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WHITLOCK FAMILY NEWSLETTER  
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Dear Peter:

I am back doing some genealogy trying to get organized for a possible trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, the third week in September and a trip to Florida in August for my High School class reunion, to see my sister, and hopefully my father and brother. A national Odell group is meeting there and we hope to go for that. My husband's mother was an Odell(Odle, etc.) b. 1857 Randolph Co., Alabama; a lot of them were in North Carolina and that is where we have lost Isaac Odell b. 1795-1805 N.C. I wanted to go the week before for a nation-wide Reynolds group meeting (My James stuck in Ga. 1798), but the Florida trip came up instead.

Right now I am suppose to be going through boxes of papers and sewing stuff that have accumulated over the past 15 years instead of writing genealogy letters, but that is part of getting all this mess straighten out. I worked part-time in child care for about a year and a half; then left because I could nat afford to work for less. We changed around bedrooms and moved around all my genealogy stuff, sewing, etc.

Both our sons were back home for about six-weeks. Daniel, who turned 24 last week, moved out earlier this month to start a job as a medical technologist at a hospital in Paris, Texas, about a 3 1/2 hour drive north of us and just south of Hugo, Oklahoma, and east of Dallas, Texas. Since he will have enough pay checks by the middle of August to take over all his bills, we can afford to travel a little bit! We did not go anywhere last summer. Plus I made a significant sale of some copies of the Baptist Church Minutes book I did to a Southern Baptist Seminary in Kentucky! They are using it as supplemental reading is a church history course. We are Southern Baptist; genealogy is a hobby/disease with me.

David, who was 21 in May, will be a senior this fall at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas, 30 miles east of here majoring in Physics and minoring in math. After graduation he hopes to transfer to Texas A&M to complete a second degree in engineering if he can be admitted. All the rules have changed since he began his college work; TAMU is cutting down their numbers because they have so many students. He is working for the state highway department this summer and will be home until the end of August.

You may or may not remember that last year you had an item about William Whitlock who died in Edgefield Dist., S.C. with a widow Penelope. Somebody had sent in an item about her maiden name being Robinson(sp?) and connected to a Robinson family that went to Florida. At the end of December, 1994, I mailed you a copy of this estate record for William Whitlock d. 1808. In it there is an Allen/Allan Robinson, but no other Whitlocks buying at the estate sale and no other heirs are apparent in these papers.

I am enclosing two queries I wrote for you to print about my Whitlock/Booth line from Virginia to Edgefield Dist., S. C. in the newsletter. I suspect, but am not positive, that this Whitlock information that connects my Winfrey as a son of this William d. 1808 most likely originated with Mr. Charles Whitlock Nowell of Morgantown, West Virginia. You and I have both commented to each other in writing about how tight he seems to hold his information to his chest.

Also I am not positive that the connection is right. I would like to see some documentation of some kind and/or some educated guesses or theories as to why this William is Winfrey's father besides them both being in Edgefield Dist., S. C. at the same time.

This third weekend in August will be two years ago, my husband and I went back to Georgia to where my mother is buried for the church homecoming. The homecoming and revival has been at about that time since about 1834, church founded in 1784. This is the book I did. Conference Minutes of Bethesda Baptist Church, near Union Point, Greene Co., Ga. 1817-1865. I got a \$3,000 grant from a foundation in Georgia for the print costs, but I only get paid for my months of work by selling books. I have a \$3,500 grant for deed abstracts if I can ever get it finished. Foundation grants are limited to Georgia stuff.

Anyway, we met my sister from Florida there and we all went to Augusta, Ga. and over to Edgefield, South Carolina to do research. It is a two day drive one way, but inconvenient and more expensive to fly. While we were there, I contacted these Riley sisters and they came over to our motel there in Augusta.

The Riley sisters are descendents of one of the daughters of the second marriage of my 2g-grandfather, James Whitlock, Jr. He married (or took up with/no marriage records in early S. C.) Francis Hatcher who died. Then c. 1868 m. a Hamilton. Linda is the one that does the genealogy though I thought mostly there in South Carolina. She works for the telephone company. The other one is in engineering for the Savannah River Atomic Energy Project in Barnwell Co., S. C. She puts all the stuff in the computer.

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They gave me a stack of computer paper printouts several inches thick, slightly over 400 pages, from her computer program and

this is where I got this Virginia stuff. It gives no references or citations as to sources. Only she did not tell me she had these earlier generations. I am almost certain she has not gone to Virginia to do research. I think they, Linda, is the one that got the Whitlock Bible copied and sent to Mr. Nowell. They are sitting there on top of all the Whitlock information and it was fairly easy for even an experienced researcher with some higher education and intelligence to get most of the Edgefield stuff if you live right on top of it. There were about 11 or 12 children from the second marriage. They knew these people when young or heard older relatives talk about them.

So have any of your subscribers researched <sup>-M-</sup> this William Whitlock who is suppose to have married 4/22/1760 Goochland Co., Va. to Sarah Jordan? Can anybody either prove or disprove this connection of this William as Winfrey's father. PLEASE DO NOT MENTION MR.NOWELL'S NAME IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INFORMATION IN THE NEWSLETTER!!! Mr. Nowell must have found another old Bible Record or a parish register of some sort for these dates.. I have not connected up with anything in the recent WHITLOCK FAMILY NEWSLETTER or in Thomas Roach's WHITLOCK GLEANINGS.

In one issue you mentioned the IGI from Salt Lake City. About a year and a half ago the Morman Church in Lufkin got a Family History Center that has the Ancestral File on the CD's with the computer and the microfiche IGI. It is about 30 miles from here. I have made it a point to go the last four Tuesdays. I have just about mined it for everything on my lines. Either it isn't there or I have already got it. I did find a few goodies, and contacted a couple of people. Let me know if there is anything I can get for you. Copies of one mircofiche are \$.25 (25 cents) U.S. each.

Keep up the good work on the newsletter. I know it is a big job for someone who works full time to support a family. Did you write in a back issue that you took your computer on a vacation to some island? Your wife and children must be about ready to kick you and your computer into the Pacific Ocean!

There is a possibility that we might be able to get on the Inernet without it being long-distance later this month or this fall. I will keep you posted.

Another Whitlock researcher and subscriber,

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