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Dear Peter,

I am just about ready to get REAL frustrated with these early Whitlocks, especially the ones in Hall Co., GA. They just did not leave many official paper trails. After finding a "Thomas" in the old Franklin Co., AL land records, I became more curious and sent off for his bounty land file. I just received it last week. As usual, it simply created more questions. Apparently none of these Whitlocks could read or write. None of them really knew when they were born. Thomas states one age in the 1850 application and another in the 1855 application. The same thing happened to Nathaniel, except they kicked his second one back for clarification of his age. That is where he finally said that he did not know when he was born. There is something very interesting about Nathaniel, Charles M (Marion) and Thomas. They all three enlist in the same company at the same place (Camp Call, GA) on the same day AND are all three mustered out the same day, same place. I don't know what conclusions can really be drawn from this. Maybe coincidence. Or maybe they were brothers, or atleast cousins and wanted to go in together.

Thomas received 2 bounty land allotments , both for 80 acres each. His application in both cases states that he was a resident of Franklin Co., AL. Yet, he does not appear in the 1850 US Franklin Co census nor the 1855 AL state census. Of course, William and Elizabeth does not appear either. It must have been too "woolly" in that part of the county for the census taker.

Misc

A "Thomas" appears in the 1830 Hall Co., GA census with 2M(0-5), 1M(15-20){I assume that this is Thomas}, 1F(0-5), 1F(20-30){I assume that this is his wife}, and 1F(30-40){I don't assume anything about her; she seems too old to be his wife, so maybe she is one of their sisters. However, if she was closer to 40, I guess she could be his mother.}. A "Thomas" joined the GA Militia in 1837 and was discharged in 1838. A "Thomas" does not appear in the 1840 or 1850 GA census. A "Thomas" applied for bounty land in Franklin Co., AL on 22 Nov 1850. The AL census for the area he should have been in was taken in the Nov/Dec time frame. If he was a resident when he applied on 22 Nov, he should have been in the census with his family. Of course, disease and other uncontrollable acts occurred in those days. Maybe the rest of the family died and he was the only one left. One person would be more difficult to run down than a whole family. There is, however, one more route that I have not fully explored about "Thomas". One appears in the 1840 US census, St. Clair Co., AL. He could have gone down there after military service and then have gone to Franklin Co., AL. But, where is his family?

Concerning Charles, I can make a case for a "Charles" starting with the 1820 Hall Co. Ga census, then to 1830 Hall Co, GA, 1840 Hall Co., GA, and on to the 1850 Franklin Co.,AL census. Tracking the ages from census to census is the only basis for this

case. That is weak. I would like to find something to corroborate this. There are 2 Charles Whitlocks in the early GA censuses. The other one seemed to remain in DeKalb Co., GA, 1820 to 1850. The Jackson Co, GA tax records that I sent you and you inquired about in your last letter was for 1810. This Charles could be either of them. However, I favor the Charles of Hall Co. Franklin Co. was created in 1874 and was a rather large county. Jackson Co. was created in 1796 from Franklin Co. Then, Hall Co. was created in 1820 from land that was once part of Franklin Co. So, it is possible that Charles paid taxes in Jackson Co., on land that later was to become Hall Co. A "Charles" was a winner in the "38th's day's drawing on 19 Apr" for Hall Co. in the land lottery no. 9. I have got to go back to the library to read the front part of the book that I copied this from. Someday I will learn to copy everything! Incidentally, a "Charles" of DeKalb Co. was a winner in the same drawing. I notice in Vol. 32, No. 2, GA Geneal. Soc. Qtrly that there are two Whitlocks buried in the Fellowship Primitive Bap. Church Cemetery (Old) as follows: Mary C. Whitlock, 7 Jan 1800-29 Jun 1883 and Charles Whitlock, 6 Dec 1792-8 Sep 1873. They are not buried next to each other. There was a note on the Cemetery listing stating that they were husband and wife. Why can't I be as lucky with the ones that I want to find?

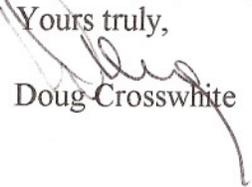
DeKalb Co GA

Back to the 1820 GA Hall Co. census. I think that the Whitlock at the top of page 143 is Chs for Charles. R.V Jackson and Scott Davis ignores or at least chooses not to acknowledge the entry. The GA Historical Society at least recognizes the entry as a Whitlock. They record the first name as "IND". I guess that stands for either "individual" or "indeterminate". I am enclosing a copy of that page for your examination. Of course, the GA Historical Society makes what I think is another error in their index published in 1963. They list a "Thomas" in Hall Co., GA. To me, it is clearly Jas. for James. I am also sending you a copy of this page (130) and page 129 where Nathaniel appears..

The above points out the need to go back to the original census and not rely on a census index or transcription. Those transcribing the original record sometimes makes mistakes. In this case, I think that they made several critical mistakes.

I have some cryptic notes that I made years ago. I so not know where the information came from. It concerns Nathaniel. I note that he was a minor in Matthew's household in 1784, place unknown. Then in 1785 Nathaniel (a minor) is shown as head of household with Elijah Green in the household. I also noted that in 1812 Nathaniel disappears. I still do not know where I got this data. Recently, I did find Nathaniel in C.E. Ratcliff's book of N.C. tax payers, 1701-1786, in Surry Co., N.C. in 1772. The above notes also indicate James I w/children James II, David, and Matthew. (Note: I should delete this paragraph because I now feel so dumb about it. I now know that I extracted it from Thomas Roach's book, Whitlock Gleanings, page 19. I noted this because of the Elijah Green connection, thinking of the William Whitlock/Elizabeth Green marriage. What this points out, again, is the need to keep and note sources of information.)

I am not a true net surfer so I feel that I may be missing a lot by not doing so. However, I think that Anna Popejoy and Earl Johnson are quiet active on it. I feel like that if there is anything pertinent they will catch it. Happy hunting and keep up the good work.

Yours truly,

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