

WILL OF DAVID WHITLOCK 1798

In the name of God amen. I, DAVID WHITLOCK of the County of Hanover and the Parish of St. Paul, being of sound mind and body and memory to make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following. to wit: It is my will and desire that all my just and lawful debts be paid and for that purpose I desire that my executors may sell a tract of land that I have in the state of Kentucky which I purchased of SAMUEL WHITLOCK and adopt such other methods for payment of the same as they think best. ITEM: I give and bequeath unto my sons CHARLES WHITLOCK, TURNER RICHARDSON WHITLOCK and DAVID PARISH WHITLOCK all the land that I, am entitled to in the County of Randolph (State of Virginia) to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever. ITEM: I lend unto my wife MARTHA WHITLOCK the tract of land on which I now live during her widowhood and at her death or marriage it is my will and desire that the said tract of land be equally divided between my two daughters REBEKAH DORAN WHITLOCK & LUCY ANN WHITLOCK, to them and their heirs forever, but in case either of my said daughters should die under age or unmarried it is my will that the surviving one have the hole of the said land. I likewise lend unto my wife MARTHA WHITLOCK during her natural life all the rest of my estate of every kind & quality whatsoever & at her death to be divid between my following children as she shall direct - CHARLES WHITLOCK, TURNER RICHARDSON WHITLOCK, DAVID PARISH WHITLOCK, REKEKAH DORAN WHITLOCK & LUCY ANN WHTLOCK to them and their heirs forever. And lastly I nominate and appoint my wife MARTHA WHITLOCK and John Allen Richardson executrix and executor to this my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixt my seal this 28th day of March one thousand seven hundren & ninety eight

David Whitlock (seal)

. Signed sealed & acknowledged

In presence of:

DAVID GENTRY, JOHN LYLE, NATH'L WHITLOCK

David Whitlock's will was probated September 19, 1798.

Hanover County Chancery Wills and Notes, page 169; Some Wills from the Burned Counties by Hopkins, 1987 has the following detail about David.

"During his lifetime he had purchased one of John Garland lands in Halifax County on Hyco River, which he subsequently sold to Dabney Miller. This land was later devised by Mrs. Martha Whitlock to her two surviving children. A law suit resulted, instituted in the Superior Court of Law and Chancery in Richmond in which the Court decreed that the tract of land be divided into four lots "first choice to be cast between Francis Timberlake, Sr. (now dec'd) and Martha Whitlock and John Allen Richardson, Executrix and Executor." David Whitlock also possessed land in Hanover, Randolph County (now West Virginia) and Kentucky. Survived by his five children and his widow, Martha, who died with will dated November 5, 1825, two Codicils dated April 22, 1833. Probated February 27, 1839. Their issue:

1. Charles Whitlock died without issue between 1798 and 1825.
2. Turner Richardson Whitlock, died without issue between 1798 and 1825.
3. David Parish Whitlock, died without issue between 1798 and 1825.
4. Rebecca Doran Whitlock, unmarried in 1843.
5. Lucy Ann Whitlock, married prior 1825 Ralph Wingfield. Borth are deceased in 1841, leaving issue: Martha Rebecca Wingfield; Lucy Ann Barbara Wingfield, married after 1825 William Henry Curtis, and died intestate ca 1855; Sarah Lewis Wingfield; Julia Blair Wingfield, under 21 years of age in 1841,

married ca 1855 Philip R. Norment; Henry Clay Wingfield, under 21 years of age in 1841; Virginia Wingfield, und 21 years of age in 1841”

This family is detailed on our WHITLOCK25 chart. The only descendants of David & Martha Whitlock are through the Wingfield family as none of the other siblings are shown having any children. Lucy Ann Whitlock and Ralph Wingfield were married in Hanover Co., Virginia in 1815. Ralph was the son of Thomas Wingfield and Ann Davis.

David was thought to be born about 1724 but with the discovery of the Whitlock-Wingfield Bible (1767) we now know he was born about 1757. The entry for his death May 7, 1798 says he was in his forty second year when he died. He and Martha are not having children until the 1770s and we had speculated that either David married quite late or we were missing a generation. The latter turned out to be true. The family Bible also confirmed that Martha was Martha Richardson born Oct.22,1752 the daughter of Turner Richardson & Elizabeth Smart which we had deduced as one of her children has the name Turner Richardson Whitlock and John Allen Richardson is made executor of David's Will. The Whitlock and Richardson families appear together in Hanover Co. many times and David Whitlock Sr. and Turner Richardson are both listed as early as 1752 in as St.Paul's Parish, Hanover Co., Virginia document.

The Whitlock-Wingfield Bible makes it obvious we are talking about two different David Whitlocks. The tax records for St.Pauls, Hanover Co., indicate they were likely father and son and that David Whitlock Sr likely died about 1793. Up to 1793 there are two David Whitlock shown and in 1794 there is only one and he now owns all the land formerly owned by the two separate David Whitlocks.

The Hanover Co. processioning records from 1770s to 1790s, where owners of land where required to prove their property lines, indicated David Whitlock Sr's neighbours were the Bailey, Richardson, Tyree, Lemay, Oliver and Jones families. In 1784 there are two D. Whitlocks who sign the processioning record.

David Whitlock Jr. is referred to a “Captain” David Whitlock which would indicate he served in the Revolution War as a Captain. There is a reference to a Captain David Whitlock in *Virginia Revolutionary Publick Claims*. In Fauquiere County “David Whitlock Capt. of guard of prisoners to Winchester 150# flour, 4 bu oats and 69# bacon”. I have not been able to find any reference to him in the Revolution War pension records.

David Whitlock Sr. is mentioned in the March 21, 1733 Will of his father James.:

“Item: I bequeath to my son, David Whitlock, all the land and plantation I now live on with the 100 acres I lately purchased adjoining thereto, to him and his heirs in fee.” Also

“Item: I give to my son, David Whitlock, one negro boy named, Dob.” Also

“My will and desire is that if either of my two sons, David or Mathew, shall die before they come of age of 21 years.....” This confirms he was under 21 in 1733 and fits with him being born in 1724.

While David Whitlock Sr. is shown of St.Pauls Parish, Hanover Co he purchased several properties registered in Henrico Co. between 1747 and 1755.

Considering his land holdings, it is surprising that there does not appear to be a Will for David Whitlock Sr.

Now we know the sources relating to David Whitlock are split between a father and son, hopefully we can determine more about David Whitlock Sr. We do not have a wife shown for him but know he was likely having children in the 1750's. There is also the Samuel Whitlock of Kentucky that David Whitlock Jr purchased land from - could he be another son of David Whitlock Sr? The only other reference we have to this Samuel is the 1798 Kentucky Gazette item that mentions that his lost watch has been found.

In 1789 David & Martha Whitlock are parties to a deed with Ann Whitlock to Benjamin Oliver. Ann Whitlock died about 1790 and in 1800 her 193 acres in Hanover Co. were conveyed to Benjamin Oliver. We don't know yet if Ann was a widow or a spinster or how she connects to David Whitlock.

It is amazing after more than forty years of research to come across an unknown 18th Century Family Bible record that fills in details of this part of the Whitlock family. It certainly gives us hope that other long time mysteries will be solved. I do find it unusual that major landowners in Hanover Co. died in the 1790's and there is no record of their wills. David Whitlock Sr. died about 1793 and Ann Whitlock died about 1790. There is also James Whitlock who died about 1783. His 433 acres in Hanover Co. are eventually conveyed to Nathaniel Whitlock in 1800. This James Whitlock is likely the one from Henrico Co. who was married first to Sarah ?? and secondly to Mary Smith who died in 1786. He heads the WHITLOCK23 chart.

The Whitlock-Wingfield Family Bible fills in some of the blanks for the Hanover County family but there are still more questions to be worked on.

SOURCES: R0078/76,79; R0112/23; R346/16; R0814; R0846; R1774; R1775; R2140; R3430
(Whitlock-Wingfield Bible)
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