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WHITLOCK DOUBLE HOUSE

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The Historic American Buildings Survey catalogs the WHITLOCK DOUBLE HOUSE at 628-630 N. Seventeenth St., Richmond, VA. Is anyone familiar with this and knows which Whitlock is associated with the house and when? A photo exists at Library of Congress but not yet online.

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From: bev-dick@juno.com
To: whitlock@valleynet.bc.ca
Subject: Re: Whitlock Double House
On Tue, 13 Apr 1999 19:30:40 -0700 (PDT) Peter Mark Whitlock
>Peter-

WADick

Thanks very much for your interesting response to "Whitlock Double House." You may be correct in your speculation that the house was associated with Charles Whitlock. I have never been to Richmond and never expect to be and so have no information regarding the age of the house or with whom it might be associated. However, I do know that there were two brothers, Philip and Herman (or Hermann) Whitlock who were Jewish, emigrants from England, wealthy, and who lived in Richmond. Philip, known locally as "Uncle Phil," was owner of a company OLD VIRGINIA CHERROOTS which made and sold cigars "4 for 10 cents." This company was bought by P. Lorillard. I have in my possession the remnants of an old tobacco box with paper label which reads "P. Whitlock's Old Virginia Cheroots" and which has a kind of "Uncle Tom" drawing of a guy with white chin whiskers and spectacles perched on his forehead and underneath this drawing is "Trade Mark." I could speculate that the Whitlock double house was associated with these two brothers. Philip Whitlock, as you may know, wrote a book of his adventures as a Confederate soldier for Virginia in the Civil War.

I have only recently become interested in genealogy and I am really confused about my own Whitlock family line. Perhaps, I better subscribe to the Whitlock Family Newsletter now that I have learned how prolific these characters were and are!

Thanks again for your response.

R.T. Whitlock (for Richard Thomas, but always have been called "Dick").

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From: bev-dick@juno.com
To: whitlock@valleynet.bc.ca
Subject: Re: Whitlock Double House

Peter-

Your note was most interesting about Philip Whitlock and caused me to do some internet surfing. I call the following website to your attention:
[www.jewish-history.com/philip whitlock.html](http://www.jewish-history.com/philip_whitlock.html)

There you will find an excerpt from P. Whitlock's book "The Life of Philip Whitlock, Written by Himself" along with a photo of Philip in the Richmond Grays at the time of the John Brown Harper's Ferry incident. Philip claimed that John Wilkes Booth was a member of the Richmond Grays at that same time! Interesting stuff. In reading the excerpt I think I may be wrong in my speculation about Richmond's Whitlock Double House being connected to Philip and Herman Whitlock because in the excerpt Philip mentions that his brother Herman's house was at the corner of "Broad and Nineteenth Streets" whereas the Double House is on N. Seventeenth St. By the way, in the excerpt Philip mentions marrying Eva Abram on 17 Nov., 1863 and that Eva was his brother's wife's sister. Brothers married sisters! So your dates on his marriage must be wrong. It is doubtful that his book is available anywhere except at the museum mentioned on the website.

As soon as I get my own Whitlock family data together I will write you, hoping you can set me straight.

I have taken the liberty of attaching a photo file- a scan of the label of the Old Virginia Cheroot box I have. I hope this attachment stuff works. This is NOT a fiendish way of infecting your computer with a virus- no Melissa here! Perhaps you will find all this intriguing. I know I do. Oh-Oh. Juno says my file attachment is too long for transmission so the photo probably won't get transmitted. sorry.

Your communication was most helpful- thanks again.

Dick Whitlock (R. T. Whitlock

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