

THE LIFE & LETTERS OF PRIVATE WILLIAM WHITLOCK

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William Whitlock was born on May 3, 1829 in Tompkins Co., NY. He was the sixth of Thomas Whitlock and Jane Norton’s fourteen children. The family was originally from New Jersey but moved to New York prior to 1800.

William married Mary Eliza Trowbridge September 9, 1850 in Humphrey, Cattaraugus Co., NY. On the 1850 census for the Town of Rice in Cattaraugus Co., William is shown as a lumberer age 21 with wife Eliza age 18. By 1855 William is a farmer living in Humphrey with a wife and two children, and by 1860 the couple had two more children.

William joined the 188th New York Infantry and was killed at the Battle of Hatcher’s Run on Feb.7, 1865. In a twist of fate, 39 of William’s letters home to his wife “Lide” were found and have now been preserved forever in this book written by Valgene Dunham. This family is detailed on our WHITLOCK36 chart.

