

HUSBAND & WIFE BOTH WHITLOCK DESCENDANTS

I was interested to make contact with Silvia McDonald who descends from John Whitlock (1797-1881) of Tennessee. In course of her research she uncovered that both she and her husband descend from the same John Whitlock.

Silvia wrote:

“Frank and I have been married 51 years....Frank from Beaumont and me from a small community in West Texas, New Home, near Lubbock. We met in Waco at Baylor.

I began doing our family genealogy in 2005. I would work on my Edwards/Strain family and then work on Frank's McDonald family. Totally by accident we found his grandmother Corine Small McDonald's line when I was attending a genealogy meeting. We were so excited because we had zero information on her, and here we had a total basket full of information. We entered all of our information into Family Tree Maker and went on about our business.

This summer, I was helping my cousin, who is new to genealogy, work through some Whitlock information. I looked at the names alphabetically, and saw that I had two John Whitlocks. I didn't think anything about it until I got to looking on the internet and saw that he had two wives. I had no dates for John Whitlock in my family information, but I had all of John Whitlock's information in Frank's information. I asked my cousin to look at Ancestry.com and see if they were one and the same John Whitlock....hoping that they were not! Well, was I ever wrong! Indeed they are the same and that makes my husband and I related...distant, but still related! We are half third cousins once removed, husband (wife).

When you look at my name and our granddaughter's name on the kinship report, you see "granddaughter, half 3rd cousin 3 times removed, 4th cousin 5 times removed, half 4th cousin once removed of the husband, and 4th cousin twice removed of the husband. What a mess! “

Silvia and Frank are part of the WHITLOCK33 chart and I was able to extract 103 pages of information from the findagrave.com site that Silvia and others had set up. This added a huge section to the chart and I was very impressed with the findagrave.com site and the ability to connect family members together there.

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