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Subject: RE: Whitlocks in Castleton, Rutland Co., VT

Date: Sat, 19 Jul 2003 00:02:42 -0400

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Hi Sandi:

Thank you so much for your intriguing information about Whitlocks in Castleton, VT area. I have not updated my online tree for quite some time and have recently found other info about CT Whitlocks who lived there for a time overlapping with the times you mention. This past May, I received a package in the mail from a "cousin" (probably 7th or so cousin a couple times removed) I've never met named Iola Ebendorf in Colorado. She had done some digging on her Whitlock ancestry through a private researcher and sent me photocopies that the researcher had given her. Among these is a Xerox of p. 183 titled "Descendants of Brewster Higley, 2d" from a book called The Higeleys and Their Ancestry: an Old Colonial Family by Mary Coffin Johnson (NY, D. Appleton & Co., 1896):

In 1803, when 64 years of age, he removed in company with his married son, Joel Higley, 2d, and other of his children to Gallia County, OH (now Meigs Co.), and settled near the present location of the town of Rutland. Here he resided the remainder of his life. He was interred in the old burial ground at Rutland, the use of which is now abandoned. His grave is not known. His wife, Eunice (Haskins)Higley died at Rutland at the age of 78. Lieut. Joel and Eunice (Haskins) Higley were the parents of 8 children, all of whom were born in Granby, CT, and all removed to OH in 1803 with their parents. They were as follows: Rachel, Joel Jr., Lucinda, Abiah, Eunice, Electa, Sophia, and Elim.

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Of the daughters, Rachel married first Zalmon [the name Zalmon was handwritten into place by either Iola or her researcher] Whitlock, and second H. Williams. Lucinda married Earl P. Archer; Abiah married Benjamin Whitlock; Eunice married Silas Knight; Electa married Benjamin Williams, of Rutland, O. [*!*], in 1807, and had 2 children, Benjamin S., and Sophia. Sophia Higley married the Rev. Asa Stearns.

There is more on the same page about Maj. Joel Higley and his descendants. From the researcher's letter to Iola is a note that "Benjamin Whitlock, brother of Zalmon, married a sister of Rachel Higley".

The Zalmon mentioned above is referred to in another of Ms. Laun's (Iola's researcher) notes as being the son of Ebenezer and Amelia (Hamilton)Whitlock. He was b. 13 Dec. 1760 (Danbury CT) d. 23 June 1798 (Granby CT).

About 2 years ago, I learned of The Whitlock Family Association through their website, became a member and inquired about Zalmon Whitlocks of CT (I was confused because there was a third Zalmon Whitlock in Connecticut and a fourth Zalmon Whitlock in Rutland, Vermont! all living in the late 1700s) because the oldest

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ancestor I had reliable info about at that time was the Zalmon Whitlock baptized 1795, d. 18 April 1852 Northfield, CT and descended from the above mentioned Zalmon and Rachel.

From Peter M. Whitlock of British Columbia (I am Peter L. Whitlock of Cape Cod; Peter M. maintains a major and very well-organized library for the Whitlock Family Association), I learned that Ebenezer and Amelia Whitlock (both born in CT) purchased land in "Castle Town", VT (sic) and lived there near their son (the elder Zalmon) and his wife Rachel in the 1790's, belonged to a church there for a time, left, and were both buried in CT.

Peter M. sent me a page from the WFA library (X353/1) which references several different Whitlocks in the Congregational Church records of Castleton, VT. On page 13 of that book (according to the WFA records) are two notes listed for Rachel Whitlock. 4/29/1792: Rachel Whitlock became member of church, 6/3/1792: Rachel Whitlock, wife of Zalmon Whitlock, received letter of dismissal.

Another WFA record (X353/3) notes that Castleton Land Deeds v.2 p.38 has a deed abstract recorded 6/26/1784 witnessed by Brewster Higley and Amasa Alford for land granted from John Whitlock of Castleton to Ebenezer Whitlock of Danbury, CT.

The Ebenezer-Zalmon connection is pretty well laid out in History and Genealogy of The Families of Old Fairfield (I've gotten photocopies of that book from a few different sources).

The Whitlock Family Association's online "Whitlock09.zip" file at <http://members.freemail.absa.co.za/aawhit/whitass/docsl.htm> is a family tree in an RTF file that traces this line of CT Whitlocks back to a John Whitlock in the 1600s.

And last year I happened to be working for a season with another cousin I didn't know earlier that I had, Dick Couette of Provincetown, MA, who went to CT and did some research with the probate court records for our mutual Whitlock ancestors in CT. Dick and I are each descended from the younger Zalmon by different brothers (Henry Whitlock was my paternal grandfather's great-great-grandfather, and Henry's brother, Hiram, was Dick's mother's great-great-grandfather; a note by my great-uncle indicates to me that these two had another brother, Charles Whitlock, but the info I have on him is less detailed). Among the records Dick copied for me is a photocopy of the original record from 8/6/1798 when *Rachel Whitlock, Ebenezer Whitlock, and Joel Higley were appointed administrators of the elder Zalmon Whitlock's estate*. It's signed by all three of them. Dick also gave me photocopies of the inventory of the elder Zalmon's estate. You and Iola have both given me new insight into why Joel Higley was appointed an administrator of that estate together with Zalmon's wife and father.

You mentioned being in NY. I was born in Chicago but raised in Tarrytown, NY, near NYC on the Hudson River. But I have lived on Cape Cod for long enough that I really think of myself as a Cape

Codder now. In fact, I was elected last May as a selectman (kind of like city council) for the small suburban town of Eastham, MA. I really haven't done any genealogy research of my own for a couple years now, but I am very much enjoying hearing from cousins like yourself who happen upon the material I posted and write to me. Some day I hope to get very excited again about all of it and make a web site of my own about all that I've learned.

If I remember right, Dick Couette's Hiram Whitlock moved to Ohio. Perhaps that has something to do with some of the people you were asking me about. It appears from the WFA records that here could be lots of different Whitlock references in the Castleton VT records, and that not all of these are closely related. This is the dilemma I ran into with the four or five multiple simultaneous Zalmons that I'm aware of (I wouldn't be a bit surprised if there were 15 or 20 more Zalmon Whitlocks simultaneous with those elsewhere in the U.S. or even in the same states!).

Perhaps I shouldn't have taken on this project late at night as I really have to get up early tomorrow, and my enthusiasm is starting to wane. I have a long working weekend ahead, and won't really be able to get back to this for a little while. Good luck sorting things out. If I've mentioned anything you'd like to know more about, please let me know. I very much enjoy helping fellow genealogy enthusiasts like yourself.

Ha! I only just now was re-reading your letter more closely and realized you mistook me for Peter M. Whitlock. That is too funny! I can't believe I wrote you so much about things you weren't really asking about. Yes, Peter M's e-mail address changed in the last year or two, but he is still in B.C. According to my March '02 WFA Newsletter (I really need to renew my membership!), his e-mail is Whitlock@bcegg.com (I hope it hasn't changed again since then). I will cc all this info to him as well and would be glad to photocopy any of the aforementioned documents for the library if any of them look helpful. I think Peter M's snail mail address is still

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And this is inspiring me to send a check of my own, too. Peter, please confirm if this is the correct address.

Best regards to you both,

Peter Leitch Whitlock

Eastham, MA

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From: Craig-Rowley [mailto:ewfarm@airmail.net]

Sent: Friday, July 18, 2003 1:50 PM

To: Peter WHITLOCK Whitlock

Subject: Whitlocks in Castleton, Rutland Co., VT

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Peter:

I was in Castleton yesterday and going through the earliest records of the town looking for Higleys - and found, to my surprise many Whitlocks.

Their names are as follows: John Whitlock, sr. and jr.; Samuel Whitlock, Levi Whitlock; Hezekiah Whitlock [Levi and Hezekiah both made the Freeman's list Sept 6, 1796 - so perhaps turned 21 at that time]; [and is perhaps the Levi Whitlock that Levi C. Whitlock {my ancestor} was named for?]

Then there is a "Whitlock Division Survey" - page 140 Town Records, Book I, Castleton March ___ 1804 "creating a Division line between the land of John Whitlock and Levi Whitlock" Levi receiving a share of John's land - then the next part of the survey is pertaining to the "Galusha" [an early name in VT history] lot" both John and Levi dividing this Galusha lot. We brought our GPS with us and perhaps with time and patience could re-locate the actual spot as the survey records "North 88 degrees, 75 minutes" - then adds 'rods' and 'marked birch tree' which would be impossible to relocate now!

We are presently at our house in NYState - but while in Plano, TX my computer there had a major melt-down of the email system - destroying over 500 names, e & snail addresses even the phone numbers plus all my genealogy related email files! Yours among them. I had to 'lift' this address from something registered on ancestry.com hope it is still a 'valid' one.

Please send me your Canadian address again and I PROMISE a return check will accompany this latest Whitlock material [if you could use it]. I really do

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want to join the Whitlock society - and will make the 'final effort' this time! Thanks for your patience - and for your Whitlock information from the past and in the future!

To whom do the Castleton Whitlocks belong? I found it interesting and intriguing that the Higleys and the Whitlocks show up again in OH. Some of the OH Higley's did stay a generation in VT - other's went directly from CT - and all are from the same CT area. I have a 'double' Higley gene dip - as Lt. Joel Higley went to OH and his granddaughter Mary married a Philip Jones and their daughter Sarah married E.T. Grant. Their son Benson Jones Grant married Rebecca M. Whitlock. AND Rebecca's grandmother was Abiah Higley, Mary Higley Jones' great-aunt. These familys really believed in sticking together! [I believe that it figures out that Benson Jones Grant and Rebecca M. Whitlock were second cousins].

Thanks!

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Subject: RE: Charles Whitlock

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Dear Ms. Cowey:

When it rains in genealogical research, it pours! Just the day before yesterday, I heard from another "cousin" (Sandi Lee Craig) like yourself whom I have never met and who was asking about some of the same people. I wrote her a very long letter before I realized she had thought she was writing to the other Peter Whitlock: Peter M. Whitlock of British Columbia who runs the newsletter for the Whitlock Family Association (WFA), a really great resource for all things related to Whitlocks.

Now the people you asked me about are the generation of my pre-20th century ancestors that I am most curious about and interested in, as it happens.

First of all, please know that the WFA has a very well-researched family tree posted online that depicts hundreds of descendants of old-time Connecticut Whitlocks. I did not run across it before setting up the file I posted years ago on Ancestry.com. I am not a member with Ancestry, and have not pursued much genealogy for a couple years, but I love sharing info with people like yourself.

Zalmon Whitlock (bpt. Aug. 1790? Brother Benjamin? Father also Zalmon b. 1760 // 1800 census Granby, CT might have records for this Zalmon (i.e., Jr.), older sister Amelia, younger sister Jane, and mother Rachel Higley Whitlock age 26-45,; 1850 census has confirmed records (age 54 - I have copies) in Litchfield CT with his wife Sarah/Sally Whitlock then age, laborer John Van Nesss on page 330 in dwelling 120, son Henry Whitlock with wife Sarah Beecher Whitlock and their children are on same page, next dwelling) for both Zalmon and Henry occupation is listed as "Manuf. Shoes + Socks" age 30// d. 18 April 1852 bu. Northfield Cemetery, Northfield CT) was the son of an earlier Zalmon Whitlock (i.e., Sr., but nowhere referred to as such, sometimes I have called these two "elder" and "younger" just to keep them straight).

You can find nearly all of the people mentioned here in "The Whitlock Family Association's online "Whitlock09.zip" compressed rtf file available for download at <http://members.freemail.absa.co.za/aawhit/whitass/docsl.htm> is a family tree in an RTF file that traces this line of CT Whitlocks back to a John Whitlock in the 1600s."

This Zalmon (i.e., Jr.) had three sons, Hiram, Henry, and Charles. My main confirmations for Charles thus far seemed at first glance undocumented, third-hand writings, based (I think) on written recollections of much older relatives or long-deceased ancestors. Therefore, I found your letter very helpful.

I think my nearby (here on Cape Cod, MA), but similarly distant (blood-wise) cousin, Dick Couette, had some better info about Charles Whitlock. Dick is descended from Hiram Whitlock, whereas I am descended from Henry.

According to my family's oral history passed along by my grandfather and great-uncle who acquired it from their father (presumably), Henry Whitlock moved the family from CT to Aldie, VA, where he was a blacksmith. One of his family, my g-g-g-father, Edward H. Whitlock, was pressed into duty as a youth helping collect bodies after the Battle of Manassas. Henry is buried in Connecticut, I believe.

Another "cousin" I met online (Vivian Anderson of Arizona) mailed me photocopies of handwritten letters between Sarah Beecher Whitlock (Henry's wife) and her Beecher relatives. I do not recall how she came to possess them, but they appear very genuine. Included in the letters are beautiful details of 1800s CT life like the price of bread, difficulties moving around long distances, etc. Unfortunately, I've lost Mrs. Anderson's contact information and no longer have a way to ask her more about these letters.

Ms. Craig and the WFA were both able to shed light for me on the fact that Zalmon Whitlock's parents and paternal grandparents purchased land in Castleton VT for awhile in the 1780's but did not stay for very long. I have references to deed records and church records for their time in VT. Much good genealogy info on these folks is also in History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield. I have photocopies of that.

Mr. Couette made a very helpful trip to CT last year and photocopied probate records for Zalmon Whitlock [Sr.] there and other helpful tidbits.

Iola Ebendorf (yet another "cousin"!) of Boulder CO wrote me last year with similarly helpful info about the families of Zalmon Sr. and his parents, Ebenezer and Amelia Whitlock.

Your mention of Charles Whitlock in Chicago is interesting. Edward H. Whitlock, Charles's nephew, lived in Chicago for several years. I think he was a teamster and elevator operator there after moving his family from VA to Omaha, Nebraska. His wife died young, and I think he remarried in Chicago; I probably have a record of that some place. A daughter of Edward's, Sadie Whitlock, died in Oak Park IL in 1986. I think my father was referred to her as a relative in the area back when we were living there, but I'm not sure if the two ever met. I have her obituary from a church newsletter photocopied for the WFA library.

My father (Herbert Ian Whitlock) went to graduate school in Chicago, and I was born there in 1967. I've only been back a couple times passing through since we moved to NY in 1970, but the idea of multiple past connections to the Windy City with the Big Shoulders is neat.

For the most part, my document organization needs a lot of catching up right now, and I have not had time to really sit down and figure them all out carefully. However, if I've mentioned anything that anyone here would find helpful, please do not hesitate to ask me. I very much enjoy sharing this stuff and piecing together the pieces of the past. Only thing is, I get very busy these days and genealogy is not one of my uppermost priorities.

Take care,

Peter Leitch Whitlock

Eastham, MA

-----Original Message-----

From: C. Cowey [mailto:cagcc03@hotmail.com]

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Subject: Charles Whitlock

NCA948 Gentlemen: Your postings in Ancestry Plus regarding Charles Whitlock are of interest to me. Based on the names you provide for his parents, Charles and Emma Whitlock, I believe we are referring to the same person, one of my great-great grandfathers on the maternal side.

I have recently found information on Charles and Emma Whitlock, and another member of the same generation, Henry Whitlock that may be of interest.

As to the younger Charles Whitlock, he remains elusive: our oral family history says that, after his marriage on February 7, 1885 to Annie Louise Robins of Brooklyn, N.Y., at age 24, the couple lived in or near Chicago. My grandmother, Lillian Isabel Whitlock was born there on June 28, 1886. But within a few years (I believe 6 or 7) Charles Whitlock "disappeared",

deserting his wife and daughter who returned to the Robins home in Brooklyn.

The certificate of marriage registration for Charles and Annie Louise gives his residence at the time of marriage as Chicago, his parents as Charles Whitlock and Emma C. Osborn, and his place of birth as Alder, Virginia.

There is no such town. The village of Aldie, Virginia, however, is in Loudoun county, close to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. I recently visited Aldie and talked with a representative of the village historical society. From the 1880 census, which the society had just downloaded, I found the family of Henry Whitlock, originally from Connecticut, and born in 1820 (d. 1897). In the Virginia marriage registry which I consulted, Henry Whitlock's parents are identified as "Zahnon" and Sally Whitlock of Connecticut.

Further census searches yielded a location for Charles and Emma Whitlock, in Haymarket, Prince William county (southeast of Loudoun) Virginia, in 1860. At the time of this census in June 1860, Charles was 34 years old, and Emma C. Osborn, his wife, was 26. They had two small children, Alfred (age 6) and Isabel (age 4). Charles was identified as being born in Connecticut, Emma in New York. I was struck by the name of the daughter -- the same as my grandmother's middle name.

In the 1900 Illinois census/Cook county, there is a listing for Charles and Emma, then ages 73 and 64. Birthdates provided are September 1826 for Charles and September 1835 for Emma, and length of marriage is 49 years. This very detailed census form also asks how many children were born, and how many are living. Emma's answer is 5 children and 3 living. Charles' profession, as nearly as I can make out the handwriting on the microfiche form is "capitalist"!

My conclusion is that Charles Whitlock (senior) was a brother of Henry Whitlock. This may explain why Charles (junior, the elusive one) was born

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in Aldie, Virginia.

I hope you find this information interesting and would welcome any further insights that you may have on Charles junior.

Colette Cowey

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