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Dear Miss Ebendorf,

I was able to find quite a bit of information about Zalmon Whitlock for you. I am also including information about his wife, Rachel Higley.

First I will try to answer your questions, then I will tell you what I am sending you.

Yes, Zalmon Whitlock was born in Danbury, CT - proof enclosed. It is unknown exactly when Zalmon came to Granby, but it was probably around 1792 or 1793. Since his first child was born in 1788, he was probably married by 1787. He is not in any 1790 census in CT so perhaps was living with either his parents or his wife's parents. His wife is listed as a church member in Granby in 1793, so obviously they were living here at that time. He married Rachel Higley. He was a farmer since almost everybody was a farmer at that time. If he also did other work, there is no record of it. It is unknown where he is buried. He has no gravestone anywhere in CT. I think he is probably buried in Granby Center Cemetery without a gravestone. Whatever I have been able to find out about his family is included in the papers I am sending.

I am sending all Granby Land Record information. I was unable to find his early land purchases which might have told us exactly when he came to Granby. Unfortunately, Books 2, 3 and 4 of Granby Land Records burned in 1876. All of the land records from the 1790s were in those books. I am sending copies of Probate Records from Simsbury and Granby. His probate is in Simsbury because all Granby probate is there until 1804. However when permission was needed to sell the land of his minor children, it was in 1816 and the records are in Granby. I found nothing about the early guardianship of his children in the Simsbury Probate Records. His death is recorded in the records of the First Congregational Church in Granby and his wife was a member of that church, so he probably was also. I would have had to go to the State Library to look for an obituary notice. If there was one, it probably would not have been more than a brief listing of his name and place and date of death. There are no vital records in the Town of Granby for Zalmon Whitlock. All of his records are in Granby First Congregational Church books.

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The following documents are enclosed:

- 4 pages from *Families of Old Fairfield* - Whitlock genealogy, first 4 generations chart for John 4 Whitlock
- chart for Ebenezer 5 Whitlock
- Danbury VR - three generations of Whitlocks
- chart for Zalmon 6 Whitlock
- page documenting where I found Zalmon Whitlock information
- 3 pages Simsbury Probate Records at \$1 a page
- 2 pages Granby Probate Records at \$1 a page
- Newtown VR with information on the family of his daughter Amelia
- 2 pages Newtown Cemetery Records for his daughter Amelia
- Redding VR with a Zalmon Whitlock marriage, possibly his son - 1574
- 15 pages of Higley genealogy back to the immigrant ancestor
- 2 pages about Benjamin Whitlock, brother of Zalmon, who married a sister of Rachel Higley

The Granby Land Records are very important. They prove there was a third child, the eldest, named Amelia. They also prove that Rachel married a second time to someone named Williams. Also, all three of her Whitlock children are named, including the husbands of her two daughters. We also learn where everybody was living in 1816. Rachel was still in Granby in the 1800 census, but she must have returned to Danbury. In 1816, daughter Jane, although she was married to Samuel Vanness, was still under the age of 18 and therefore still a minor. So in order to sell her share of her deceased father's farm, she needed a guardian. Her brother-in-law Charles Hotchkiss acted as her official guardian. This is in Granby Probate Records.

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The inventory of Zalmon's estate is very interesting. It lists everything the family owned. If you can't decipher the old writing, send a copy back to me and I will translate it for you. Some of the words are now obsolete and some are spelled incorrectly. The second page lists his debts. The third page says Rachel is selling land Zalmon inherited in Danbury, in order to settle the debts.

The Higley genealogy, while very interesting, is difficult to copy because of the way it is organized. If you want better Higley family charts for Rachel's direct line, let me know.

You also might be interested in the name of another Zalmon Whitlock researcher who wrote to me in Feb 2002. Arthur W. Cole, 5 Genesee Lane, Plattsburgh, NY 12901. - we correspond

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- I spent 2 hours on your research at \$20 per hour, you sent \$20 so I am charging the other \$20
- 5 pages of Probate Records at \$1 per page = \$5
- 30 research pages at 25 cents a page = \$7.50
- postage and handling = \$3.50

Therefore the total amount for your second check will be \$36.00.

I hope you are pleased with the information I have found. If I can be of any more help in your research, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Carol Laun

Carol Laun - Archivist/Genealogist

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