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Dear Mr. Whitlock,

Fern Dick, WONDERS_INC@msn.com, gave me your address over the internet and suggested that I send you my family tree back to the Whitlocks. She said that you publish a newsletter on Whitlock genealogy and could possibly answer a question that I have about my Whitlock ancestors.

I am descended from William Lafayette Whitlock who was a Alabama Circuit Judge just after our Civil War. His biography appears in Thomas M. Owen, History of Alabama & Dictionary of Alabama Biography (published by Marie Owen, Founder of Alabama Archives and History, 1921). It reads:

Whitlock, William Lafayette, lawyer and jurist, was born April 22, 1825, at Union, Union District, S.C., and died February 6, 1892, at Gadsden, AL, son of Lot and Elizabeth (Kent) Whitlock, the former a native and resident of Union Court House, Union District, SC, a planter and slave owner whose ancestors came in the 16th century from England to America; grandson of Lot and Elizabeth Whitlock, who lived at Union District and Moved to Calhoun County, and of Bethel and Marion Kent, who lived at Union, the latter being a sister to gen. Francis Marion. He obtained his early education in the common schools of Calhoun County. In early life he was a farmer, and for seven years he was a justice of the peace. he read law and in 1856, at Jacksonville was admitted to the bar. In 1868 he was elected judge of the twelfth judicial circuit of Alabama, and served two terms of six years each, being the only Democrat elected at the time names. When soon after his election, Judge Whitlock opened court in Jacksonville. The town was garrisoned by Federal troops, and a judge had recently been imprisoned by a second lieutenant of the federal army for refusing to allow Negroes on a jury. The clerk of the court, the sheriff, and the judge of the probate court summoned Negroes to constitute part of a jury in the circuit, but Judge Whitlock dismissed the Negroes and informed the officers whose duty it was to select jurors that they themselves would be committed to jail if thereafter such persons should be brought to act in that capacity. he was a delegate for the preservation of the Union, from Cherokee County to the convention of 1861, which passed Alabama's ordinance of

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secession. He was a Mason. Married October 7, 1847, at Ladiga, Calhoun County, AL to Lucy, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Bridges, who lived at or near Ladiga and whose ancestors came from South Carolina. Children: 1. Martha Elizabeth, m. James H. Daughdrill, Oneonta; 2. Louisa Matilda, m. Joseph Alexander Walden, Center; John Calhoun, lawyer, Seattle, WA; 4. William Ross, Seattle, WA; 5. Frances Cornelia, m. George R. Daughdrill, Mobile. Last residence Gadsden.

The enclosed family tree is all that I know about his ancestry. The connection with Francis Marion's family is based only on what I have read about Marion's nieces and is not at all certain. Do you have Lott Whilock in you data base? Could you tell me how his wife was actually related to the Marions and who Lott Whilock's ancestors were? I would be interested in anything that you could tell me about my Whitlock ancestors.

Yours very truly,

