

JOHN WHITLOCK, RUSSELL CO. VA 1826

The following item was sent in by Chuck Rockett:

Russell Co, Virginia, Law Order Book #8, pages 226 & 227

At a Court of Quarterly Session held for Russell County at the Courthouse on Tuesday the 7th day of November 1826... were sworn a Grand Jury of Inquest... William Ferrell, Henry Cook, and Samuel Caldwell, witnesses called on by the court....

On motion of the attorney for the Commonwealth and for reasons appearing to the court from a presentment of the grand jury this day made against John Whitlock be summoned to appear here at the next quarterly term of this court to show cause if any he can why information should not be filed against him for committing willful and corrupt perjury in this, that the said Whitlock on the 7th day of August 1826 in the County Court of Russell, was legally sworn examined as a witness by consent on the trial of a warrant pending before John Colley a Justice of the Peace of said county, between William Ferrell plaintiff and John Whitlock deft and then and there being so sworn and examined, did depose and swear among other things that he did not agree with William Ferrell before one Henry Cook to get a certain gun back he the said; John Whitlock had disposed of, and sell the same according to law, which testimony was then and there material in the trial of said Warrant, and which testimony so given was then and there false, willful, and corrupt, in this; that the said Whitlock did before that time agree with the said Ferrell before the said Henry Cook, to get back the said rifle gun he had disposed of, and sell the same according to law.

I am not sure which John Whitlock this is. He shows on the 1820 census for Russell Co., Virginia:

1820 Russell Co., Lebanon

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WHITLOCK, John Males <10, 0 10-15, 3 16-25, 1 26-44, 0 >45, 1 Females <10, 1 10-15, 2 16-25, 1

John was likely the male over 45, probably a widower as there was no female over 25 in the household. In 1820 there were likely eight children, four daughters and four sons. As only one child was under 10 in 1820 it makes sense that John was in his 40's. With five children between 10 and 15 it is likely there was a child born in each of the years 1805-1810.

John Normont Whitlock (1771-1850) is shown born in Russell Co., Virginia but it is quite clear he is living in Green Co. Illinois in 1820 and he had at least three sons less than 10 in 1820. Hopefully as we uncover additional Virginia information it will become clear which of the several John Whitlocks the above court records refers to.

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