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Hello Peter and Bonnie,

I have discovered some information about an Ambrose Whitlock who was a soldier in the Indian Wars with General Anthony Wayne and also a founder of Crawfordsville, IN. Here is an extract:

"Ambrose Whitlock was born at Bowling Green, Caroline County, Virginia, on the 25th of April, 1769. At an early age he went to Kentucky. He enlisted in Wayne's army, and was with him throughout his Indian campaigns. At one time he was his aid. He was five years in garrison at Fort Washington (Cincinnati) as sergeant. President Adams commissioned him lieutenant in 1800. In 1802 he was appointed assistant military agent at Vincennes, and also assistant paymaster. He became district paymaster in 1805, a first lieutenant in the regular army in 1807, and a captain in 1812. He relinquished his rank in the line in June, 1814, and in May, 1815, was appointed deputy paymaster general of the district composed of Kentucky, Illinois, and Indiana. He was disbanded in 1816, having served in the army twenty-three years and a half, and attained to the rank of major. He was never in military service afterward. After serving eight years as receiver of the public moneys in Indiana, he was dismissed by General Jackson to make room for some one else." (from an online history of the founders of Crawfordsville)

Because Ambrose and Whitlock are not common names, I wonder if perhaps he was the brother of my g-g-g-grandfather Robert Whitlock and namesake of my g-g-grandfather Ambrose Whitlock. Robert was also born in VA, according to my family record, and later moved to KY. Do either of you have more information about this Ambrose and his relatives? (By another coincidence, he also married a woman named Elizabeth, as did my Ambrose.)

Thank you,  
Dean

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Hi again,

The reference to Maj. Ambrose Whitlock came from a history of the War of 1812, not a history of Crawfordsville. Here is the actual URL:

<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.com/~wcarr1/Lossing2/Chap10.html>

If you search on "whitlock" you'll jump to the main section on Ambrose, which includes a lithograph portrait. (A link labeled "19" takes you to the excerpt I forwarded earlier.)

From *Lossing's Field Book of the War of 1812*:

"I also visited, at Crawfordsville, the late venerable Major Ambrose Whitlock, one of the last survivors of General Wayne's army in the Northwest. He was first under the immediate command of Hamtramck, and afterward served as aid to Wayne, and became lieutenant in the company of which Harrison was captain. Major Whitlock was the founder of Crawfordsville. He was at the head of the Land-office in Indiana, as receiver of the public moneys of the United States, for eight years. William H. Crawford, Monroe's Secretary of the Treasury, appointed him to that station. The office was at Terre Haute. It was finally determined to establish an office in another part of the Territory for the convenience of the settlers, and the selection of the locality was left to the judgment of Major Whitlock. He found in the wilderness near Sugar Creek, in a thickly-wooded dell, a spring of excellent water, and resolved to establish the new Land-office near that desirable fountain. Settlers came. He laid out a village, and named it Crawfordsville, in honor of his friend of the Treasury Department. He resided there ever afterward. His house was upon a gentle eminence eastward of the railway, and the wooded dell and the ever-flowing spring of sweet water formed a part of his premises on the eastern borders of the village. Major Whitlock 19 was ninety-one years of age at the time of my visit, yet his mental faculties were quite vigorous. Unlike many soldiers of the past, a large portion of his life was blessed with an affluence of health and fortune."

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