

# WILLIAM WHITLOCK (1761-1836)

## SHIPOWNER OF NY

My first information about William Whitlock came from Bache McEvers Whitlock in the 1970's. His information was based on material gathered by his grandmother Emily Ogden (Simmonds) Whitlock.

At the age of about 12 William was apprenticed to Captain Snow and started a long career on the sea. By age 18 had signed on as a mate and sailed to Philadelphia. His father, William was also a sea captain and there is an incident recorded relating to William sailing as master of the ship *Prince George William IV* where his father "trounced" him for rubbing out his log slate!!

By 1782 the American Revolution was nearing the end and William is recorded on board Admiral Rodney's ship during an engagement with Count de Grasse.

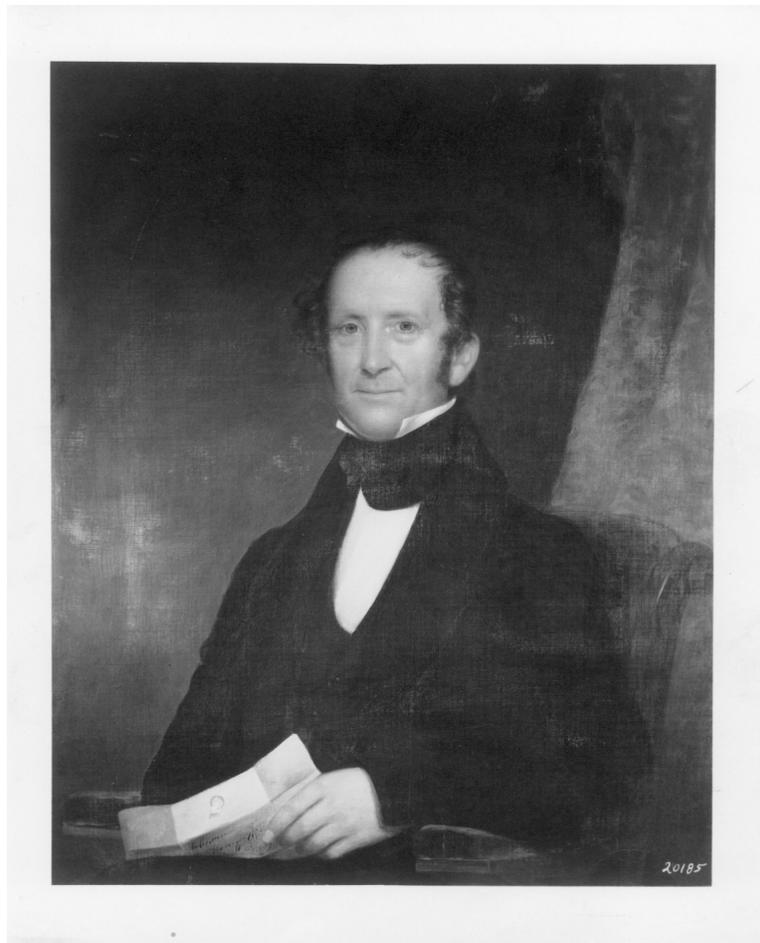
December 25, 1785 William Whitlock married Sarah Morrell at the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian church, New York City. Sarah was the daughter of Samuel Morrell & Bathsheba Browne. Between 1787 and 1802 they had 8 children.

In 1795 he took command of the ship *Hunter* owned by Franklyn Robinson & Co. And consigned to Rathbone & Benson. In March 1796 they left New York for Canton with his eight year old son Samuel Morrell Whitlock accompanying him. On the voyage home in March 1798 he was taken by the Spaniards and carried into Algeciras. Quite an adventure for an eight year old!!

William had a long career at sea and he owned and commanded the first Liverpool packet *Union*. The Merchants of Liverpool commemorated this event by hosting a public dinner in his honour and presenting him with a punch bowl.

This family is detailed on the WHITLOCK16 chart.

Our thanks to William Ogden Whitlock for the copy of a portrait of William Whitlock shown here.



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