

*Answered
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Louise
Hannah (Van) Sherrard?*

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Dear Peter:

Thanks very much for your letter of 5 August 1991 and the print-out of the Whitlock O9 chart. It is very evident that you have done a tremendous amount of work since we previously corresponded.

You indicated that you lack our descent from Hannah Whitlock (G1, H1, I2, J8, K1, L5) and also requested such information as we have on the Swan children. As an enclosure hereto I shall attempt to produce a chart of the children of Hannah and of her sister Mary (L9) by their husband Ebenezer Swan Sr. To the extent I can, I shall carry the chart down to the present (thus providing our line of descent). Mom has substantially more data than I have on the descendants of Hannah E (Swan) Sherrard, and I will try to add to this chart on a subsequent trip home. [However, we do not expect to make another trip home to Maine at least until fall. We have been home three times since late May and it is time to give our old car (1986; 112,000 miles) a rest. It may be a while, then, before you get the additional data.]

Several notes concerning the data on the chart are in order:

1. Much of the early data on the Swans and Sherrards is taken from [of verified by] the "Charlotte, Maine, Vital Records" which appeared in various issues of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register between January 1947 & October 1949. By separate envelope I will forward those pages which mention Swans, etc.
2. On Hannah (L5), her place of death can be listed as Charlotte, Maine. The birth date you list for her is actually her baptismal date. I have corrected that on the chart.
3. On Ebenezer Swan Sr, I believe his birth year should be listed as 1786?, rather than 1796?. All the censuses from 1820 to 1860 indicate he was born prior to 1790, the latter two specifically suggesting the mid-1780s.
4. As to the children of Ebenezer & Hannah, the Charlotte records only cover their children born in Charlotte. The 1820 census of Lubec, Maine indicates that they had three daughters living as of that date. The 1830 census of Charlotte gives them two sons, two daus under 5, and three daus between 5 & 10. It would appear there is an error in the ages of the girls in this latter census. Based on the Charlotte records, there should have been one dau under 5, and one between 5 & 10. The other three daus listed in the 1830 census quite probably were the three daus in the household in 1820 and should have been listed as 10-20 in 1830. One of the three "Lubec" daus was presumably Priscilla, who is listed as 30 yrs old in the 1850 census. On my chart I thus list two unknown daus first, followed by Priscilla. The first child born in Charlotte was also a dau. I have thus taken the liberty of renumbering Ebenezer Swan Jr as M5.
5. Two of my sister Louise's daus are getting married this fall. I have included that data as if the events have already happened. If you wish to await confirmation, that is quite acceptable.
6. I have entered a few items followed by question marks. These tend to be mostly places of death, and are in reality only the last known whereabouts of the individual in question. You may wish to ignore those entries.

I will send you, for your information, the obituary of Hannah E

(Swan) Sherrard. It makes good reading. The reference in the obit to the Sherrard homestead could, more accurately, have read Swan homestead. Ebenezer Swan Sr owned this lot (#7 in the sixth range) from at least 1823 til 1864, at which time he sold it to John Sherrard Sr, whose son subsequently married his granddaughter.

I have nothing to report yet on Coddington. I have reviewed two books on Coddington, but both feature New Jersey lines. Neither reveals the line of Jacob, or of Asher, the other N.B. Coddington Loyalist. In the Bible, Asher is a son of Jacob. I don't know what the relationship of the Jacob & Asher in N.B. was, if any. Both were from New York, however. If anything develops from this stab in the dark, I shall let you know.

On the subject of Priscilla's parentage, though, I am intrigued that you have received data indicating that Elijah was the second son, rather than the third as I had him, and that his full given name was Smith Elijah [Elijah Smith?]. The second son is the conventional son to be named after his maternal grandfather. Thus this is another possible name to check out. The recent book on Early N.B. Probates does indicate that there was an Elijah Smith in or around Gagetown in the early 1820s. Gagetown is not exactly the right spot, but is nevertheless a possibility. It is downstream from Fredericton. The Gagetown Elijah Smith either witnessed signature, posted surety bond or took inventory relating to four estates in the early 1820s. I would think that man may have been too young to have been Priscilla's father, but perhaps there was an earlier Elijah Smith in the area. We will check to see if Esther Wright's book on N.B. Loyalists lists anyone of that name, and go from there. Maybe we will yet be able to put a surname with Priscilla!

You seem to have acquired considerable data on Solomon & Hannah's son Jacob, and particularly on their grandson Charles (J8, K1, L1, M6). I note that one of his daus married in Calais, ME in 1889. Do you know if this Charles is synonymous with the C Whitlock who was living in Charlotte, Me, c1881? An old map of the town shows a C Whitlock living on what appears to be lot #2 in the 4th range, or possibly on the upper end of lot #2 in the 3rd range, which once belonged to Ebenezer Swan Sr. I have long wondered about the relationship between Hannah & this C Whitlock. One of his daus d.y. and is buried in the Round Pond cemetery in Charlotte. I regret I have not yet copied the data from her small stone or the other stone on that lot. Her stone is lying flat on the ground. Jan & I did clean her stone this year but didn't reset it as it requires a couple rods to hold the stone on the base. I plan to acquire the rods this year and reset the stone next May. I will copy the inscriptions at that time.

The 1914 Story of a Down East Plantation does not, to the best of my recollection, mention this C Whitlock, except on the old map reproduced in that book. [The book has no index & I shall have to recheck my memory in that regard.] The 1975 sesquicentennial brochure on the town includes a piece titled Charlotte Reminiscences related to Eileen Clark by Mre Hilda Townsend which states in part:

"The Carlisle's and the neighbors all came in the early 1800's. They settled up toward what was known as Connelley Hill (near and above Coalblack Lake). Many of these first settlers came from the British

Isles. Some of the families that lived there were: Whitlock, McShea, Carlisle, Doughty, Donohue, Connelley and App. ...

"Jed Whitlock made early American furniture. He was a skilled craftsman. He carved lovely designs on the backs of chairs, etc. Mrs. Townsend said they had a settee (like a bench with back and arms) with carvings across the back that was made by Mr. Whitlock.

"These people were great party-goers, and the Whitlock's had them often at their home."

[Note: Settlement of Charlotte began in 1809 with the major influx around 1820. Plantation # 3 became a town in 1825. I doubt that the Whitlocks were among the early settlers there, as they are not mentioned in the 1914 book. The author, who left town c1880 and became a professor at Ryder Divinity School in Chicago, includes two chapters in the book, one in which he discusses each of the pioneer families and one in which he walks along the roads of Charlotte and tells who lived in each house or cellar when he was growing up. He wrote the book on a visit to Charlotte. His failure to mention Whitlock, which I have now verified, suggests to me they were more recent arrivals in town. (However, the one road or lane in town which he does not mention is the road up Apts Hill, on the northeastern extremity of town, where the Carlisles and C Whitlock lived according to the 1881 map.)

Also, I do not find Jed among the descendants of the Charles on your chart. Possibly the C Whitlock of Charlotte is a different line. My guess though is that perhaps Jed is a grandson of Charles and not yet captured on your chart.]

By the way, who was the source of your data on Charles' family? I gather someone in California. If you have his/her address, I would, nevertheless, like to share notes with him/her.

Also, does your listing of John² as G1 signify that you have data on the six prior generations of his ancestry? Or is this just to identify him to the computer? If the former, we would welcome that data.

Lastly, on Sarah, the wife of Samuel (I2), has someone disproved that she was a dau of Samuel Squire? Or do you not list that surname as it lacks possitive proof?

All for now. Thanks again for your letter. It is great to be in touch again.

Sincerely

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