

TWO WILLIAM HENRY WHITLOCKS OF UNION CO., SC b.1843/4

Some weeks ago I received information from Charles Whitlock of Akron, Ohio that indicated that his ancestor was William Henry Whitlock born December 9, 1844 in Union Co., South Carolina. As we already had another family shown as the one born December 9, 1844 I went back to the original records to see if I could figure this out.

It quickly became evident we had been showing the wrong William Henry Whitlock as Harvey Duncan Whitlock's son on the WHITLOCK38 chart. The original records showed that there had been a question over the December 9, 1844 birthdate as the gravestone says August 14, 1843. The clincher was that Charles Whitlock's family had gone to Texas and in the family Bible records someone has written "Texas" next to William Henry Whitlock's birth record for December 9, 1844. The question then was how did the other William Henry Whitlock fit in? As both William Henry Whitlocks were children in the 1850's it was logical that they both should show on the 1850 & 1860 census' and they do. William Henry Whitlock born December 9, 1844 shows with his parents Harvey Duncan Whitlock and Sarah A. Kitchens in Union Co., SC age 5 in 1850 and age 15 in 1860. The other William Henry Whitlock born August 14, 1843 is shown living with William Whitlock on the 1860 census age 17. I only have the index entry for William Whitlock for the 1850 census so not sure if he shows there.

The question then is who is this William Whitlock Lot Whitlock is living with? In 1860 he is age 70 and it is not clear if the children shown on the census are his children or grandchildren. The only William that fits this age range is the one married to Delia Fowler. It is not possible to tell if William was married more than once but there is no wife shown on the 1860 census with William. The next step therefore was to determine what other records there might be relating to this part of the family. I contacted Philip McAlister who had originally sent in the information on William Henry Whitlock b.Aug.14,1843. Philip confirmed that he also does not think William Henry Whitlock born Aug.14,1843 is the son of Harvey Duncan Whitlock. Philip has some records relating to William Henry Whitlock's service in the SC 6th Cavalry of the Confederate forces but nothing to confirm the name William Henry's father and even more important the name of his mother.

For the time being I have shown William Henry Whitlock's family at the end of the WHITLOCK38 chart. The family of William and Delia (Fowler) Whitlock is show at the end of the WHITLOCK33 chart. Hopefully further information will be received that will enable us to determine these relationships as well.

As an aside to this story, while this tells us about the "Texas" written next to Henry William's birthdate in the family Bible records it makes me look again at the "Tenn" written next to James Preston Whitlock's birth in 1850 and particularly the "Peru" written next to Dunnovant Gladden Whitlock's birth in 1848!! There has to be a story there.

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