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Dear Mr. Whitlock,

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the Whitlock family. I appreciate the copy of the Newsletter and your kind offer to help me.

I cannot come up with positive dates of birth, death and marriage of Martha Whitlock nor her husband, John Arnold. Their son, Whitlock Arnold's birth date was assumed to be 1767 because his wife, Daisey, was born in 1767.

The will of Thomas Whitlock of Halifax County, Virginia interests me since it has been proven that John Arnold and his brother, Francis, Jr. were in Halifax county before they moved to Randolph County, North Carolina in the late 1770s. So there must be a connection between the Whitlocks of Halifax and my Martha Whitlock. Is it possible she is the "Patty Arnold" in Thomas' will?

I filled out your questionnaire to the best of my knowledge starting with my Whitlock ancestor. It probably isn't what you wanted - I just didn't know why you would want it to start with me. I am also enclosing my pedigree chart for your files. I wrote something on John Arnold taken from DAR and other correspondence which I will send along. It might give you a clue from dates and places where he lived.

I am not aware of the Whitlock publication which you referred to in your letter. Will you please fill me in on the title and so on?

If you have additional information on Halifax County, Virginia, families and addresses of those who are searching there I will appreciate your sending me what you think might be of help. Please let me know the cost of copies.

Enclosed is my check for a subscription to the Newsletter. I am happy to be a member of the family of Whitlocks. I like the idea of "clearing house and newsletters. However there are so many of which to become a member that it takes a lot of \$\$\$\$\$.

Thank you again for your assistance. I will look forward to the next newsletter. Perhaps the publicity of my line will bring great results.

Sincerely,

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Captain John Arnold  
and  
Martha Whitlock

Captain John Arnold was the son of Francis Arnold, Sr., and his wife, Rachel Arnaltd, daughter of a Virginia planter, Benjamin Arnaltd, a German who had a plantation in King Williams County, Virginia, before 1700.

Francis and Rachel appear in Spotsylvania records prior to 1760. John could have remained there but later settled in Halifax County, Virginia, until the late 1770s when he moved to Randolph County, North Carolina.

John Arnold was one of the founders of Randolph County, North Carolina and when it was formed in 1779 he was elected to represent it in the House of Commons and took his seat 8 October 1779. After serving sometime in the House he was elected to the Senate in 1789.

The exact date of his death is unknown but numerous deeds in Randolph County show he was still living there in 1799.