

# ELIZABETH WHITLOCK LETTER, 1864

The following letter was sent in by Virginia Minnick Lewis:

Fall Branch Tenn

Nov. 1 1864

My Dear Husband

I am again granted the priviledge of answering a letter to the one I feared never would hear from again. I am thankful that we are permitted to write to other if we can not see other This ...my family all well I hope this find you in health I ....received your letter until.... You wanted to know if I had my horse the federal took him about a year ago left me w great big Roan mare very gentle Mary can work her you also wanted to hear from your brother Bill he is at home doing very well his son James? is in the Federal army we have got our corn gathered & is sowing wheat in the corn ground I want to sow between seven and eight bushels wheat I have plenty of vegeables all but turnips & did not get your letter in time to obey your request. Margaret & Thomas Howard was married two month ago Margaret says ...she did not marry a trifling soldier. I do not want them to leave me until you come home I hope the time not far distant that you may return home in peace and ....I want you to write where David Howard is & John Harie if you know I want you to write soon as you get this if you can not come home.

Yours truly Elizabeth Whitlock

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Sadly Elizabeth was writing to a husband she did not know had died five days earlier!! Elizabeth's husband was John S. Whitlock a private in Co. C 60<sup>th</sup> Tenn - Confederate Army. His service records show him at Chimborazo Hospital No.4, Richmond, Virginia Sep.17,186[3?] He was enlisted at Fall Branch, Tennessee by Capt Crouch. In October of 1864 he is in General Hospital No.2, Lynchburg, Virginia and died there Oct.26,1864 of Diarrhoea Ch.

Elizabeth addressed the envelope to "John S. Whitlock, Point Lookout Med. Co. C. Col. Crawford 79<sup>th</sup> Regt., Tenn. Vol. Vaughans Brigade."

John S. Whitlock was born in Tennessee about 1823 and married Elizabeth McCurry Feb.23,1847 Greene Co., Tennessee

There were three children. Margaret E. b.1847?, Eliza J. b.1848? and Mary b.1850? Margaret and Mary are mentioned in Elizabeth's letter. We are not yet sure which family John S. Whitlock connects with.

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