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Well, here I'll begin to display my Whitlock ancestry.

I am John Norman Cook Jr., born on September 18, 1957.

My Cook, or rather Cooke, family, goes straight back to Robert Cooke and Sarah Fielding, two indentured servants, who ended up, from Scotland and Devon, England, in about 1720, in St. Mary's county, Maryland. They are my seventh great grandparents. Their grandson, Robert Fielding Cooke, in the 1790's built a house in Greenville county, South Carolina; and now it is being restored into a museum. One of his sons, Richard Fielding Cooke, is the one after whom Cookeville, Tennessee, is named. One of Richard's brothers, James Watson Cook, dropped the e from his name. He and his wife, Mary Riddle, are my 4th great grandparents. His son, Lemuel Austin Cook, in 1849 moved from what now is Moore county, Tennessee, into Arkansas. He settled in Rockport, Hot Spring county, Arkansas. One of his sons, Felix M. Cook, and Virginia Chamberlain, were my great great grandparents. Their son, John L. Cook, born July 15th, 1849, was my great grandfather.

My mother was Martha Jane Arnett. It is through her family that I am descended from the Whitlocks. Her father was William Frank Arnett, and William's father, Albert S.W. Arnett, was the son of John Arnett and Alzira Williams. Alzira's parents were John Wilson Williams and Catherine Bryson. Another child of John and Catherine was Abner Bryson Williams, who became a judge, and on the Utah Commission. Catherine Bryson was the daughter of Abner Bryson and Nancy Whitlock. I've attached the will of Thomas Whitlock, who is supposed to be the son of James Whitlock and Agnes Christmas. I've also included the inventory of Abner Bryson, who did not leave a will.

My Arnett family goes straight back to Madison county, Missouri, whence my 3rd great grandfather, John Arnett Jr., moved to Hempstead county, Arkansas, in the 1820's. John Arnett Sr., and Elizabeth Duncan, moved to Missouri, by about 1814, from Madison county, Kentucky. There, in 1795, John Arnett purchased some land, and his nearest neighbor, Benjamin Duncan, ended up as his father-in-law. John Arnett came from Fayette county, Kentucky, but was born in Louisa county, Virginia. His parents were James Arnett and Susanna McGehee, also of Louisa county. James' father, David Arnett, is my 6th great grandfather, and earliest known Arnett ancestor. His will, I believe, is from about 1720, in King William county, Virginia.

John