Co., SC
- 6.WHITLOCK38 descent from Bennett & Nancy (Whitlock) Whitlock (M1810's) of Union Co. SC & descent from William & Delia (Fowler) Whitlock of Union Co. born 1790's
- 7.WHITLOCK56 descent from William Asa & Nancy (Todd) Whitlock (M1820's) born SC 1795
- 8.WHITLOCK64 descent from Lot & Elizabeth Marion (Kent) Whitlock (M1813) of Union Co., SC
- 9.WHITLOCK66 descent from Lesley H. & Mary Whitlock (M1830's) born SC 1810
- 10.WHITLOCK68 descent from Robert & Martha (Nance) Whitlock (M1800's) liked connected to WHITLOCK33 chart
- 11.WHITLOCK80 descent from Winfrey & Elizabeth (Boothe) Whitlock (M1790's) of Edgefield Co., SC
- 12.WHITLOCK86 descent from John & Sarah (Giddings) Whitlock (M1820's) SC
- 13.WHITLOCK88 descent from Armstead & Drucilla (Reynolds) (Ayres) Whitlock (M1829) born SC 1803

This year my annual summer conference was in Niagara Falls and from there we flew to Atlanta with plans to spend time in the area doing research into Patrick's Lynch ancestors. On the itinerary was Charleston, South Carolina and we spent a very interesting morning at the South Carolina Historical Society in Charleston. Patrick worked on the family of Thomas Lynch who signed the Declaration of Independence and I concentrated on the their collection of records from Union Co. This included the great series of books by Brent Holcomb on Union County records including the ones on Wills and Deeds. The one on Wills had been extracted and was in our files but the one on Deeds was new to me.

Since returning home I have extracted all the Deeds relating to Whitlocks and arranged them chronologically to form the beginning of a SCLAND file. Based on the VALAND file format that Louise Birchfield put together for Virginia records, this file will record every Whitlock reference to South Carolina we have in our files pre 1830, arranged chronologically by county.

This list of Deeds immediately yielded results. In 1812 and 1821 the following related Deeds are registered:

Mar.3,1812

(R2533/3)

130-132: Whereas the Hon. ABRAHAM NOTT by his letter dated at Columbia -- Sep.1811 has authorized and impowered me, DAVID JOHNSON, of Union District to sell and dispose of several tracts, distinguished in said letter by the name and appellation of WHITLOCKS Land and others, now pursuant to the power in me vested by said letter, and for \$450 paid by JOSEPH REID, Esquire tract on Brown Creek, 200 acres known by the name of WHITLOCKS mill — and formerly the property of WILLIAM WHITLOCK (now deceased) by deed dated 19 May 1803 conveyed by said WILLIAM WHITLOCK to his son JOHN WHITLOCK and one other tract on Browns Creek, being the balance of a tract which the above mentioned is a part, 171 acres which was by the last will and

testament bequeathed to MOLLY WHITLOCK during her life and at her decease to SALLY WHITLOCK, and by said SALLY WHITLOCK to said JOHN WHITLOCK conveyed 21 July 1805, also the moiety of a mill on Browns Creek originally — by JEREMIAH LUCAS and WILLIAM MITCHELL and one acre conveyed to said —WHITLOCK by said WILLIAM MITCHELL 9 August 1803, and said mill conveyed to said ABRAHAM NOTT 26 Oct 1805, dated at Union Court House 3 March — DAVID JOHNSON (Seal), Wit: WM. MITCHELL, ROBERT CRENSHAW. Proved in Union District by the oath of ROBERT CRENSHAW 3 March 1812 before WM. — J.P. 3 March 1812

(Union County SC Deed Abstracts Vol III, pg 18)

Jan.5,1821

(R2533/18)

Q, 140-141: JOSEPH REID of Union District for \$2500 to THOMAS HANCOCK of Union District, tract on Browns Creek, 200 acres, part of tract conveyed by WILLIAM WHITLOCK to JOHN WHITLOCK known by the name of the Mill tract, deed dated 19 May 1800: also another tract of 271 acres originally part of the above conveyed to the aforesaid JOHN WHITLOCK by SALLY WHITLOCK by deed 25 July 1800, conveyed by WILLIAM MITCHELL to said JOHN WHITLOCK by deed 9 Aug 1803 which said several tracts was conveyed by JOHN WHITLOCK to ABRAM NOTT 26 Sept 1808, and conveyed to JOSEPH REID 3 March 1812 by his attorney DAVID JOHNSON Esqr., this deed dated 17 May 1818. JOS REID (LS), Wit: Z. HOOKER. Z. REID. Proved by the oath of Z. REID 5 Jan 1821 before J. Rogers. Q.U. Recorded 5 Jan.1821

(Union County SC Deed Abstracts Vol IV, pg 20)

I have made some assumptions based on these Deeds. Molly Whitlock we know was Mary Rowntree the wife of William Whitlock. They were married at St.James Northam, Goochland Co., Virginia December 22,1767. Sally Whitlock was Sarah Whitlock daughter of William and Mary (Rowntree) Whitlock. Sarah married Thomas Ray at Padgett Creek, Union Co., South Carolina in March 1804. John Whitlock is likely William and Mary (Rowntree) Whitlock's son Jonathan Whitlock who married Jemima Cain. The land in question is on Brown's Creek. I think it is reasonable to assume that all the land transactions on Browns Creek likely have some family connection. The 1821 Deed gives additional dates when some of these transactions took place. This explains why Sally is shown as Whitlock and not Ray as she transferred the land in 1800 and did not married Thomas Ray until 1804.

In 1812 there is another reference to Brown's Creek in the following Deed:

Oct.2,1815

(R2533/7)

N, 52-53: THOMAS SCALES of Union District for \$220 to LOT WHITLOCK of same, 111 acres on south side of north fork of Browns Creek, 16 Sept 1815. THOMAS SCALES (LS), Wit: JAMES P. GILLEY, PERHASKY WHITLOCK. Proved by the oath of JAMES P. GILLEY 2 Oct 1815 before DAVID JOHNSON, J.Q.U. WINNEY SCALES (X) wife of THOMAS SCALES, relinquishes dower 2 Oct 1815 before DAVID JOHNSON, J.Q.U. Recorded 2 Oct 1815

(Union County SC Deed Abstracts Vol III, pg 105)

Is it possible that Lot Whitlock is grandson of William & Mary (Rowntree) Whitlock and a son of Jonathan & Jemima (Cain) Whitlock? There is nothing to indicate this, but Lot is buying land on Brown's Creek in the same area the John Whitlock inherited land from William. The name Perhasky Whitlock shows in this Deed and is the first time I have seen this name.

In 1816 there are further references to Brown's Creek in the following Deeds:

Mar.25,1816

(R2533/10)

SOURCE:R2533

N,158: South Carolina, Union District. ALEXANDER MCBETH of Union District for \$144 to THOMAS NANCE of same, 105 acres on south side of Browns Creek adj. land of JOHN BRANDON, MRS. MCJUNKIN, MR. GORDON, ROBERT WHITLOCK, conveyed to WILLIAM BENTLY by HANCOCK PORTER and by said WILLIAM BENTLY to me 5 Mar 1811, deed dated 25 March 1816. ALEX'R MCBETH (LS) Wit: DAVID ...
(*Union County SC Deed Abstracts Vol III, pg 119*)

Sep.23,1816

(R2533/11)

N,229: THOMAS NANCE of Union District for \$100 to JAMES MENG of same, 105 acres adj. lands of GEORGE BRANDON, CHR'R BRANDON, MRS. MCJUNKIN, the same land conveyed to him by ALEX'R MCBETH of Union, 25 March 1816, dated 21 Sept 1816. THOMAS NANCE (Seal), Wit: RICHARD FAUCETT, ROBT WHITLOCK (X). Proved by the oath of RICHARD FAUCETT 23 Sep 1816 before CALEB GREER, J.P. Recorded 24 Sept 1816

(*Union County SC Deed Abstracts Vol III, pg 133*)

In this case it is Robert Whitlock is mentioned. The reference is in the past without date and could be Robert Whitlock who died in 1804 or his son Robert Whitlock who moved to Roane Co., Tennessee. Robert Whitlock Sr. was a brother to William Whitlock. Robert Whitlock Jr married Martha Nance. Note the Thomas Nance in this Deed who sells this same land a few months later. Note also Robert Whitlock Jr is a witness and Richard Faucett, whose mother Nancy Whitlock was a daughter of William & Mary (Rowntree) Whitlock, is also a witness on the latter Deed. William Bently is the second husband of Mary Whitlock the daughter of William & Mary (Rowntree) Whitlock.

In 1821 another interesting Deed is registered:

Feb.5,1821

(R2533/19)

Q, 177-179: South Carolina, Union District. WILLIAM MITCHELL of the above district for \$900 to BENNETT WHITLOCK of same, tract on waters of Browns Creek adj. CHRISTOPHER BRANDON, on the Union Road, adj. SHELL, 182 acres, 30 Nov 1820. WILLIAM MITCHELL (X), wife of WILLIAM MITCHELL, relinquished dower 5 Feb 1821 before J. ROGERS, Q.U. Proved by the oath of DAVID EGNER 5 Feb 1821 before J. ROGERS, Q.U. Recorded 4 Feb 1821
(*Union County SC Deed Abstracts Vol IV, pg 25*)

The name Christopher Brandon appears in connection with the Whitlock family on quite a few records and I have not yet figured out if he is connected to the Whitlocks as well.

The clue to all this research still has to be the family of Jonathan Whitlock and Jemima Cain who were married in the 1780's and lived in the Brown's Creek area of Union Co. We know they had at least 8 children, William, Rhody, Melton, Willison, Edward, Alexander, Obediah W. and Jane. The only child we have been able to trace is Obediah who we find in the 1870 census of Arkansas. Records of Brawly, Scott Co., Arkansas show he was born October 18, 1803 in Union Co., SC and died in Scott Co., Arkansas Sep.18,1875. His wife was Mary Jane ?? (1823-1892) and they had at least one son John H. Whitlock born about 1862. None of the other children of John and Jemima have been traced.

There is certainly too much commonality between Lot Whitlock and Jonathan and Jemima (Cain) Whitlock for the two families not to be related in some way.

What I was hoping to find were Deeds showing land transferring between family members that could be used to prove some of the relationships. The only one that had this type of information was the one

showing the children of William and Mary (Rowntree) Whitlock which we already knew. What we are left with is supposition that if all these Whitlocks are buying and selling land in the same specific area of Union Co. that there is likely some connection between them.

I have the probate records for both Jonathan Whitlock and Jemima Cain. While these records list the names of at least eight of the their children, as I have shown above, none of the names match the charts we are trying to connect. Hopefully useful information, but no breakthrough yet.

SOURCE: R2533