

JOSEPH WHITLOCK (1783-1846) OF OWOSSO, MI

Joseph Whitlock was born in Warren, Litchfield Co., Connecticut May 24, 1783, the son of Samuel Whitlock and Joannah Taylor. The first information I received on him came from Pam Hallock in the 1980's. At that time we only knew he was born in Connecticut in the 1780's. He was the father of Permelia Ann Whitlock (1819-1895) who married Isaac Miner Chipman. Pam was researching the Chipman family and Permelia was a collateral line for her.

Using the census records Pam found Joseph on the 1830 to 1810 census' for Vermont with 1810 showing him living in Shelburne, Vermont. It is likely in 1840 the family was living in Superior, Washtenaw Co., Michigan arriving about 1832.

We knew Joseph's wife was Permelia Wasson and in 2006 information from Kate Schneider showed that Joseph and Permelia were married in Fairfield County, Connecticut in 1801. They had nine children, the first five, Samuel, Walter, Orpha, Charles and Joseph all born in Warren, Litchfield County, Connecticut and the last four, Orange, Sarah Ann, Permelia Ann and Betsey were born in Vermont, Orange in Chittenden County and the others in Addison County.

Once in Michigan several of the children moved north to Owosso, Shiawassee Co. and it was there Joseph Whitlock died Feb. 8, 1846.

His son Orange Whitlock moved to Greenbush township in Clinton County as a pioneer family and several descendants still live in that area.

By 1850 Isaac & Permelia Ann (Whitlock) Chipman were living in Owosso, Shiawassee Co. and raising their family there. Also in Owosso, Shiawassee Co. in 1850 were Permelia's siblings Walter Whitlock, and Luther and Betsey (Whitlock) Comstock, Permelia's sister. James & Orpha (Whitlock) Gunsally and Samuel and Caroline Whitlock were in Calidonia Township and Thomas & Sarah Ann (Whitlock) Avery were in New Haven, all Shiawassee Co.

Over the past twenty eight years a huge amount of information has been received about the descendants of Joseph and Permelia Whitlock and this family is shown in great detail on the WHITLOCK09 chart, The Whitlocks of Connecticut. There are also some great pictures in our files and I will include a few of them at the end of his article.

SOURCES: X122, X131/3, X296, X520, X2182, X5974, R185