

JAMES WHITLOCK, REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIER

In the pension file for Christopher Doughty there is the following affidavit:

“Some short time after my secont inlistment there was an other Company came down from uper freehold monmoth County New Jersey & was stationed about 3 miles farther down towards Sandy hook & we were shifted one half the Company or Nearly so - from one station to the other as relief the Duty were so plenty on Sandy hook - frequently Doing mischeif in them parts as to the Time I inlisted for I Cannot Determin that is gone from me it was of Little Consiquence to me at that period. as I was resolved to remain in the service - as long as the war Lasted - and wether it was for 3 months or 6 months I Dare not say - but I know our service was severe Day & Night wet and cold untill the second of January 1777 we were betrayed by our Ensign Cornelious M Claye with the asistance of 3 of his Confidents the on he placed as sentinels = at the Dawn of Day we were Captured with the loss of one man shot through the body his name was James Whitlock a fine yong man and a good soldier - both Companied Drove on to Sandy hook Like Sheep for the Slatter - Except 3 or four that made there Escape - but in what way our Captain Stilwill made his Escape, I never heard - when we arrived Near to the Light house - some sent to the ships & some put on board of a large scoonner and storied in the hole among the watter Casks - it was the 26 rigment of british troops that took .. with the asistance of the refugees and those that were under there Care fared well for food - wile on bord at the ship - but those on bord of the scoonner fared badly with a tory Captain in about 3 days we were sent to New York, some to the North Church and some to the sugar house and some to the Hospital, on Cowfoot Hill green street - Now Perl Street = it was the quakers meeting house - about the Last of January I was taken to Nurs the sick in the hospital, and Doctor Wiggins from middle town on the Suykahanah, who was also a prisoner on Parole - and the head Doctor was from boston - he apeared to be much at a gentleman, I do not remember his name - I served as Nurs for the month of February & march 1777 worn down for the want of rest was glad to go to the shugar house again and was Let to go = a Lession to gard me from thence on the tenth of July - 1778 I made my Erscape taking with me 3 yong men that was also prisoners - and landed safe on the shore of middle town township monmoth County New Jersey the 11 - 1778, on the morning of the Eleventh of July our handkerchiefs worn out with muffling the oars to keep from being heard by the Enemy”

This information about the death January 2, 1777 of James Whitlock is new to me and I am not sure how he fits into the family. I would assume he is likely part of the WHITLOCK16 clan but I do not have an unaccounted for James Whitlock for that family who would fit the time period.

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