

The Wheelock/Whillock Family

Alexander Wheelock was born sometime around 1735 and came to the northeast Tennessee area before 1787 when he's found on the Washington County tax list¹. All that is known about his wife is that her name was Janet or Jennett. They were the parents of three sons, John, Charles and Samuel and an unknown number of daughters.

Alexander bought one hundred thirty six acres in Sullivan County from William White, land situated "on the fall branch of horse creek" in 1791². He also purchased one hundred twenty three acres from Rosannah Stephens, also located on "horse creek" in Washington County, in 1797. Horse Creek is located in both Sullivan and Washington Counties, near the Fall Branch and Sullivan Gardens areas.

He wrote a will in January 1822 and it was probated in the April term, 1826, Washington County, Tennessee. It mentioned wife, Janet, sons Samuel, John and Charles and daughters, but they are not called by name. His estate was to go directly to his wife. At her death, the land was to go to the sons and the daughters were to equally divide the personal property³.

John C. Whillock, son of Alexander received several land grants from the state of North Carolina, registered in Washington County dated 18 May 1789⁴, 17 Nov 1790⁵, and on 6 Jan 1795 a grant for "400 acres of land lying and being in our County of Washington on or near the head of Kindrick's Creek, known by Benjamin Pilborn's old claim, including an old improvement thereon"⁶. He married Sarah Kincheloe, daughter of John Kincheloe, Jr.⁷ The Kincheloes were also early settlers of Washington County, who farmed the land on Kendrick's Creek.

John and Sarah were the parents of ten children, many of which stayed in Washington County. John's will written in 1837 names: Elizabeth Robinson, wife of Jacob Robertson; Sarah Cox 's children; 'Polly' Cox—Mary, who married Reuben Cox; Charles Whillock's daughter, Hanah; grandson, John Cade; granddaughter Nancy Hammonds; the heirs of my daughter Catharine; son, Charles; William Irwin; and son, George Whillock⁸. Other children, not listed were Rosanna, the probable mother of John Cade, Enoch and James. James had removed to Dallas County, Missouri.

Son, Charles Whillock married a woman named Hannah, surname unknown, around 1800. They were the parents of at least two daughters, Hannah and Jane. In October 1808, John deeded to his son, for ten dollars, a parcel of land containing one hundred acres on Kendricks Creek⁹.

John Kincheloe Wheelock, son of John and Sarah, married Elizabeth 'Bettie' Kincheloe¹⁰, a daughter of George and Sarah Kincheloe. John Sr. deeded to John Jr., on 17 Jul 1809, "for good will and \$10" 174 acres of land on Kendrick's Creek¹¹. There they raised a family of ten children. On 19 May 1851 he penned his will¹², naming sons, Edmund Whillock, James M. Whillock, William K. Whillock, Paten B. Whillock & Eleven Whillock and daughters, Mary Cornwell, Sarah Humphrey, Nancy Proffitt,

Margarett Proffitt, & Louisa Wolf. Son, Eleven was named thus, being the 11th and youngest child of John and Elizabeth.

Sources:

¹1787 Tax List of Washington County, Tennessee

²Sullivan County, Tennessee Deed Book 2, page 497

³Washington County, Tennessee Will Book 1. Will of Alexander Whillock, 1822

⁴Washington County Deed Book 4, page 201

⁵ Washington County Deed Book 4, page 204

⁶Washington County Deed book 7, page 375-376

⁷ Kincheloe, McPherson and Related Families, Their Genealogies and Biographies, page 144. Lewin Dwinell McPherson, A.B., A.M., 1951

⁸ Washington County, Tennessee Will Book 1. Will of John Whillock, 1837

⁹Washington County, Tennessee Deed Book 12, page 379

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¹²Washington County, Tennessee Will Book 1. Will of John Whillock, 1851

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