

FIEF CHOISY PURCHASED 1825 BY JOHN WHITLOCK

In 1825 the Loyalist, Capt. John Whitlock made an agreement to purchase the Fief Choisy near Montreal. The actual transaction took several years to complete. Part of the agreement involved the sale of the 120 acres of land in Lenox, Massachusetts left to him by his father in 1808. The following document is three of the thirty-one pages of documentation relating to this land transaction:

On the Tenth day of the month of August in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty six, in the after noon Before the Undersigned Public Notaries, duly admitted and command for the Province Lower Canada, residing at the city of Montreal, in the said Province; Personally Came and appeared George Sage Henshaw, of the city of Montreal, advocate, attorney duly appointed, by Samuel M. McKay Esquire of Pittsfield, in the State of Massachusetts one of the united States of America of the one part. And Charles Whitlock of the Parish of Vaudreuil, in the District of Montreal, Gentleman Attorney duly appointed by John Whitlock, of the same place, his father, of the other part. Which said George Sage Henshaw authorised as aforesaid has bound and obliged the said Samuel McKay to sell, dispose, and convey to the said John Whitlock the said Charles Whitlock for him present and accepting, that is to say, the Fief manor known and distinguished by Fief Choisy situate lying and being in the seigneurie of Vaudreuil in the district of Montreal, containing ten arpents in front, by all the depth of the said Seigneurie of Vaudreuil, bounded in front by Kieneri der Outavias, to the Northwest one quarter west by Gabriel Constant's representatives and the Southeast by the concession of Jaques Bertrand with all its dependencies rights, emoluments, honorifices lucrative as bequeathed to the said Samuel M. McKay by Marie Louise Chartier De Lotbiniere, the sale is to be made for and in Consideration of the sum of Eleven Hundred and Fifty pounds Halifax Currency payed as follows, that is to say, part of the said sum by the Assignment and Transfer of a certain farm situated at Lennox in the county of Berkshire in the commonwealth of Massachusetts containing one hundred and twenty acres more or less being bounded in part by a Lot occupied by the Court House in rear by a public road, joining on one side by Colonel Northrup, and on the other side by a Married Laven, which land the said John Whitlock heretofore conveyed to one Peter Vanderburgh and being the same land wick John Whitlock late of said Lennox deceased died, seised and possessed of, and which by his last will and testament he devised to the said John Whitlock; will be valued at and after the rate of twenty three dollars per acre, for which farm or lot of Land a good clear and guaranted deed of sale & conveyance according to the forms by law required at the place where the Land is situated shall be given, The remainder will be paid as soon as the said Samuel McKay will have obtained a clear sheriffs deed of sale, by decred force or forced process which he binds and obliges himself by his said Attorney, to obtain as soon as possible and to pay the expence of decred; The parties by their Attornies bind themselves to give such conveyances and apurances in the law, which shall be reasonably devised or advised and required, freed and discharged, of and from all incumbrances, whatsoever, and the choisy Property clear and discharged of the ?ecint or other Domesical rights, which may be due to his Majesty. To have hold and take possess and enjoy the said respective properties and Estates from and after the fifteenth day of October now next ensuing, but the said John Whitlock will and is hereby forbidden, cut down or take away any

part of the Timber on the said Land or fief, until such time as the said title be decret shall have been obtained, a similar conditions will be executed for the Lenox property until this transaction shall have been closed. For securing the conditions of this bond the parties have mortgaged all their constituents properties estates and premises to grant ...other writings as shall deemed , necessary and continue or to create such mortgage to fulfil [the] above agreement. Thus Done and passed at the city of Montreal the day and year first above written and the appearers have signed with as the said notaries these presents having been first duly read in their (Signed) Geo. S. Henshaw Charles Whitlock, P. Luken n.p. N.B. Doucet n.p. as appears on the original remaining in the subscribing notaries office. N.B. Doucet np

Captain John Whitlock was born about 1749 in Connecticut the son of John Whitlock. His mother's name is unknown as at her death in 1781 she was recorded as "Mrs. Whitlock" John was the member of the Queen's Rangers and a Loyalist. His properties were confiscated following the American Revolution and he and his family moved to Nova Scotia in 1783. They were not pleased with the quality of the land allocated in Nova Scotia (later New Brunswick) and after some years, resettled in Vaudreuil near Montreal. John married Eleanor Coley April 6, 1771 in Weston, Connecticut. Their first three children were born in Lenox, Massachusetts and the last three in Nova Scotia. His daughter Anna Whitlock born in Lenox December 12 1775 eventually returned to Massachusetts and about 1802 married Peter Vanderburgh whose family was from Dutchess Co., New York. In 1866 her brother William Coley Whitlock (1787?-1875) married her granddaughter Ann Eliza Amelia Mathison (1832?-1916) and their property in Hudson, Quebec became the Whitlock Golf and Country Club. This family is detailed on our WHITLOCK09 chart.

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