

Answered.  
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To Whitlock Kith and Kin:

Sorry that I have been so long answering your letters. It is not that I am not intensely interested in Whitlock Genealogy but almost overwhelming family obligations continue to occupy most of my spare time and there is practically none left to pursue this most fascinating hobby.

I have collected lots of material from the Wilson County Courthouse and the State Archives in Nashville and there is twice that amount yet to be gleaned but haven't had time to properly digest and put it together. I am sending some of it on to you in hopes that it will be of some value.

My guesses and speculations concerning the Whitlocks who migrated to Tennessee from Virginia in the early 1800's parallel some of your views. However, there are so many clues yet to uncover we may find these to be if not all wrong, at least partly so.

I believe the Thomas Whitlock who was here as early perhaps as 1811 (Thomas K., whom I believe to be his son was born in Tennessee in 1811 according to Census records and James Whitlock, born in 1791 in Virginia, married in Tn in 1813 is, I think another son ) I also think that John (the Baptist Minister) born in 1797 in Virginia and died in Tn in 1881 is a son of this Thomas.

I haven't placed the John Whitlock who died before 1818 in Sumner County, Tn with much litigation occurring between his heirs. I haven't found the time to go read all the records there. Evidently this John was also in Kentucky and may be related to the William A. Whitlock who is the son of Nancy Brogan Whitlock as his 1880 Census records indicate that he was born in Kentucky, his father in North Carolina. "Whitlock Gleanings" book of Tom Roach have this (TSK) William A. the son of Jackson Whitlock, brother to Thomas William. I think there are some problems here. The Sumner County records may shed some light on all this.

A John W. Whitlock married December 3, 1838 in Wilson County Tn Nancy Brogan with Thomas K. Whitlock the bondsman.

The John W. Whitlock who married Mary Ann Richetts in Wilson County 1854 was probably Mitchell Whitlock's son. John W. Whitlock was administrator of Mitchell Whitlock's estate. Mitchell held notes on a Samuel Ricketts and Purnell Lane.

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There is a George Whitlock whose will was probated in Smith County, Tn, August 7, 1852. Wife Ann.

Sarah Atwood Whitlock is mentioned in the will of her father, Edwin Y. Atwood probated in Smith County 9-24-1841. (Atwood's wife is Sarah)

If I don't stop I shall never get this mailed to all of you.

Sincerely,.

Dot Water

P. S.

Peter, I am sending you a copy of Doctor Franklin Whitlock's Will. It is much too long to send it to all those who may be interested. Newbern Jennings is mentioned (his grandson) and is the same Newbern who married Lillia Whitlock, (William A. Whitlock's daughter.)

I realize this is all very un-organized and am sorry. I re-read the letter and almost decided to not send it but don't know when I'll find time to re-do the mess!

I read the early Wilson Cty. newspaper trying to locate the death notice of D. F. Whitlock and found in a 1908 paper that "The Lebanon Democrat" had a new Whitlock Press which the staff was so pleased about.

Betty Whitlock sent me a printout of John Whitlock's 23 children. As John was born in 1797 and married Nancy West in 1815 it is unlikely he would have a son born in 1814 by a previous wife. He would have married very young and remarried very soon! I am hoping that some church records will clear up these problems.