

“MORVEN”, CARTERSVILLE, VIRGINIA

In 1994 Ernestine Dodl sent an article from the Farmville Herald, Farmville, Virginia of Jan.22,1993. The article was regarding the home of George and Lucia Whitlock that had been in their family since 1870. The brick house called “Morven” was situated in Cartersville, Virginia and was built in 1820. George’s grandfather George W. Bogert bought the house in 1870 for \$2,000 The name comes from a range of hills in Scotland.

While George’s grandfather was from New York, his grandmother, Hiberneta was from the south and couple met in Powhatan. ““When they got here, the first thing grandma wanted was a magnolia tree right outside of her bedroom window,’ Whitlock’s wife Lucia said. The tree is still there.” In 1895 a metal tower and a windmill provided the house with running water. This was in place until the 1930’s when a power station was built in Bremo Bluff. Both the windmill and tower were still there in 1993. “What a wonderful nicety it must have been at the turn of the century to have running water. The kitchen was outside. Meals were cooked and brought into the house.” In the 1930’s a kitchen was added to the home and the home has remained unchanged since that date.

“Whitlock’s grandfather also had a school house built on the grounds. A governess would teach the Bogert children and others in the community sent their children to school there without charge. This building was still there in 1993 as well.

While the article talks about Mary Eliza Bogert growing up at Morven and falling in love with George’s father, the name given appears to be incorrect as our records show Mary Eliza Bogert married Edward Thomas Whitlock Aug.14,1901 in Cartersville, Virginia.

“Whitlock and his first wife, Robbie Gay (who passed away in 1979) inherited the house in 1956 - but it was much in need of work.

My brother-in-law and I did all the work here, Whitlock, who is a graduate to Fork Union Military Academy and Bliss Electrical School in Maryland, said. I did the heating and plumbing and he did the carpenter work”

One by one they would do each room - repairing moulding and floors and putting in heating and water systems from scratch. It was a massive undertaking in such a large home. “People don’t do that kind of work now” Whitlock said. “They just get somebody else to do it”

Restoring it took some time, but the end result made it all worthwhile. Morven was built to last many lifetimes - like all homes should be. Brick walls, for example, are two deep thick and there are only two walls in the house that aren’t plastered brick. Morven, like Cartersville, has stood the test of time.”

Since receiving this clipping we have been able to determine how George Whitlock’s family connects to the Whitlock records. This family is detailed on the WHITLOCK35 chart. George’s paternal grandparents were James Archibald Whitlock and Angelina Agnes Hawkins who were married in Orange Co., Virginia Oct.14,1858. (James and Angelina Whitlock were also great grandparents to Lucy Elizabeth (Whitlock) Atkins, whose obituary is included with this issue of the Newsletter.) George Whitlock who was 80 at the time the article was written died in 1994

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