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Dear Peter:

I'm always late in paying my membership dues - I apologize - This is the year I've vowed to work on genealogy. Last year we added a large room to our house for our son, who lives with us - and it was a very stressful year - getting carpenters in these parts is extremely difficult - our contractor was terrific but there is a shortage of carpenters, electricians, heating/a.c., etc., far too much building going on in SE Michigan.

I've spent a lot of time since the first of the year simply reorganizing my papers. A new 4-drawer file cabinet has been a great addition as far as better efficiency goes. Have four stacked baskets on my desk cleaned out, with four to go. All supplies organized and easy to find - maintenance is a MUST. Additional bookcases will be helpful but waiting for a sale on some I like and can almost afford.

I purchased two volumes of small books by a Mr. Simpson of Richmond, Va. titled "Baptist Ministers in Virginia - 1759-1799" as Biographical Surveys. Have talked with him by phone and he informs me that the next two volumes scheduled for publications will not contain any Whitlocks, neither do these but they are excellent for anyone whose families are shown. Very well researched and even explicit directions to cemeteries where ministers are buried. Also a listing of all the churches is an asset.

He was able to tell me the Thomas Whitlock (Isle-of-WIGHT Co., Va. 1638) moved north to King George County and Essex County. Last year I started to try to trace our Whitlocks from that county and time to their arrival in Tennessee. I was curious as to why Thomas Whitlock (born July 1790) had three wives. Even though we knew the dates of his marriages I went ahead and sent for the records and found them to correspond with what had been published in the past. He was married (1) Susannah Webb Nov. 28, 1788; (2) Judith Carter Dec. 15, 1792 and (3) Sally Gillahorn Dec. 28, 1807.

I'd always assumed his first young wife had died in childbirth, hence his marriage 4 years later to Judith Carter. Not so at all. I sent for the will of John Webb, shown as Father and signer of certificate. His will, made August 11, 1794, reads as follows:

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In name of God Amen. I John Webbe of Halifax County being very sick and weak in body but in perfect mind and memry and knowing that it is apointed for allmen once to die do make and constitute this my last will & teatament cauling to mind and memory what worldly goods it hath pleas God to in Dow me with, do give and dispose of them in the following manner names them: I give unto my son Edmon Webbe as _____ (wages?) Mas Jack if the said Jack shall live to make three crops the 3rd Edmon Webbe shall pay to my estate 1250 pounds of wheat crop to _____ (?) on the _____ (?) in case to be divided among the rest of my children and after my debts is paid the rest of my estate to be equally divided between

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the other three children namely George Webbe, Suaner (Susannah) Whitlock, Betty Gary I do point Edmond Webbs Wm. Mactals executors to this my last will and testament in the year of our Lord 1794,

August 11.

test:

John Webbs

James Collins

William Pemberton

At a court held for Halifax County the 22nd day of December 1794 The within written last will & testamony of John Webbs Deed was presented in court and proved by the oaths of 2 witnesses there and subsequwnt.

So, this leads me to believe Susannah left him and was still living in 1794. Remember, he'd married Judith^H Carter in 1792. I wonder if his first two sons, Thomas (my ancestor born 1790) and James lived with their mother or stayed with their father. They were not mentioned in their maternal grandfather's will, as we see. She may have wanted to get away and was glad to leave the boys behind.

I have done nothing on this because I've been working on the Butler line, as well as a little Pemberton.

In my file I find a copy of the original deeds^S of Thomas and Salley. Didn't realize I have it so will have to transcribe and type it. They were in Brunswick County and I also have record of his applying for a Rev. War pension - also lived in Halifax Co. with a son.

Peter, I must get into this file - just whetting your appetite with all these bits of information but planned all along to send you copies of it all when I get it all resolved. I think I can do it all since I have everything from their arrival in Tenn. to present.

My husband returned from Florida a month or more early so I'm much busier than when he was gone two months. Have to cook meals now and what a waste of time from my other works.

Georgia James was in an auto accident last month and her body took a beating but she's coming along fine now. Missed only one Sunday of not going to church to teach her S.S. class. Was not using her seat belt and the car was hit by a truck unable to stop at a side road.^(L158) Got a small broken bone in right leg - passenger door took most of the hit but her daughter who was driving, was injured when the air bag was deployed - causing a blood clot somewhere in her lung or chest. She WAS using her seat belt.

Hate to rush but must do so for now. Eager to sit down tonight and copy that will. Will get my work organized and follow through with it.

In the American south, even today, it is not unusual for people to be called by nicknames. I truly believe the family called her Suaner, it would have been absolutely the way they would have done it - instead of the proper Susannah.

*Mary Latta,
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