

# LUCY ELIZABETH (WHITLOCK) ATKINS (1914-2007)

Included in the obituaries that Elwood Morris recently sent was the one for Lucy Elizabeth (Whitlock) Atkins, age 93. Lucy was a long time correspondent and subscriber to the Newsletter.

I first wrote to Lucy in 1983 when I noticed her entry in Thomas Roach's *Whitlock Gleanings Newsletter*. Lucy was a methodical researcher and her work changed the charts of the Virginia families to what they are today. Lucy was the first to seriously propose that the printed genealogies showing the common origin of the several Virginia families were incorrect. While we still think there is likely a common origin of these families, Lucy was correct in her assumption that if there was a connection it was much further back than shown.

Lucy's work laid the foundation for the current WHITLOCK35 chart with the descent from John Whitlock who died in 1717. Lucy extracted many of the original documents from the 1700's relating to the Halifax County and Goochland Co. families and her research formed the basis of the VALAND file which details everything we have on the Whitlocks of Virginia, pre 1800. This document now contains sixty-eight pages of research building on the base established by Lucy.

Lucy's research also showed that Grizel (Coleman) Whitlock of Goochland Co. headed a separate part of the Whitlock family that is now detailed on the WHITLOCK33 chart.

Finally Lucy's work on detailing the Whitlocks of Louisa Co., Virginia, the county in which she was born and died, has left us with a clear and accurate picture of this part of the WHITLOCK35 family.

Lucy Elizabeth Whitlock was born Feb.23,1914 in Louisa Co. Her parents were William James Porter Whitlock and Lucy Amelia Leigh. She married Robert Milton Atkins (1916-2005) Sep.1,1935. Lucy died Sep.12,2007 at Louisa, Louisa Co., Virginia and was buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Louisa.

While Lucy no longer actively researched after 1997, she enjoyed following our activities through the Newsletter and appreciated that her efforts had contributed to our knowledge of the Whitlock family.