

# MARY S. MAXFIELD (1918-2014)

I received an email from Patrick Blair, Mary's daughter, advising that Mary had died July 23, 2014 in Tomball, Texas age 96.

Mary was born in Shelbyville, Illinois March 23, 1918 the daughter of Claude Fielding Stiarwalt and Nina Eugenia Whitlock. Mary was very proud of her descent from the "Old 300" the pioneer settlers in Texas. We corresponded from 1989 and in her first letters she detailed her research into the family of William Whitlock the son of Robert & Aggy (Stringer) Whitlock of Virginia and later North Carolina.

We never were able to prove Robert's connection to the Virginia families and are still hoping that the latest YDNA technology will provide us some clues there.

William Whitlock and Mary White were married February 16, 1813 in St. Martinsville, Louisiana and eventually settled in Liberty, Texas while it was still part of Mexico. Patrick and I actually visited St. Martinsville in the 1990's as a result of my contact with Mary. It was an amazing place and it was hard to imagine what traveling through Louisiana must have been like in 1813!!

While Mary's research into her part of the Whitlock family finished in the early 2000's she kept her subscription to the Newsletter and requested copies of items mentioned from time to time.

She will be remembered and missed and her research will be preserved and will be passed on to future family history searchers.